



St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

Enterprise Fleet No. 83

Mirror Fleet No. 224

Committee Meeting

15 04 2026 Zoom

Meeting Minutes 26.3

Fixed Standard Matters

1. Apologies

Present	Apologies
Mike	Dave T
Gail	Ian P
Gerry (left meeting early – see updates post meeting)	Rachel (Trustee)
Chris	
Mark N	
Clare	
Keith T	

Text in green from Gerry's report. Text in blue from Ian P's report

Minutes / Actions Previous Meeting

Minutes were approved

Videos in previous actions will be included in minutes once they have been sent to Gail for uploading onto the website.

Actions

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Gail has agreed to list actions as important (red) good to get done (amber) and no rush (green) **Action 26.4.1**

2. Updates

Budget update - Keith

See Keith brief financial report April 2026

In summary – all in order and going to budget expectations

Gail to send out reminders / chase up subs over the next 2/3 months

Action 26.4.2

SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) Transition– Mike / Chris.

Unfortunately our submission to SCIO by solicitor never went through. It has been resubmitted and solicitor to keep a closer eye on it.

Club House Improvements (formally known as Club House Working Group) – Mike / Keith / Gerry

Sarah and Sally have decided to step down from this group. New group set up and to meet to discuss priorities and roles. Meeting date to be organised

Action 26.4.

Update of club boats – Gerry

Rescue Boats

Ferry Marine serviced all rescue boats as planned on

Myself and Lorry supported and we got all 5 engines serviced and run in a tank of water.

Ferry Marine reported no issues with the engines. All of them ran smoothly and the gearbox oil in all looked clean.

They also checked over the throttle cables that had worked loose and replaced the tilt switch that had failed in the engine we bought from them (that's on the

SBC RIB) 2 years ago. (Done FOC as was noted when we first bought the boat)

When boats were launched I did spot that the steering on the larger RIB (Riskinhope) was fairly stiff - initially stuck solid - after some use this worked loose. I suspect this is just from lack of use and the grease solidifying on the steering rod. I will monitor and get a price for a replacement steering cable in case we need one.

We have a new cover the committee boat. This is to prevent birds going under the Cuddy, nesting and generally make a horrible mess). Lorry is making some slight modifications to the mast arrangement to accommodate a good fit of the cover. Will then get the boat launched in the next few weeks.

The water sensing of the auto bilge pump in the Dory (Cappercleuch) is not working. Cleaned it today and checked the wiring, but it seems to be a fault with the unit. Sadly prior knowledge means that I know they are not easy to open and repair (they are sealed units). I will therefore get a new one ordered and replaced in the next few weeks. In the meantime we have gone with the historic approach of letting the bung out when on the mooring and leaving the pump turned off (this lets it reach a stable state and avoids it sinking when it rains). On the first weekend, the high winds on the first night caused one of the moorings to fail and the Dory to end up on the shore. We have since checked the top riser of the remaining club moorings (the bits we can access) and they look okay. We also recovered the Dory and checked the hull and fortunately there was no observable damage. The boat was relaunched today and put on one of the remaining "good" moorings. I will contact Chris and Chris to discuss properly checking the club moorings and getting a new replacement installed for the one that failed.

Club Boats

All club boats were put back out in the boat park at the work party.

Collected the topper the club got for free on Saturday and have dropped off at the club (Picked up the spars, sails and foils the week before and these are at home. We will drop them off next time we are down).

I will work with Lorry, Innes and Ailsa to look over the 5 toppers and decide which ones we want to keep. We will then get them setup properly and the ones we are happy to part with put up for offer / discarded.

Keith - once we have agreed what we will keep in will confirm sail numbers / hull numbers and approx insurance value.

Update on training including camps – sent from Ailsa / Mark – Gerry Training

Numbers currently are:

Adult camp 29 – camp will probably run with this number of people

Kids Camp 6 – this is much lower than usual but many of those who attended have moved on. Plan is to extend application date and as a backup open to family and friends of members which would include giving them temporary membership to get round the need register as a 'Outside Sports camp'

Duncan has agreed to coordinate adult camp;

Ailsa coordinating Kids camp.

Ailsa and Charles will also be supporting adult camp

Duncan and myself will also be supporting kids camp (as SIs).

Will finalise instructors and get back to them ASAP in the next week once we see the final participant numbers.

Urgently needing to finalise a position on a replacement principal with Mark Jones having stood down last year. I will chase up with Duncan, Rachel and Hamish and see if we can make an agreement on if either / any are willing to take on the role.

