

Chichester Cruiser Racing Club

Minutes of the General Committee meeting held 19 February 2026 at 1900 by Zoom

Invited: Mike Smith Hon Sailing Secretary
 Alex Thompson Hon Secretary
 Chris Powell Hon Treasurer and Asst Sailing Secretary (minutes)
 Richard Creer Hon Representative to the Federation
 Craig Williamson Asst Sailing Secretary and Social Media
 Brad Croshaw Asst Sailing Secretary
 Gavin Marriott Asst Sailing Secretary
 Bob Garrett Webmaster
 Guy Russell Results and Handicapping
 Pam Marrs Trophies

Item		Action	Date
1	<u>Apologies</u> None – all attended.		
2	<u>Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 27 November 2025</u> Approved.		
3	<u>Progress on action items from the 27 November 2025 minutes and matters arising</u> 3 Mike to use Dutyman to allocate 2026 RO/PRO duties – done Draft changes to the 2026 Sailing Instructions to reflect the new method of reporting finishing times via WhatsApp - done Notice of Race for 2026 to include a condition of entry covering skippers' responsibility for under-18s - done 4 2025 AGM draft minutes, item 5.2, second paragraph – wording needs to be corrected to “plus £50 for yacht registration” - done Draft 2025 AGM minutes then need to be added to “CCRC Committee Documents” on the Website (and the 2024 AGM minutes shown as no longer draft) – done 6.1 Alex to have PSC event tickets allocated to CCRC – done 6.2 Alex to write to the Harbour club secretaries to invite them to send a representative to talk at the Itchenor event - done 6.3 Alex to request to talk at next ESC cruiser meeting – requested (though may not be confirmed by ESC). 6.4 Alex to produce a paper on consistent document design for the Committee to review at the next meeting – this has not been proceeded with. Instead it was agreed that Pam would undertake producing some CCRC business cards. 7.1 Sailing and social programmes for 2026 – progressed as per items 5 and 6 below	Pam	31.5.26

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	<p>7.2 Updates to NoR for 2026 incl. re RRS and use of photos – done</p> <p>8.3 Review of NoR incl. re prizes – no major changes have been made to the rules for awarding prizes for the 2026 season. There was considerable discussion around how to handle prizes for races where less than three yachts compete in a class, which is now a common situation. It was decided there would be no further changes to the NoR and that for the 2026 Prizegiving we may use our existing discretion to allocate trophies in favour of races with three or more competitors. This may mean that a prize such as a plate or mug (instead of a trophy) will be awarded for races with only one or two competitors. However these races will still go ahead and will count for season points, in order to avoid disappointing those yachts that have turned out for it.</p> <p>8.5 Review existing handicaps with a view to confirming the rating of perceived outliers – done, all handicaps confirmed</p> <p>8.6 Review of SIs incl. re discards – done</p> <p>10.1 Book MRSC for the 2026 AGM. Based on MRSC availability the date is being revised post meeting to either 7th or 28th November 2026 at 1630.</p> <p>10.2 Implement new management access levels for website users – done.</p> <p>10.3 An event or article to highlight social media possibilities. Alex and Craig to discuss. Also it would be desirable to populate the News page on the website with some new items.</p> <p>10.4 Consider alternative to holding Fitting Out supper on a Saturday when there is no CCRC racing taking place – done (decided to stay with HISC to allow Portsmouth members to berth in Sparkes after their Saturday racing). Pam to liaise with HISC, once she has been informed of the numbers attending.</p>	<p>Alex</p> <p>Alex/Craig</p> <p>Pam</p>	<p>31.3.26</p> <p>31.3.26</p> <p>10.4.26</p>
4	<p><u>Results process for 2026</u></p> <p>Guy provided an introduction to HAL for PROs. He had circulated an “Instructions for HAL” document prior to the meeting and went through the main points.</p> <p>It was noted that you can’t get back to the “Race Details” screen once you have entered the wind speed and direction etc. It has to be right first time.</p> <p>Chris pointed out that it is easier to enter times on a small phone screen if you turn the phone to landscape mode instead of portrait.</p> <p>It was noted that “publishing” preliminary results always consists of a weblink to the latest update of the results on HalSail, whether the PRO chooses to use HAL’s “Publish Results” workflow, or alternatively just directs competitors to look at the Race Results page on the CCRC website.</p> <p>Craig requested another invite to the Halsail website and the link to its app.</p>	<p>Guy</p>	<p>28.2.26</p>

