

Present - Mike Smith (MS) Hon Sailing Secretary , Guy McBride (GMB) Results Officer, Alex Thompson (AT) Hon Secretary, Chris Powell (CP) Hon Treasurer, Bob Garrett (GB) Webmaster, Brad Crowshaw, Pam Marrs , Craig Williamson

Plus, by invitation, Gavin Marriot & Susan Rutter

Agenda Item 1 – Race Programme 2025

The 2025 Race Programme was agreed by all including 5th April Fitting out Supper and 19th April Hornet and shared races with Portsmouth Sailing Club.

Agenda Item 2 – Hornet Booking.

Hornet SC requires a deposit for min 30 people to enable a larger fixed menu. AT to contact Hornet to see if 14/16 CCRC people can join with the 10 from Portsmouth SC for bar menu, if not book at Haslar Creek. 2 night booking at Haslar required
action AT

Agenda Item 3 – Club Fees, Event Payments, and Website Event forms.

The proposal is whether the website should have extra event module, to enable a better payment feature. The current club fees & dues are paid via BACS and require unnecessary time chasing for the treasurer. ~~Only a few members use Standing Orders.~~ *I didn't think anyone paid by SO* The Club does not currently have a DD facility.

All agreed that website forms or payment upgrades to be postponed until winter 2025.

All agreed that GoCardless and other online payments types will not be required for foreseeable future

Agenda Item 4 – Guest Boats, should they pay and what does this include.

Most Solent Sailing clubs charge for every race including Portsmouth SC, JOG, Hamble Winter Series etc. prices vary between £55 for a weekend to £65 per Hamble Winter race as they are part of a complete series.

Currently CCRC does not charge guest boats but offer a free race and invitation to the evening social at their cost. It is vague as to this includes the return race on a passage weekend.

General discussion raised the following points -

It is a psychological thing in saying that all guest entries are £25, but your first guest entry is free.

A way of avoiding a Race duty as always being a guest

Should payment be required for every race in view of some boats only racing once or twice or not at all

Agreed to leave present arrangement as is but it can include a complete weekend

A guest gets free racing and invited to the social which is as attractive as the racing. BG has agreed to amend wording on the website emphasising the social.

Agenda item 5 – Winter Socials feedback and review

Congratulations to CP's 2 excellent presentations ie 2025 RRS 2025 update and CCRC PRO/RO starting procedures. Also Dick Batt informed all how to make better use of the sails to make the boat go faster.

The RRS talk was at Porchester SC with the Dick Batt talk at Tudor SC.

Both well attended with a mixture of people from PSC, Ports SC and TSC plus approx dozen from CCRC.

The PRO/RO event at CYC attracted only 14.

Portsmouth SC have requested a combined talk of Race Rules and Race Management. AT to organise this with PSC
Derek Budden
action AT

General discussion re calling the winter socials training events, should they be considered as a club members duty and is a 3rd social 1 too many. Agreed not a duty and 3rd social not required

All agreed to RO & PRO duties being a topic along with programme details ie cruise etc at the Fitting out Supper on 5th April and maybe repeat Race Rules and How to Make Boats go Faster other speakers in winter 2025/26

Agenda Item 6 – Renewals update, Memberships, Duties and Crew List

CP reported the Membership position. 12 members lost from 2024 with none gained, with five who have yet to renew. In the worst situation CCRC could end up losing 17 people. Also down to 17 registered yachts, but Ray Welham is yet to register his boat so it could be 18.

With the exception of Highland Lady most of the boats and members leaving had not raced recently if ever or have sold the boat or stopped racing. In terms of 2024 season of those racing only Highland Lady had left and additional boats for 2025 include the return of Folkdance.

CP pointed out that more people are needed to join keep the numbers up as far as subscriptions go, otherwise CCRC will be approx £350 down on revenue. Need to ask boat owners to encourage their regular crew to become members

action AT

The Crew List - the webmaster currently writes to the crew list to ask if they wish to remain on the list. BG think it's better to delete the crew list at the end of every season, tell everyone that's going to happen and ask them to re-enter their details annually thus keeping the list fresh and current. **action BG**

Remind boat owners that the crew list exists and they be encouraged to use it. **action AT**

AT suggested it be a boat owners duty to take a someone from the crew list. Not agreed

AT to remove those members associated with a particular boat from the crew list.

Post meeting note AT has updated Dutyman to reflect this and has updated A Owen's Samsara to Pepe.