Action 26.4.4

Meeting Specific Matters Not Covered In Actions In Minutes From Previous meeting

3. Renewal of Membership – Gail

As of 12/4/26

47 Family memberships

25 Individual Memberships

5 Student memberships

11 friend memberships

5 Cadet memberships

This includes 5 new membership groups of which we have 4 x Family; 1 x Student; 1 x individual

4. Survey Reponses -Gerry

This will revisited after S/H regatta

5. Non-Sailing Calendar Events Season 2026

Dinner Dance – Gail

Date is 30/1/27

Due to conditions placed on our potential booking with Dryburgh Abbey Gail has contacted 2 other locations.

See Proposed Dinner dance Venues attached

After discussion the committee has decided to hold the event at Cardrona Hotel

Gail to contact all venues to inform them of the decision **Action 26.4.5 Gail**

Gail will continue to plan event inc menu and liaise with committee when required

6. Events

Work party on 4/4/25 Update – Gerry

Committee thanked Mark N for organising

Clubhouse

3/4/26 - I fixed the plumbing that had failed in the roof top tank (freeze damage) and refilled the system.

In the process, I took out the UV filters and the glass tubes to clean. The one in the roof box cracked when I went to reinstall (apparently this has happened before). Sadly, we did not hold any spares.

Ian Malcolm and I coordinated getting spares from the supplier (in Edinburgh), who were closed due to the Easter weekend.

I agreed with Mike that with this UV filter supplying the hot water tank and changing room sinks and showers only, that we could temporarily install a bypass to supply unfiltered water to these areas. The Galley cold water and outside tap are filtered by a separate particulate and UV filter that was still operational.

We informed the members via WhatsApp of this (and also notified everyone at the opening social).

I installed the bypass on Saturday 4th April and also replumbed the pipework in the galley to the particulate filter and UV filter where there was 2 leaks (into the filter connection and the isolation valve).

The new parts Ian had collected arrived during the week. I replaced the UV filter bulb in the galley and the particulate filter which Ian had managed to get the correct replacements for (this need done yearly).

I also washed out the roof tank UV filter assembly, but when we went to install the new glass tube and the UV bulb we found the supplied tube was the incorrect size.

Ian has taken it away to speak to the supplier this week and get a replacement. When the replacement arrives and I will re-install the filter.

Also spotted that the one of the thermostats for the water heater in the garage is not holding its date and time correctly (due to internal battery failure).

To prevent it running at the wrong times I have switched that heater off (there is an upper and lower heater in the tank - typically one is more than enough to get hot water for a standard club weekend, with both only really needed for open meetings or camps). I will take down a replacement battery, replace and reset the time as soon as possible.

Work party on 30/5/26 – hold over until next meeting

Stands for fire equipment in field need replaced.

Requirements will be postcrete / 4x4 posts / 1x4 slats etc

Ian P to organise

Club Champion 2026 Event

After discussion the committee decided that the trophy for season 2025 would not be competed for and so not awarded at end of this season's dinner dance

May Regatta 16/5/26 – 17/5/26

Updates as required

Opened up bookings a few weeks ago.

On 16/4/26 we have received booking for:

2 Streakers

6 Optimists

4 Fevas

32 Supernovas

2 Toppers

3 ICLAs (2X 4.7 and 1 x 6)

57 dinners

The Supernova fleet have asked if we can open up another 8-10 spaces for them to book (we set an initial limit of 30).

They have 8 boats from Bolton wanting to come up to the event as a group.

(To discuss on Wednesday) see below

The Supernovas have also been fairly constant on emails and Facebook about Dogs, Camping, and if their payment / booking has gone through.

I am pushing the event hard on Facebook as want to try and get some ILCA and junior numbers before we agree whether to open up further spaces for Supernovas (would rather support the classes in the club)

I have also chased some of the ILCA sailors who were at the club at the weekend.

Almost completely filled the Rota for the event.

A few remaining crews to populate on Duty Man but generally have people for them now.

Need to look at getting a reasonable "beach team" to help with launch and recovery and getting trolleys organised. Dave R has agreed to help but more people required.

We have 5 rescue crews and 2 Comm boat crews organised.

I am currently in touch with ELYC to see if we can borrow a RIB from them, otherwise I will need to go cap in hand to Rachel / Rory to ask about borrowing Hoolet.

I have finally organised a second committee boat after some back and forth with Drascombe owners and Tynemouth sailing club. We will be using Chris Moffat's Drascombe (open boat).