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5	<u>Secretary's Report</u>		
5.1	<p>Alex had circulated version 2 of the Notice of Race for the Portsmouth Clubs Regatta.</p> <p>It was decided that CCRC would not attach the Portsmouth Clubs Regatta NoR and SIs documents when issuing CCRC's own Race Instructions. Instead the CCRC Race Instructions would only include weblinks to the PSC online event noticeboard. This will ensure that competitors don't get confused by potentially seeing more than one version of the NoR and SIs.</p> <p>The "Early Bird" discount currently expires on 1 March and the NoR has not yet been issued. Alex will get this date changed, probably to 1 April.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the event will only count as one race in the CCRC season race results (Race 12). Therefore it will only count as one points race, and only one prize will be awarded for Alpha and one for Beta. This is already set up in Halsail.</p> <p>Paragraph 25.4 of the NoR refers to CCRC being the Organising Authority for the 2027 event. It was agreed that this paragraph must be deleted from the NoR as CCRC is unable to offer to be the Organising Authority at the present time.</p> <p>Mike offered to establish a CCRC sub-committee to look at the feasibility of CCRC being involved more fully in the management of the 2027 event. This will include the Sailing Secretary, the Secretary and the Assistant Sailing Secretaries.</p>	<p>Mike</p> <p>Alex</p> <p>Alex</p> <p>Mike</p>	<p>31.5.26</p> <p>27.2.26</p> <p>27.2.26</p> <p>31.5.26</p>
5.2	The status of social events organisation for the 2026 season was reviewed. Several social venues are yet to be finalised, so the Programme page on the CCRC website cannot yet be amended to reflect any changes to socials.		
6	<u>Sailing Secretary's report</u>		
	The preferred duty allocations via Dutyman are working well, with most of the RO and PRO slots already having been selected. There is still another 2 weeks left for yachts to select their preferred duties.		
7	<u>Treasurer's Report</u>		
7.1	<p>Chris had circulated the year-to-date accounts for the period 1.10.25 to 18.2.26, and the latest subscriptions position.</p> <p>On membership, we have seen 8 new members, but 6 members have resigned and we are still chasing a further 10 members to renew their</p>		

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	<p>membership. Therefore potentially we could see a net reduction of 8 members (from 47 down to 39).</p> <p>On registrations, we have seen 2 new yachts, but 3 yachts have been deregistered and we are still chasing a further 3 yachts to renew their registration. Therefore potentially we could see a net reduction of 4 registered yachts (from 18 down to 14).</p> <p>As a result of the above, revenue from subscriptions and registrations is currently £400 down on 2025 and on the full-year estimate.</p> <p>On events, there is an estimated surplus of £100 on the AGM.</p> <p>The expenses that have been paid out to date are in line with the full-year estimate.</p> <p>The year to date accounts are currently showing a surplus of £1460, however this will spent on upcoming expenses, including insurance, subscriptions and prizes. Unless the subscriptions position improves, the final result for the year is very likely to be a deficit.</p>		
7.2	It was suggested that Chris should circulate the PDFs of the Member Table and the Yacht Table to the members, once the renewal period has ended. The Member Table will include members' contact details (email address and phone numbers) that we don't publish anywhere else, so this may not be a good idea.		
8	<u>Any other business</u>		
	<p>It was confirmed that Richard is the elected Hon Representative to the Federation. The Federation allows two persons to attend from each club, and Alex is nominated as the second person.</p> <p>Richard will circulate the latest Federation minutes.</p>	Richard	31.3.26
9	<u>Date of Next Committee Meeting</u>		
	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place via Zoom in September. Provisional date Thursday 17 September at 1900 via Zoom.		
	The meeting finished at 20:35.		

Chris Powell, Hon Treasurer
27 February 2026