



WIVENHOE SAILING CLUB

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commodore's "passage plan"

"A Passage Plan is required under SOLAS V Regulations for any Master taking his Vessel to Sea!"

Thank you for giving me the privilege of being the Commodore of your Club. I see my role as guiding the general committee by, above all, representing the

views of the whole membership but also by liaising with other like-minded local organisations and communities as well as noting the views of national governing bodies to ensure the Club goes forward according to the wishes of the membership and in accordance with appropriate best practice.

Thank you, Bill, Gary and the previous committees, for providing the guiding hand on the tiller over the last two years. The new committees and I will try to avoid too many accidental gybes over the next two years!!

I would also like to thank everyone who has given their time and commitment to the Club over so many years. It is your hard work which has created the great Club we have today.

Midge and I have had the pleasure of being members of the Club for the last forty five years during which time we have shared fun laughter and many adventures with the friends we have made in the Club and we look forward to even more good times going forward.

I am looking forward to working with the new general committee and all the other committees on your behalf to ensure the Club survives and thrives whilst moving forward along the lines that you the membership want. The membership of the new general committee is an excellent mix of experience and new blood, younger and

older members, and dinghy and cruising enthusiasts, all of which bodes well for our future.

If you are not sure of who the new general committee members and flag officers are, their names can be found in the AGM minutes which begin on page 13.

As to the future: I want the club to be primarily a fun place to visit for everyone who wants to come and spend their leisure time by or on the water. We are no longer just a sailing club even if that is our primary function. We have members and associate members who row and paddle and potter about in all sorts of craft and we need to reach out to all of them and everyone locally and further afield who wants to engage in gentle and quiet activity on the river.

We have a beautiful location. We have great premises, good access to the water, a variety of club boats (available to all members) and we should make sure they are all used to the best advantage. We also have treasure trove of members with their own boats, admittedly some more active than others, but all with a wealth of experience to share with other members and newcomers.

To ensure the viability of the Club in the long term, we need to be affordable, accessible, visible, welcoming, open minded, inclusive, fair and transparent. That may be quite a long list of objectives but I believe each one is an important and integral part of our continued success.

We need to be good neighbours to both our local community, our local sailing and yacht clubs and the general community afloat.

The only reasons the Club shouldn't undertake activities are when it is unsafe to

do so or where they would bring the club into disrepute.

Since its inception in 1925, the Club has been run by volunteers, and it still is, but times are changing. Whilst the volunteering ethic is still strong and arguably still the best way forward, it is not as strong as it used to be. There may be good reasons for this and we will need to be mindful of the wishes of the members in this regard.

If we cannot keep the assets of the Club up to the standards expected by modern legislation as well as those of our members, it is incumbent on us to cease using them or find alternative arrangements for maintaining our activities and services.

I have, over the years been involved in several small organisations where one would expect communication between the people involved to be easy and natural. Usually it is, but every now and again a breakdown of communication occurs which often leads to misconceptions and problems which were wholly avoidable. We need to minimise this risk as the outcomes can often become disproportionately damaging to the cohesion of the organisation.

It is vital that a regular dialogue exists between us all about club activities, especially that between you the members and the various committees. To this end I have suggested a standing item on the general committee agenda which is Member's Feedback. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR OPINIONS AND IDEAS ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES. We want to hear whatever you have to say about the Club – "Warts 'n all".

To ensure the continuance of a Club which meets the needs and aspirations of you the members, we all need to communicate with

each other – PLEASE TALK TO US or
LET US TALK TO YOU.

Wishing you all, good times afloat with fair
wind and fair weather.

Bernie Hetherington
Commodore

from the vice commodore:

Dear WSC members

This will be my last report as I have now
handed the baton of Vice Commodore to
Chris Wood, I'm sure you will all get
behind Chris and support him in some of
the challenges that lay ahead for WSC.

Over the last couple of years, the club has
seen a slow but steadily increasing
participation in events both on and off the
water. This has been brought about in part
by Bill Kippen's determination to
encourage club members onto the water to
sail their boats, in conjunction with the
efforts of Chris Wood and Rob Maloney
working behind the scenes to organise and
promote the various events in our club
calendar, not to mention organising safety
boat cover (Rob would be glad to hear from
any member who can help with this),
officer of the day, as well as helping to
recruit new members,

Kevin Hosking has been looking after the
boat park over the last year or so and has
done a splendid job in conjunction with the
lifting group and Chris Wood as well as
numerous volunteers. Kevin has allocated
boat space in various different areas of the
boat park to allow frequent dinghy sailors
unimpeded access to their boats as well as
managing to accommodate the numerous
cruisers that winter ashore. A big thank you
to Kevin and everyone who has helped him

with the various activities within the boat
park.

The lifting group management team has
published the lifting dates for 2018 which
are now on the website as well as in the
mainsheet. Hopefully those of you that
wish to help and use this facility will have
contacted Peter Cobbold to arrange your
lift in and help days. I would like to politely
remind all boat owners to tidy up the area
their boat/trailer has occupied after
launching and pay the appropriate fee if
they wish to leave their boat trailer on site.
Can I also remind dinghy owners to check
their boats and trailers to make sure they
are not full of water and that tyres are
inflated so they can be moved easily over
the coming weeks. If you have padlocked
your trailer, you need to deposit a clearly
identified key into the club safe in the
foyer.