MS raised the use of Dutyman and duties - Members seem to use Dutyman but may not be aware of how to enter the site to update their own details etc. Members currently only get mail communications sent out via Dutyman, but since Covid the roster for duties has not been used

MS agreed to update Dutyman with the 2025 program events and would try to use Dutyman to encourage members to volunteer as RO's / PROs for each race with such allocations shown on Dutyman **action MS**

AT agreed to update MS as to who is managing the Socials for each Weekend.

It is the Sailing Secretarys responsibility to notify members of duties which would then be published on Dutyman and automatically be issued to all.

Agenda Item 7 – 2026 Open Race and Potential Date

AT is proposing an Open Race 2026.

MS asked the purpose of such an event ie publicity, new members etc

BG and PM agreed that a race by Invitation might be more suitable if linked with Class Associations.

BC said that a premier race will get the CCRC name out far and wide, and suggested a simple sausage course may attract more people.

AT suggested May 2026 date will avoid a clash with June RTI. (note July 11th is the 2026 RTI). Much general discussion as follows

BG reminded all that just before the COVID lockdown year it was planned to have a race where we were inviting other clubs and Class Owners Associations, with many of whom had been approached saying yes, as often their members are not members of any sailing club.

An Invitation race would promote CCRC, proper race team and committee boat required, prize money, club team event, sponsorship, entry fee, after race social and prizegiving, standard v special NoR/SIs were all points raised. It was also pointed out that generally ESSC, BSC and HISC open events do not have any visitors other than CCRC. Within the Harbour CCRC is thought to be about being the hard racing crowd in that a CCRC boat usually wins these open harbour events and this could put visitors off eg CYC not wanting to partake in the Bramidge anymore The Committee agreed to discuss a more detailed Race outline from AT more fully next month

Agenda Item 8 - AOB

Club Formal Duties

Membership does not require any formal duties

AT suggested these should be defined in a list for all members to agree to do. This was not agreed.

Assistant / Junior Results Officer

GM – stated Zak (his grandson) would like to commence “race results” shadowing after his exams ie after June (This is now in doubt pending decisions on Safeguarding, Welfare and Under 18 protection.)

Race Results Announcements

It was agreed that Sailing Secretary, Treasurer and PROs of the day could be added to the users of CCRC Race results programme who would then be able to produce provisional race results after the Race if Guy was not available. This does not change participants responsibility to send their times to Guy as Results officer who would produce final results and up date series results. PROs will be encouraged to chase any missing times.

Matters arising from the AGM

Insurance

There were a few other items from the AGM, such as Trophy Insurance, and CP will report back to the next AGM

Time Limits

First boats to finish are to be asked to report this to the PRO at the end of a race to overcome the problem with time limits. MS stated it is unclear if the first boat to cross the line must formally report on VHF37 that the race window is now open for x time. See 15.3 Sailing Instructions 2025.

Sail GP25

SAILGP 2025 (July) and should CCRC be going to do anything associated with that. The problem is there is no information on the SAILGP website, at the present time, about flotillas or boats mooring around the racecourse.

Two handed Race Results

Regarding two handed class -it was agreed that not enough boats to warrant different subdivisions and that Two Handed races will not be brought into the programme for 2025 or the year after.

Members need to be encouraged to move from NHS to VPRS as their expertise improved and their handicaps under progressive NHC became more competitive.

Website

BG stated that due to lack of use the 'public forum' should be removed and the 'members forum' required some changes to make it legal. All agreed. **action BG**

CCRC Press Officer

BG indicated that he felt the Committee needed somebody to take over the CCRC promotional stuff because he was not sufficiently close to what's going on and not in a position to ask people for pictures etc. Is there a need for somebody to post things on the Facebook page and Twitter and Instagram? The Committee agreed to ask members for a volunteer to take on the role of Press and Publicity Officer.

Meeting Closed at 19.45hrs.

Notes from ChiFed Spring Meeting 15th March

Pathway is RYA scheme set to encourage sailing clubs to enable younger sailors to Sail for Life. This scheme promotes other forms of sailing beyond Dinghies. RYA hopes Chichester Harbour clubs will be a beacon or Pathway Hub. Full details on RYA website

The CCRC Committee will look at Welfare and Safeguarding how to work with Pathway and to encourage younger members to sail us with or without Guardians in attendance.

Helen Smith is currently proposed to be the Club Welfare Officer.

MS / HS are looking at comparable clubs Welfare as well the RYA template documentation