We need to discuss on Wednesday if I need to organise additional rescue cover (as per last meeting, I have a provisional booking and costing from Red Seal rescue at a cost of £200 - we need to decide if we want to go ahead with them)

After discussion the committee decided the following:

Wish **to avoid going over the tipping point** where we need to rent toilets, showers, rescue boats and order two hogs. (Chris supplied a 2023 figure of £1000 to rent a 6 cubicle toilet block)

Send email to club members giving them a closing date (within a few days of email being sent) to enter for regatta.

Once we get past this date laser numbers will close and we can then allow 10 more Supernovas to attend

Email volunteers to ask them to sign up for food now so we get a more accurate number for meals

Send 2 emails as described above **Action 26.4.6 Gerry**

7. Request from ELYC to borrow our rib

Committee all agreed to this.

8. AOB

Rescue Boat Crews

This item was suggested by Chris and he wrote:

We have often talked about the need to equip our rescue boat crews with the RYA rescue boat safety course training (I think there may be a course planned), with the increasingly volatile weather it might be worth revisiting this and consider coming up with a strategy to ensure all rescue boats have at least one person on board who has this qualification and one person who has first aid. Obv. Not something we can achieve overnight but should we not consider a plan to achieve this?

After discussion the committee agreed that having at least one person per rescue boat who was 'safety boat' - as well as at least one person who was power boat trained was what we should aim for. Currently only requirement is for cox of rescue boat to be power boat trained.

A 'safety boat' course is planned but date tbc.

Gail to clarify with Gerry re proposed date for this training or find out who we can liaise with to get a date confirmed

Action 26.4.7

Information from Gerry Post Meeting

Safety Boat requirement for Coxes:

Please note that Mark N is safety boat trained so he gave some input into the course details at the meeting.

Gerry requested that this item be added to agenda of next meeting and he will give some background on the syllabus and why the club requirement is at it is. Gerry agreed it was a good proposal to try and get as many safety boat trained as possible.

Plan to run a SB course this year but needing to find a date Gerry and Mark are available, a mid season weekend (it's a lot of time in the water for us so prefer to not do it too early) and a free weekend.

Gerry plans to chase up with Mark

Chris's email included the point about race cancellation which Gail started a discussion on WhatsApp.

Mike reminded committee that decision was made last season that the committee would cancel sailing if a severe weather warning was issued.

In other circumstances cancellation was up to PRO (in discussion with rescue crews)

**"Crannog Marks" / Sculpture – Gerry
Postponed until next meeting**

Boat Park Issues – Gerry

Discussion how best to deal with:

Boats left out of season

Inadequate tying down of boats

Leaving of trailers at club during season

Boat Park

There has been some fairly significant winds the last few weeks and we have both weekends had some boats go for a wander / fall over.

We have done our best to put boats back on trolleys and tie them down to prevent any further damage. I will be reminding members in an email of the importance in ensuring boats are properly placed in spaces and tied down.

Added to Agenda for meeting on 4/5/26

Pest Control – Gerry (green) and Ian P (blue)

We had a fairly high amount of mouse activity in the clubhouse again over the winter - there was a sterling job done in the galley to try and clean up the mess they had created. I think we will need to look at getting out pest control again to try and reduce the impact again.

Noted ongoing mouse activity over off season

Propose Ian P source some traps for during the season, then we engage the services of the same pest controller we used last time to put baits down at end of season to keep overall population under control.

Committee agreed that this was a good plan moving forward. Mark agreed to liaise with Ian regarding this. **Action 26.4.8 - Ian P and Mark**

Pontoon Cleaning – Gerry

Pontoon

The pontoon has become even more of a risk - with the surface of the wood now being very slippery from growth over the winter.

Have been encouraging people to be very careful when going out onto the pontoon.

Have purchased some Wet and Forget and an alternative cleaner that Dave R recommended (that Adrian Johnson had used on a deck for recovering it from a similar position).

Dave R has offered to help apply it to the pontoon.

Will confirm timeline for this and report back on Wednesday.

Gail to speak to Dave R (as meeting him socially) and get feedback

Action 26.4.9

Update by Gerry Post Meeting

The alternative cleaner that Dave recommended arrived. We did discuss doing last Saturday but the weather was horrendous. Will probably be a bit adhoc based on availability and weather.