I'm sure you are aware by now that the
Viking workboat is back afloat thanks to
the efforts of a dedicated team of club
members. I would to pass on a huge thank
you on behalf of the club to all those that
have given their valuable time in the refit
and maintenance of Viking.
Club members that wish to use Viking may
do so by contacting Richard Mosek or Peter
Goldsmith to obtain permission (subject to
satisfying them that you have the required
boat skills!). They will then explain to you
the various rules around using Viking.
Club members also have access to the
Hunter 19, Wayfarer and the yachting
world day boat subject to the usual
permission, please contact Chris Wood for
details.

I'm sure you are aware that the new club
hard needs constant cleaning and to this
end there is a rota on the notice board in the
foyer, so if you use the club hard please
sign up for at least one duty. Thank you to
Michael White and all those that have

helped to keep the old head clean over the years.

After more than ten years as Cadet leader, Steve Hart has taken the difficult decision to step down. Steve and his team have done a fantastic job of training our cadets and have run numerous sessions and summer cadet camps over the years giving our cadets invaluable experience in boat handling/sailing. A huge thank you to Steve and team for their time over the years. Cadets are a big part of WSC and play an important role in the success and longevity of the club and so we are urgently seeking a club member to take on the role of Cadet leader either jointly or singularly. If you think you can help with this position, please contact Chris Wood ASAP.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Sailing and General Committees and lifting group for all that they do behind the scenes so that that club members can go sailing and use the numerous facilities within the club, please don't take them for granted; without them the club could not function. Please support them and be proud of your club and all that we have achieved together.

Thank you for the opportunity of being Vice Commodore, I wish Chris every success in his role as your new Vice Commodore.

Be safe on the water and Happy sailing.

Best Wishes

Gary Jobber,
Vice Commodore

viking refit:

At the closing of the 2017 season, it became obvious that the engine in

“Viking” was seriously in need of a total strip down and refurbishment. A costing of the gearbox and engine of the existing unit was prohibitive and facing a costing of some £5k for a suitable new unit, the team of engineering buffs of the Lifting Group began to scan the field of possible second-hand units which might do the job. After all, Viking has been an integral part of many Club events and a very useful workhorse for all divisions of our watery activities.

Tony Higbee came up with a little gem. Well, not actually ‘little’ in that the engine he found in Dorset somewhere was approximately a third the power size more from our previous 18hp unit. It is a Yanmar 25hp, three cylinder YS version and had previously been used in the little orange lifeboats one finds on cruise liners and other public service maritime vessels. She had only 200 hours’ use, looked immaculate and was certified up-to-date by the regulations. Tony made an on the spot decision to bag it for the club! It was priced at £2400, but they gave us a scrap value of £400 px and the engine duly arrived on a pallet outside the boat shed, where the hull awaited it. Tony admitted that he swallowed hard when he saw the size and weight of it, but the remainder of the mechanical geniuses of the Lifters enthused excitedly. The boat was duly drawn out of the shed and the new unit craned in and settled somewhere within the hull. While the final resting place for our new power unit could be prepared to accommodate it, Kevin Hosking, John Austin, Chris Mullins and Ted Reddish began the task of revising the positions of the ancillary gear to accept the new engine, which in fact fitted ‘just so’. Kevin invented and configured an over head track with which to slide the engine up and down the length of the engine space, thus a single-handed operation instead of four men staggering about to move it!



An intrepid group of members doing safety boat training during the "mini Beast of from the East" on Saturday 17 March.

[Photo: Daniel Stoker]

In late February, after many hours of fiddle and puff, she was finally settled down on her engine bearers. With that done, Kevin was able to turn the key and press the button and she fired up with no problems. On the early flood of the 14th March, she was launched from the hoist into the cold stuff and again, Kevin turned the key and she started easily. In spite of the bitter east wind and some rain, the launch party completed a number of minor adjustments and we then treated ourselves to a survey of the new houses at Rowhedge and back. We must acknowledge the time spent on this brilliant project by many other club-members (messrs Richard Mosek, Tony Higbee, Tim Stokes, Ewan Alexander, John Bampton et al). Roll on the sunshine and kinder weather and a good season in which to enjoy Viking!

Peter Cobbold

tara's cruise 2017:

When we bought Tara, an Elizabethan 31, on the West coast of Scotland, we brought her home to Wivenhoe via the Clyde and Forth canal and had a brief experience of the North East coast, but with lots of fog, or Haar as the locals call it. We couldn't really appreciate it, but it struck me as an enchanting area and I always wanted to explore it further; so that became the basis for last year's cruise.

the delivery trip

I decided to go as far North as I wanted to go in one hop, which would give us more time to explore the coast on the way home. The distance from Wivenhoe to Eyemouth in Scotland is approx 340M. So at an average of 100M a day, this should take us about 3½ days. The forecast was promising with predominately w'ly winds, which would be perfect for a trip up the east coast. Pauline could not make this part of the cruise, so the crew was Mike Dow, Nikki Robinson and myself.

