

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 14th April 2025**

**7pm at WYC and via Zoom**

Present: David Figgis DF (Chair), Mike Oliver MO, Maureen Bush MB, Andrew Provan AP,

Dickie Ledger DL, Steve Gray SG, Fef Griffin FG, Jo Wyles JW, Philippa Bloice PB.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD.

**1 Chairmans Introduction** – DF thanked the committed for all their support and hard work during the past year. A lot of money has been invested into the future of the club. Thank you to Robert Govier for all his hard work over many years on the GC as he stands down.

**2** **Apologies for absence** – None

**3 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 10th March 2025** Approved unanimously.

**4 Correspondence –**

**a.** Minnis Bay Sailing Club have invited us to attend their 75h Anniversary 3 day event over the Whitsun bank holiday. We have our own sailing event that weekend but will get someone to represent us socially.

**b.** The local CT5 group have asked for our help at an open day, we are busy with our Laser Fest so unable to attend.

**c.** The Harbour Master, Matt Young has been an invaluable help to us. MB proposed that he be offered honorary membership for a year to sail occasionally at WYC. AGREED

**d.** A formal thankyou to Simon Reynolds for all his help clearing out Stroud shed and organising the windsurfing auction.

**e.** Jo Phillips has emailed the club asking for more information on the terms of the new beach lease. DF and TD to reply. If Jo (or anyone else) wants further information they can inspect a copy of the lease in the office, but it cannot be taken away nor discussed outside the club, due to a confidentiality agreement in the lease.

ACTION TD/DF

**5 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

1. Club 125-year anniversary planning 2027 –AP, SG working together to get a date fixed.

**6 WOFC update on New Lease: TD**

The new beach lease agreement has been completed. It has secured the clubs future for the next 100 years plus.

We have done what we were elected to do.

**7 Office reports: MB**

Accounts/Finance, HR matters, other matters received.

MB was pleasantly surprised with the number of members and the speed that they came forward regarding loaning the club money. Thanks to very generous members we now have a good cash flow. DF felt this showed a huge confidence in this committee and what they have achieved over the last few years.

**New Members report received: Office**

2x Social individuals, 2x Social Family, 3x Water user individuals.

**8 Sailing Report: SG**

**WYC racing:**

5 from 7 races completed – strong Topper turnout

RO training April 12

Slotty due to return April 12

May need to swap dates for Town Regatta and Club Championships

**Open events status**:

Solo training/ Spring Champs April 26/27 Entry live - NoR/SI’s published

Topper training/SE travellers May 10-11 NoR/SI’s published – training full

Tasar nationals June 13-15 Entry live, 14 entries

Wanderer/Wayfarer event June 28-29 Entry live, 2 entries

Laserfest July 12-13 Entry live - NoR/SI’s published

Whitstable week Aug 6-10 Entry live - NoR/SI’s in draft

KSSA training Oct 4 On KSSA website

**New website:** ongoing tidying up

**9 House report: MO**

Volunteers have come forward to perform various maintenance tasks.

Further discussions with Simon Reynolds are needed to decide what to do with the Stroud shed. **ACTION MO/DF**

The gas cooker extraction failed its carbon monoxide test, cooker is not to be used.

Please can all faults and repairs be logged in the book in the hallway.

**10 Bar report: DL**

Had to get local cellar man in due to air leak on pipe cleaning system, the pump was replaced, and he fixed fault lager tap.

He has advised the pipe cleaning bucket and lines are all replaced due to line scale with was the cause of the faulty larger tap, I’ve asked for quote for this work.

There are still a few items that need price amendments. I will get to them gradually.

Magda requires food and drink numbers for open meetings in advance. **ACTION OFFICE**

**11 Social events report: AP**

Music Club gig was held on Sat 29th March, and was a great success, with some very challenging pieces performed. There was a good turnout from the musicians, friends, and families, put not as many from the general membership as on previous gigs. Perhaps the format is now getting a bit stale and may need a rethink? Both the gigs and rehearsals are very popular with the musos, and a useful money spinner for the bar every Thursdays, but we need to appeal to wider membership to ensure that the bar is full.

Next gig will be out on the deck for Whitstable Week – Thurs 7th August, and rehearsals for that start after Easter on Thurs 24th April, and every week after.

A new event added is a Farm Tour from our very own Commodore David Figgis on **Sat 19th July**. Club racing is 10am on the Sat, so all done by midday. Go down to the farm ready to start tour at 4pm. See the new turkey chicks, apples etc. Drinks 5pm, BBQ 6pm. Tickets £10 a head to cover the food and request for people to bring their own drinks.

There will be acoustic sessions during the summer on the deck after 2pm Saturday racing. 5pm to 7pm. Hopefully this will encourage members to make an evening of it and fill the bar coffers!

**12 Training report: JW**

Assistant instructor training has gone well, with the final on the water afternoon on Thursday 17th April.

Last week and the weekend have been two Powerboat level 2 courses, with 3 candidates on each one starting of the training season.

First cadet course at Westbere starts Monday 14th April for stage 2/3. But only 6 candidates taking part. Hopefully back at Whitstable on the Wednesday if the weather is good.

Last Wednesday 9th April the RYA London & SE held a development day for Dinghy instructors and PB instructors at WYC. We had five visitors from Greenwich Yacht club and one from Conningbrook Lakes as well as five from WYC take part. Updates from the RYA in the morning and out on the water in Dinghies and Ribs in the afternoon.

We held our parents rigging day on Saturday 5th April, this is a reminder for parents and cadets how to rig the various club boats, it was also open to improvers as well, those that came found it very useful.

This Friday 18th April we have our in-house Instructor development session. This is to ensure all paperwork is up to date, also to get out on the water as a refresher.

We have our first cadet session on 19th April, so hope to see plenty come along for that.

**AOB: None**

The meeting closed at 19.50

Date of next meeting Monday 12TH May