PAT Testing Results – Gerry

Replacement spin dryer

Mark agreed to take this on

Action 26.4.10 Mark

Update Post Meeting Gerry

The questions wasn't so much on actioning someone to get another one (I am happy to order from the same company I got the remaining one from a year ago - knowing this was the best price available and that having done extensive review was better than getting a cheap Chinese knock off!). The question was whether we felt we wanted to spend £100+ on a second one or whether we felt 1 was sufficient currently? I am aware at peak times they can help, but generally they just sit in the garage. The other option is whether we consider how we can better "permanently" position them to be used any weekend (Loch Lomond had theirs with a drain run off pipe - theirs were in changing rooms which wasn't so sure about but we could consider having them somewhere where they can just be used rather than having to relocate, run cables, etc). - maybe the garage

Suggest we put a poll in WhatsApp about whether we feel we need a second one and can then action quickly? (If you guys already discussed and agreed we need to replace the second one - then happy to just go ahead - was just worried from minutes that was maybe not realised to be the discussion point)

Camping Fee – Gerry

Clarification of kids costs

Committee after discussion decided to make kids under 6 free of charge. During meeting the webcollect and website pages were update to reflect this decision.

Public Dogs – Gerry

Signage

After discussion the committee agreed that responsible dog owners kept their dogs and the leads and cleared up behind their dogs.

Irresponsible dog owners do not heed signs so we would be wasting our money.

Update Post Meeting From Gerry

I understand the committee position recorded in the minutes but I would encourage us to monitor this. Now we have more traffic coming down the path we have a significant number of dogs off leads running around the grounds - I have had dogs try and come in the clubhouse both of the last two weekends and every time I have been down this season (7 days so far) nearly all dogs have been off leads and free roaming around the beach and the boat park. I am concerned about - children who are scared of animals; dogs fighting (members dogs with passing through dogs) and dog waste (which there has been more off recently).

There is signage often into the farmers fields asking for dogs to be on the lead -

I would encourage we do similar.

I understand the argument some won't - but if we don't have any signage we have nothing to enforce - e.g. if we then have a dog running around our field who can we ask an owner to stop? (They have not been informed they shouldn't and there is no livestock to worry?)

Added to agenda for meeting on 4/5/26

Fire Extinguishers – Report supplied by Ian P prior to meeting

Have contacted Fire extinguisher people to come down for service - agreed in principle but need to set a date,

My reading is that extinguishers need annual service as minimum, with a more comprehensive service 5 yearly (discharge/refill) for some types -

There will be a cost to this as list below Ian P will try to pin down costs

- servicing ~ £250-£300,

- 5 yearly replacements perhaps double to triple this - will try and pin down costs)

Propose Ian P try and establish age of current ones and then can plan for replacements.

Committee agreed that this was a good plan moving forward and Ian P should go ahead. **Action 26.4.11 - Ian P**

Post meeting an agreement has been made for an inspection to take place on 24/4/36

The fire alarm manual bells in the field are pretty much all seized and non-functional -

Propose replacement - ~ £30 a piece for four of them.

Committee agreed that this was a good plan moving forward and Ian P should go ahead. **Action 26.4.12 - Ian P**

Stands for fire equipment in field all almost rotten through
3 of 4 definitely need replacing

Propose this as an itemised job for next work party

Requirements will be postcrete / 4x4 posts / 1x4 slats etc

Committee agreed that this was a good plan moving forward and Ian P should go ahead. **Action 26.4.13 - Ian P**

Gail to add to minutes under work party on 30/5/26 (done)

Trees – Report sent by Ian P prior to meeting

Do we have contacts for a favoured tree service? No

Ian P did a walk around at opening, and nothing glaringly obvious, but conscious of insurance implications if we haven't had a 'formal' inspection and one goes through a caravan!

General feeling of the committee was that this was done recently (last season?).

So no further action required

Update post meeting supplied by Gerry

Tree assessment / ongoing work - initial assessment done by a tree surgeon in the valley. He was due to come back and do the formal assessment for insurance purposes for which we agreed to pay him. I chased him late last year and he apologised that there had been some family bereavements and complications, so he hadn't got to it. I will chase up again

Action 26.4.14 Gerry

On the actual getting bits done on trees - if it's minor bits of removing limbs / tidying up loose parts - Ian stark has offered to take this on - we just need to ask / tell him what needs done and he will plan it in. Over the winter he came down and chopped up the fallen limb on the right of the road on the corner. For bigger jobs we would need to get a quote (and have 2 potential companies we can ask).

Date of next meeting **4/5/26**

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RED – URGENT

AMBER – GOOD TO GET DONE IN REASONABLE TIME SCALE

GREEN – NO RUSH

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26.3	5	Confirm booking for dinner dance	Gail	Completed
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26.3	8	Rodent / pest control	Mark N / Ian P	
26.3	9	Cleaning of pontoon status	Gail	Completed
26.3	10	Source new spin dryer	Mark N	
26.3	11	Fire safety as per his proposals	Ian P	
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26.3	13	New stands for fire equipment materials	Ian P	
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