We left the pontoons at Wivenhoe at 1000 on Wednesday 21st and rounded Colne Point with... you guessed it, an ENE 5! This meant a wet beat up the Wallet with a reef and no. 1 jib. However, this gradually dropped off and we were soon slapping on the sun cream. By 1640 we were off the Deben and with the tide now against us and no wind, we turned on the motor and as the sun set on the longest day, we were able to enjoy a meal of Sweet and sour chicken and rice as we watched the coast slip by. Off Yarmouth at 0200, we had a light S'ly wind so we were gently sailing again.



Tara

With three onboard, we usually do a rotating shift of 3 hours on and 6 hours off. There is some overlap, depending on weather, navigation and meal requirements. The person finishing a watch puts the pot on then wakes the next one up.. Difficult sometimes! The first day's run of 111M was quite respectable and this put us off the Norfolk coast near the N Haisborough Sand buoy on Thursday morning.

The wind had now veered to the forecast W'ly, about a F4, which was perfect and we could now steer a rhumb line for the Farne Isles. During the next 24 hours, the wind varied between W and WSW and between F3 to F5, so a reef was in and out to keep her comfortable. We passed the Humber and Spurn Head about 2100, about 20M offshore, having threaded our way between various gas rigs and ships. Passing Scarborough and the spectacular cliffs about 1000 on Friday morning gave us a day's run of 119M.

During Friday afternoon, the wind became a bit squally, varying between F4-6, so we had two reefs in the main and a smaller jib. We also altered course closer to land, which helped reduce the sea state. At 1915, we had steak, potatoes and carrots for supper. Yum! The wind gradually eased and we had a comfortable night, jogging along at a slower pace.

An amazing sunrise and the low lying Farne Isles and the Longstone light were passed about 0630 on Saturday morning, with some porpoises spotted. We altered course about 20 degrees to port, to take us to Eyemouth. Shortly after that, the wind suddenly increased and became a fairly steady F6-7, so we were down to 3 reefs in the main with a smaller jib and hard on the wind, port tack. Fortunately, we could lay the course to Eyemouth.

Nikki and I were wimping out under the shelter of the spray hood whilst Mike was reveling in hand steering, getting soaked. "I'm fine, I'm fine!" We kept chucking treats at him.

The entrance to Eyemouth is quite difficult to find, coming from the south, hidden amongst the cliffs and is not spotted until you are almost opposite it and the only buoy, a small N Cardinal, equally difficult to spot. Once at the N Cardinal buoy, a 90deg course change straight towards the cliffs takes you to the harbour entrance.



View into Eyemouth Harbour

With much relief, we anchored off the entrance in 6' of water in perfect shelter at 0950 on Friday morning, just under 3 days from Wivenhoe, giving us an average Of 4.7kn. Although the pilot book says there is enough water to enter at LW, the harbour master told us it had silted up and to wait a couple of hours.



View out of Eyemouth Harbour

We celebrated the end of the passage with a good tot of Whiskey and Nikki did us a really good fry-up. The R.N.L.I were out practicing and circled us and greeted us with friendly waves. Shortly after, we were surprised to hear “Ahoy Tara, we have mail for you!”. It was a local gig team out for a practice and they circled us and complimented us on our fine vessel. We had arrived!

Steve Hart

we are still going strong:

When it was looking as if we were short of Flag Officers I seriously thought of standing as Commodore again for a year. Fortunately, that wasn't needed and I realised it was 28 years ago when I was 'Commode,' so time to pipe down. Those were exciting days when the team was negotiating with the NRA (now EA), the Developers and Colchester BC to enable our little club to survive after the barrier was built.

Now doing one final stint on committee where progress abounds, I quickly realised

that I mustn't say “What we used to do is...”. The fantastic drive and enthusiasm from a number of folk has given the dinghy sailing a real boost and it is years since I have seen it so lively. That same energy can be tapped all around and I can see we are on an upward spiral.

We are the envy of a number of clubs and I am convinced it is down to the huge range of skills amongst our member volunteers. We don't need any builders, engineers, techies, consultants and managers. We have our own!

We don't have a Rear Commodore at present and although the overall remit in the past has encompassed all aspects of House and Wines, it might seem to be a bit too daunting for these days. When the sailing side is thriving, the social side does too, but I also believe the reverse applies. Picture a nice busy clubhouse on a Friday evening. Around ten-o'clock the Commodore or another rings the bell. *“Evening everybody! Here's a few reminders. Don't forget the race on Sunday, Cruise in Company, Rowing with Wiv Gigs, Canoeing, and various social events, etc. etc.. So and so is looking for a crew and by the way welcome to our new members. Bar volunteers needed for next week and don't forget your turn at helping clean the hard, or making the tea if you have a bad back!”*

All the alerts or posters in the world can't compete with word of mouth. Commodore's Announcements are always good for a bit of banter. Mind you, that What's-App group really works too. Burns Night was good as always and the Valentine's Disco was great thanks to a good mix of people, many of whom were guests.

The table tennis table and pool table are available for use. Obviously, those facilities require a bit of care and

supervision if young children are using them and especially whilst getting them out and putting them away again. There is a games box kept in the galley cupboard containing bats, balls, cue tips and chalk. There is no protective floor mat for the darts board at present. For the athletes, there is carpet bowls on Thursday evenings plus a couple of small music groups on two evenings. If anyone wanted to have a bash at singing, the acoustics upstairs are great.

Most of you know that the club is also let out during the weekdays. There are Pilates, Yoga, Philosophy and occasionally Art groups plus activities for toddlers and babies. The new furniture is great and we can get a few more years out of the upstairs stacking chairs, although they are looking a little tired. Hopefully someone will step up to help run cadets. Steve has done an amazing job for more years than anyone.

As in most organisations, a few members are doing a lot instead of a lot of members doing a little and the 'old-uns' are slowing down. Free 'Sanatogen' at the bar? Tea and coffee are diuretics and slow the work down! Let's all keep a weather eye open for new members. Go and chat, introduce them to others with maybe a similar interest. I try to but soon forget everyone's name. It's me age! "Nurse!!"

Brian Sinclair

nature walk feb 4th 2018

The day of this year's nature walk dawned bright and beautiful and with great visibility. As the club's enthusiastic group of wildlife walkers assembled outside the clubhouse, the sun was glittering invitingly on the waters of the last of the ebb tide in Marriage's Bight: a wonderful sight! There was, however, a bitterly cold easterly wind

blowing quite hard up the river, and later several of the intrepid party, beginning to really feel the cold, turned back.



Much to be seen!

We left the clubhouse at 10:00 hrs (surprising what an extra hour breakfasting makes on a Sunday morning to numbers when it's chilly!) Birdwise, it was very quiet at first as dog walkers were out in numbers on the seawall and on the marshes. However, our first great sighting was of a pair of goosander swimming and fishing in the river just above Prior's Quay. This is only the second time we have seen them on the tidal part of the river as they are normally found on fresh water. During most winters you can see them on the River Colne at the bottom of Castle Park between the weirs.

As our walk continued along the seawall and onto the old railway track, we saw all the expected waders, ducks and four birds of prey: kestrel, buzzard, marsh harrier and sparrowhawk! Walking along the edges of the fields, along the lane and down the chase, sightings just got better and better. We saw three plover, two woodpeckers, five thrush, four crows and four of the finch families. The last of the enthusiasts returned to the clubhouse at 13:00 hrs after 3 hours of great birding. It turned out to be our best club winter walk to date with a grand total of 58 species seen!

Delicious curries, chicken and veg, had been prepared by Carol and Myrna (despite injuring herself skiing) and their helpers in the galley. Along with Paul stationed

behind the bar, they were all waiting for us, which was really welcome. Gill and myself thank them as do all those who ate! It made for a great day.

Little grebe
Cormorant
Little egret
Grey heron
Mute swan
Greylag goose
Dark-bellied brent goose
Shelduck
Wigeon
Teal
Red-breasted merganser
Goosander
Marsh harrier
Sparrowhawk
Buzzard
Kestrel
Red-legged partridge
Pheasant
Oystercatcher
Avocet
Golden plover
Grey plover
Lapwing
Dunlin
Black-tailed godwit
Curlew
Redshank
Black-headed gull
Herring gull
Great black-backed gull
Feral pigeon
Stock dove
Wood pigeon
Green woodpecker
Great spotted woodpecker
Skylark
Meadow pipet
Pied wagtail
Dunnock
Robin
Stonechat
Blackbird
Fieldfare

Song thrush
Redwing
Mistle thrush
Long-tailed tit
Blue tit
Great tit
Magpie
Jackdaw
Rook
Carrion crow
Starling
House sparrow
Chaffinch
Greenfinch
Goldfinch

Total = 58

Tim Denham

the stonechat

The stonechat is a really smart little bird with its black head, white patches on its neck and orange breast. In size, it's just a bit smaller than a robin but plumper and with a shorter tail. Look for it perching on top of bushes, wires and posts.

It gets its name from its sharp call which sounds like two pebbles being knocked together. It is a resident little bird that breeds all over the British Isles, mostly in coastal regions. Its commonest haunts for breeding are the less frequented parts of the coast with gorse bushes, heather and bracken with stretches of rabbit/sheep-cropped grass in between.

Only a handful nest in Essex. Its feeding habit is to drop to the ground to pick up insects, spiders, worms and some seeds. It will also catch some insects in flight returning to eat them on a perch.

Stonechats can be seen quite often on the marsh just below the sailing club.



Male Stonechat by Gill Maloney

stir-fry flambé - a cautionary tale

Tied up in a marina. The crew's turn to cook. He'd done the shopping, so it was simple - chicken stir-fry with noodles. Put the water on for the noodles, put them in when it's boiling. Meanwhile put a frying-pan with some oil in it to heat up. Easy. Let's just check the noodles. Use a big plastic spoon, stir them up, all going well. Lid back on (left hand), put spoon back on bridge-deck (right hand). Wow - bang! <expletive>! Flames over 50cm high! Skipper alarmed, hears <expletive>, sees crew silhouetted against huge flames. In HIS boat!

Crew acts quickly, lifts pan onto wet cockpit seats in a flash. Flames go out. Relaxes. Skipper still having palpitations. Soot on ceiling (wipes off), oil burned (tip out and replace). Back to cooking and it all worked fine. Well, not quite, the noodles were over-cooked.

On reflection - some water drops fell from the stirring spoon into the frying-pan, turned to steam and scattered hot oil droplets into the air, which were ignited by the heat from the burner under it. The moral of this tale is something about hot oil and naked flames.

The boat, skipper and crew wish to remain anonymous.

dinghy space form explained

This year we have tried to simplify the dinghy space form. Rather than having to calculate the fee based on the exact length of your boat, we have now split the lengths into 3 groups. Up to 3 metres, between 3 metres and 4.5 metres and above 4.5 metres. Just select which of the groups your boat fits into.

For those who pay for a WSC mooring, the fee for a tender is included in the mooring fee. However, please complete a dinghy space form so that we can keep a track of all boats parked on the club premises. Tenders parked on the bank opposite the club house are not under the club's jurisdiction and therefore do not need to register.

We have also introduced a nominal fee for the storage of trailers and cruiser cradles. Please return all completed forms either to the club or to the address at the bottom of the form. When you receive your tag for the year, please fix it to either your boat or it's trailer so that it is clearly visible. That way I won't be chasing you up thinking you haven't paid!

Wishing you all a very pleasant sailing season.

Kevin

NB the Dinghy Space Form is included as an insert.

club calendar 2018

Date	Event	Time
15/04/2018	GLOZIER FITTING OUT RACE	11:00
16/04/2018	Cruiser Launching	09:25
17/04/2018	Cruiser Launching	10:02
18/04/2018	Cruiser Launching	10:42
27/04/2018	Rope Work Instruction/Class	19:30
28/04/2018	Cruiser Launching	08:04
29/04/2018	SAINTY MEMORIAL CUP	11:00
30/04/2018	Cruiser Launching	09:24
01/05/2018	Cruiser Launching	10:01
02/05/2018	Cruiser Launching	10:36
13/05/2018	CAN RACE	09:30
15/05/2018	Cruiser Launching	08:56
16/05/2018	Cruiser Launching	09:38
17/05/2018	Cruiser Launching	10:22
26/05/2018	SATURDAY SOCIAL SAIL	00:00
26, 27 &		
28/05/2018	W&RYOA SPRING RALLY 2018	All day
27/05/2018	STUART PAWSEY CUP/LADIES RACE	09:45
29/05/2018	Cruiser Launching	09:02
	CRUISE IN COMPANY – WALTON	
9 & 10/06/2018	BACKWATERS	All day
16/06/2018	Wivenhoe Town Regatta	
17/06/2018	May Mug / Sykes 1	14:00
23/06/2018	Wallet Shield Race	All day
30/06/2018	Ostend Rally	All day
	MAY MUG 2/SYKES 2/WOD CHALLENGE	
01/07/2018	CUP	13:00
07/07/2018	ROUND THE GUNFLEET RACE	All day
14 & 15/07/2018	W&RYOA GOOSEBERRY PIE RALLY 2018	All day
20 & 21/07/2018	CRUISE IN COMPANY – RIVER CROUCH	All day
28 /07/ - 3/08/2018	PYEFLEET WEEK	All day
28/07/2018	SATURDAY SOCIAL SAIL	00:00
29/07/2018	MAY MUG 3/SYKES 3/BOSTOCK CUP	12:00
	WSC CRUISER REGATTA RACE & EVENING	
04/08/2018	EVENT	All day
05/08/2018	WSC DINGHY REGATTA RACE & BBQ	15:00
12/08/2018	May mug 4/sykes 4/farran cup	12:00
25/08/2018	SATURDAY SOCIAL SAIL	00:00
27/08/2018	BANK HOLIDAY CUP	11:30

27/08/2018	UPSTREAM RACE	12:00
08/09/2018	SATURDAY SOCIAL SAIL	00:00
09/09/2018	HOWARD CUP	11:00
15 & 16/09/2018	CRUISE IN COMPANY – BRADWELL	All day
15 & 16/09/2018	W&RYOA AUTUMN RALLY 2018	All day
23/09/2018	MAY MUG 5/SYKES 5/CAPRIOL CAPSTAN W&RYOA TAIL END RACE & Fish and Chip	10:00
29/09/2018	Supper	All day
07/10/2018	RAT RACE	09:30
27/10/2018	SATURDAY SOCIAL SAIL	00:00
28/10/2018	LAYING UP RACE & Lunch	12:00



A well-earned rest at the end of the recent Spring Hard Working Party

AGM minutes

Minutes of the 92nd AGM, Friday 23rd March 2018, 19:30 at the Clubhouse

1. Apologies for absence

Richard & Libby Barnard, Dave Cannel, Derek & Fiona Emms, Midge Hetherington, Tony Higbee, Joe Hunter, Carolyn Osborn-Jones, Dave Peck, Nikki Robinson, Martin Standley, Marilyn Standley

Proxies

K. Hosking for T. Higbee,

2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM (previously distributed in Spring 2017 Mainsheet)

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved by the membership following approval by the GC.

3. Commodore's Report on the year

The Commodore gave his annual report for the 2017 year:

- The highlights the year were noted
- Full social calendar – annual dinner was exceptional
- New furniture
- New bar managers in place - Marie and Mick Scales. The Commodore called for members to volunteer for bar duty.
- The Commodore noted that Steve Hart, Cadet Leader, has decided to step down after more than 10 years of service. A small token was presented to Steve to express the Club's thanks for all his efforts in relation to the Cadets. It was noted however, that the Club has no one to take over from Steve and a call was made to ask for volunteers to help with the cadets.
- The Commodore made a plea for all members to support the Club and ensure it is being run how members would like it to be run.

4. Report by the Treasurer and Independent Inspector of Accounts

- Copies of the Inspected Accounts were made available to members.
- The accounts have been inspected by Martyn Lewis and he has confirmed he is willing to do it again next year.
- Income was slightly lower this year but costs were also down as well.
- Expenditure was down over this period, it was noted that rates are no longer payable and thanks were expressed to the Secretary for his work in this area, also less was spent on the old hard repairs compared with the year before.
- Annual surplus – just shy of £6,000 profit made this year as a result some smaller assets have now been written off.
- Financial position is very stable; with circa £80,000 in reserves.
- The Treasurer noted that the GC approved changes introducing simplified dinghy hard standing fees.
- Strategic plan – new furniture bought in line with the plan and upgrades to boats (Wayfarer & YW Dayboat) are being made. A total of circa £21,000 is intended to be spent during 2018 on upgrading facilities at the Club.
- Over the coming year the GC is intending on updating the club membership software; with the aim being to avoid multiple spreadsheets and also allow for easier electronic payments.

5. Adoption of the accounts

The membership unanimously voted in favour of adopting the accounts; proposed by Ian Hunter, seconded by Peter Goldsmith.

6. WSC Officer Nominations

The following nominations for Officer positions have been received:

Post	Nominations	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Bernie Hetherington	Tom Canfield	Gill Strudwick
Vice Commodore	Chris Wood	Bill Kippen	Brian Sinclair
Rear Commodore			
Hon Treasurer			
Hon Sec	Eric Strudwick	Tony Higbee	Brian Sinclair
Membership Sec	Nigel Cook	Bill Kippen	Rob Maloney
Sailing Sec	Rob Maloney	Chris Wood	Nigel Cook

It was reported that we currently have no nomination for Rear Commodore. We have two volunteers for Honorary Treasurer, Nick & Julie-Anne White, to be co-opted at an Extra-ordinary GC meeting after the AGM.

The membership unanimously voted in favour of approving the nominations en bloc; proposed by Tony Frostick and seconded by Peter Cobbold

7. General Committee Member Nominations

The following nominations to act as members of the General Committee Members were received:

Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Martin Standley	Marilyn Standley	Chris Wood
Marilyn Standley	Martin Standley	Chris Wood
Dudley Lean	Chris Wood	Daniel Stoker
Carole Newman	Eric Strudwick	Brian Sinclair
Tia Reddish	Eric Strudwick	Brian Sinclair
Mick Scales	Chris Wood	Bill Kippen
Marie Scales	Chris Wood	Clive Dykes

It was noted that Brian Sinclair was elected to the GC in 2017 and has one more year to serve.

The membership unanimously voted in favour of approving the nominations en bloc; proposed by Myrna Ekeroth and seconded by Ray Hall

- **The President** spoke of the Commodore's, Bill Kippen contribution to the Club as Commodore, especially in encouraging members to take to the water and sail.
- The President thanked all the current and outgoing officers of the Club – Vice-Commodore, the Rear Commodores, Hon Treasurers, Hon Secretary, Sailing Secretary and the Membership Secretary.
- **The Vice-Commodore** expressed his thanks to the Sailing Secretary and the Membership Secretary for all their efforts in encouraging sailing.
- The VC noted the positive effect that the WhatsApp group was having in advertising what is happening on the water.
- The VC reiterated the call for members to help out and run a session with the cadets.
- The VC noted that Viking is back on the water and thanked those involved in restoring Viking and informed the membership that a register is in place to book Viking; Peter Goldsmith requested that if a member uses Viking and notes an issue could they please record it in the register.
- The VC thanked Kevin Hosking for all his efforts in arranging dinghies in the dinghy park and asked members to keep the club – both internally and externally – tidy.
- The VC highlighted the number of boats available for members to use and encouraged those that use them to help upkeep them.
- VC reminders: Mainsheet – articles to be sent to Jamie by Easter weekend, and a hardworking party will be taking place on 7th April.
- Mike Downes noted the recent loss of John Stuart to the Club and his substantial contributions to the Club in cleaning the Old hard and asked all members to help keep it clean.

Bernie Hetherington the newly-elected Commodore, made the following contribution:

- Sincere thanks to Bill Kippen for all his work and to the outgoing GC members.
- Looking forward to working with the new GC and meeting the challenges of the current time.
- Stated he wants to listen to the members and the direction that members want the Club to go, so that the GC makes decisions that reflect the feelings of the Club.
- The Club must be fun, affordable, accessible, inclusive, open-minded, and open to new ideas but we must also remember the traditions of the Club and the ambience we have due to that tradition. The Club must also be fair and transparent.
- Assets, for e.g. boats, must be used by the Club, and these should be as easy as possible for members to use.

8. Motions

8.1 Proposals from the General Committee to amend the Constitution:

8.1A Motion to affect the abolition of the Entrance Fee (and permit payment by Direct Debit instalments). Delete Rule 4.1.1 so that the new rule 4.1 will then be as follows:

“Rule 4.1 Subscriptions.

Rule 4.1.1 Annual Subscription. There shall be an annual subscription payable on the 1st January each year or by Direct Debit instalments set up with the club.

Rule 4.1.2 Separate rates of subscription and entrance fee shall apply to each category of membership. Such rates will be determined from time to time by the General Committee. Subscriptions will be kept at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.”

- The Secretary and Treasurers confirmed that payments by direct debit may be made by a one-off payment or by instalments and all other current methods of payment will still be available.
- A member queried whether the direct debit payment system would then automatically take the payment each year. The Secretary confirmed that this would depend on the software system we use – we are waiting to hear which ones are GDPR compliant and once we know we can advise the membership accordingly.
- The membership assented to the above GC’s proposal.

8.1B Motion to amend Rule 7:

Existing rule 7

“Rule 7. A register of the name and address of all Members shall be kept in the Club House and available to Members.”

New rule 7

“Rule 7. Subject to compliance with legislation, a register of the name and address of all Members shall be kept in the Club House and made available to Members.”

- Advice from the RYA is that under the new General Data Protection Regulations, we must have the explicit permission from each member to make their name and addresses available to other members.
- If the situation changes, there will be nothing to prevent publication in the future.
- The Secretary explained the above and reasons for the amendments. The membership assented to the proposal above and it was made clear that whatever we do then all members have to agree to that decision.
- Discussions will take place as to where we will publish this information following a comment by Peter Goldsmith that the foyer is an open space due to events that take place in the Club which involve non-members.
- A discussion took place that noted that members are responsible for complying with whatever decision is made regarding the availability of members contact details etc.
- The membership assented to the proposal above.

8.1C Motion to add a set of Sailing Rules.

Establish a set of Sailing Rules similar to the House Rules. Making the “Conditions of Use” part of the club rules will ensure that they are easily found by members and will not be lost. This will not grant any additional powers for the GC. The constitution will then read as follows:

“Rule 14. “House Rules: The day to day running of the Club premises will be governed by House Rules, which will be determined by the General Committee. A copy of the House Rules will be displayed on the Club Notice Board.”

“Rule 15. Sailing Rules: All activities and facilities managed by the Sailing Committee will be governed by Sailing Rules, which will be determined by the General Committee. A copy of the Sailing Rules will be displayed on the Club Notice Board.”

The membership assented to adding the Sailing Rules to be added to the Constitution.
All subsequent rules will be renumbered.

9. Appointment of Independent Inspector of Accounts

- The membership confirmed the re-appointment of Martyn Lewis as the Independent Inspector of Accounts.

10. AOB

- Peter Cobbold: highlighted the work of the lifting group which has been operating for 22 years. Those involved include sailors, boaters, woodworkers and engineers. Lifting dates are posted on the noticeboard in the foyer of the clubhouse and Peter encouraged all members to come and see the work the group does and take part;
- Steve Hart: stated it had been a privilege to be involved in the Cadets and confirmed he was happy to answer any questions about the Cadets and the role of Cadet Leader;
- Chris Wood, new VC:
 - Nigel Cook to take over the administration side of Membership Secretary and Rob Maloney will continue as Sailing Secretary and will be assisting the VC as well;
 - What’s App has worked really well for the dinghy sailors and the VC would like to extend it to the cruisers if they would also like to take part;
 - Membership renewals – apologies to Honorary Life members for receiving membership renewal forms;
 - Hard cleaning – needs to be done by members, even making tea for those cleaning the hard is helpful;
- Nick White: Garth Cooper author of East Coast Pilot will be giving a talk on 6th April at Club, all invited and welcome.

Next Meeting: The next AGM will take place in March 2019 at the Clubhouse. Date and time to be confirmed

These Minutes were approved by the General Committee, April 4th 2018

Appendix: Annual Accounts

WIVENHOE SAILING CLUB**ACCOUNTS 2017****1. Profit and Loss Account for year 2017**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Membership income:				
Subs & joining fees	18,577	18,810	19,422	15,696
Sailing income:				
Mooring Fees	7,286	9,290	9,253	8,053
Dinghy Storage	2,964	2,267	3,195	2,649
Cruiser Hardstanding	4,231	4,712	4,083	5,272
Cruiser Lifting Group	1,430	1,601	1,744	2,152
Sailing events	0	10	-109	-369
Cadet fund donations	216	893	1,405	982
Commercial income:				
Bar	25,480	26,034	25,979	20,786
Lettings	7,385	7,094	6,999	6,662
Other income:				
Clubhouse Events	2,679	2,448	4,243	-685
Sundry Income/Donations	188	495	376	412
Bank Interest	689	643	781	502
Total income	71,125	74,298	77,371	62,111
EXPENDITURE				
Premises expenditure:				
Rates/Water	1,582	4,201	3,989	3,597
Electricity	5,151	4,993	4,422	4,303
Insurance	4,672	4,181	4,213	4,157
Cleaning	5,205	5,166	9,484	8,856
Repairs/Renewals	3,060	10,013	3,261	8,162
Old hard project	1,124	5,470	0	0
Alarm/Security	2,550	1,242	2,819	1,907
Phone Print Post Stationery	1,674	1,832	1,448	1,754
Sailing operations:				
Moorings	6,312	6,011	5,946	5,622
Sundry/Flag Officers' Exps	1,277	1,769	748	1,099
Tractor/Hoist costs	1,125	793	1,080	972
Boats/Engines	4,801	3,218	1,694	2,468
Donations/Subs	420	450	475	615
Commercial expenditure				
Bar Costs	18,364	20,493	18,895	14,978
Other expenditure				
Clubhouse Events	3,591	3,535	3,834	0
Total expenditure before depr'n	60,908	73,367	62,308	58,491
Depreciation & Asset Write downs	4,293	2,596	4,383	4,794
Total costs	65,201	75,963	66,691	63,284
NET PROFIT/LOSS (-ve)	5,924	-1,665	10,680	-1,174

2. Balance sheet at 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
Fixed Assets		
Property	789	830
Rescue boats including outboards	819	1,092
Cadet boats	0	231
Furniture and fittings	0	128
Lease	16,269	16,400
Tractor	0	12
Stair lift	671	1,001
Plant and machinery	0	45
Tractor shed	5,412	5,697
Crane (hoist)	1,398	1,554
Boat shed	8,175	8,605
Cycle and mast racks	0	120
Projector and screen	0	120
Canoe and kayak racks	522	696
Topaz dinghy rack	0	286
New clubhouse furniture	4,592	0
Total fixed assets	38,647	36,817
<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>4,293</i>	<i>2,596</i>
Current Assets		
Stock		
Bar	2,879	1,687
Petty cash		
House committee	29	87
Cadets	609	906
Bar till	218	319
Bar cage	300	189
Bank & investment	80,261	78,552
Owed from debtors	930	2,032
Total Current Assets	85,226	83,771
Total Assets	123,873	120,588
Owed to creditors	2,435	4,995
NET ASSETS	<u>121,438</u>	<u>115,593</u>
FUNDED BY:		
Profit and loss	5,924	-1,665
Reserves	98,597	100,262
Lottery grant	14,678	14,678
WOD fund	2,239	2,319
Total	<u>121,438</u>	<u>115,593</u>

Note on Depreciation of Assets

Assets are depreciated over 3 to 20 years depending on the type of asset. Generally equipment is depreciated over 3 to 4 years, and buildings over 20 years. The lease on the clubhouse is over 125 years as per the lease. This year a number of assets whose value has dropped below £500 have been written down completely. They still remain on the asset register.

The pontoons were not purchased by the club and are therefore not listed as an asset. However we carry out repairs to them and any future costs of replacement will need to be budgeted for.

3. Notes/management accounts	2017	2016	2015	2014
Bar revenue	25,480	26,034	25,979	20,786
Gross profits	7,116	5,541	7,084	5,808
% profit on sales	27.9%	21.3%	27.3%	27.9%

Signed on behalf of the General Committee of Wivenhoe Sailing Club:

JAWhite NA White

Julie-Anne White and Nick White 6.3.18
Hon. Treasurers, Wivenhoe Sailing Club

I have examined the records of the Wivenhoe Sailing Club for the year ended 31st December 2017 and confirm the above statements are in accordance therewith.

[Signature]
Martyn Lewis
Independent Examiner 6.3.18

lifting group activities:

small ads:

Spring Launching Dates:

Start	Day	Description
30/03/2018 08:25	Friday	HW Wiv 12:25: ht 5.0
31/03/2018 09:08	Saturday	HW Wiv 13:08: ht 5.2
02/04/2018 10:26	Monday	HW Wiv 14:26: ht 5.0
14/04/2018 08:13	Saturday	HW Wiv 12:13: ht 4.7
16/04/2018 09:25	Monday	HW Wiv 13:25: ht 5.2
17/04/2018 10:02	Tuesday	HW Wiv 14:02: ht 5.2
08/04/2018 10:42	Wednesday	HW Wiv 14:42: ht 5.2
28/04/2018 08:04	Saturday	HW Wiv 12:04: ht 5.0
30/04/2018 9:24	Monday	HW Wiv 13:24: ht 5.2
01/05/2018 10:01	Tuesday	HW Wiv 14:01: ht 5.2
02/05/2018 10:36	Wednesday	HW Wiv 14:36: ht 5.0
15/05/2018 08:56	Tuesday	HW Wiv 12:56: ht 5.2
16/05/2018 09:38	Wednesday	HW Wiv 13:38: ht 5.3
17/05/2018 10:22	Thursday	HW Wiv 14:22: ht 5.3
29/05/2018 09:02	Tuesday	HW Wiv 13:02: ht 5.0

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WSC: MAINSHEET

Race Officer and Safety Boat

The club needs volunteer Safety Boat Crew and Race Officers for all dinghy races this year.

Please sign up on the rota sheet in the clubhouse foyer or contact our Sailing Secretary, Rob Maloney; email wivenhoesailingsec@gmail.com

Rob can provide training for anyone who wishes to learn how to do the Race Officer role.

Member Address

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