



St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

Enterprise Fleet No. 83

Mirror Fleet No. 224

Committee Meeting

04 05 2026 Zoom

Meeting Minutes 26.4

Fixed Standard Matters

1. Apologies

Present	Apologies
Mike	Dave T
Gail	
Gerry	
Chris	
Mark N	
Clare	
Keith T	
Ian P	
Rachel (Trustee)	

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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26.3	5	Confirm booking for dinner dance	Gail	Completed
26.3	6	Email for club lasers to register for regatta and volunteers to book dinners tickets	Gerry	Completed
26.3	7	Find out details of safety boat course	Gail	Completed
26.3	8	Rodent / pest control	Mark N / Ian P	Action required at ens of season Completed
26.3	9	Cleaning of pontoon status	Gail	Completed
26.3	10	Source new spin dryer	Mark N	Clare found one on Market place. Completed
26.3	11	Fire safety as per his proposals	Ian P	Completed
26.3	12	Manual alarm bells replacements	Ian P	Work Party on 30/5/26 Completed
26.3	13	New stands for fire equipment materials	Ian P	Work Party on 30/5/26 Completed

26.3	14	Chase up tree survey	Gerry	Completed – to be done May / June
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Text in green is from notes sent by Gerry prior to meeting

2. Updates

Budget update - Keith

Funds are in a good position. To date we have :
 £3875 from S/H and Jnr regatta – with costs still to be paid out
 other courses have a surplus of £400
 total surplus of circa £12k
 At present we have :
 Circa £30k in current account
 Circa £97k in savings accounts

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

Mike to continue to chase lawyer.
 Payment for our camera due to Office of Information Commissioner on 12/6/26
 for our webcam. Gail to arrange payment

Action 26.4.1 Gail

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

Ongoing Club House Maintenance

Water supply has been a fair issue during the start of the season. I resolved the initial burst pipe and then two other leaks, however I accidentally damaged the glass prism tube in the UV filter in the roof tank. I resolved temporarily by installing a bypass pipe and communicating to members that water in the changing rooms was unfiltered. We had some issues resolving the filter with the supplier sending an incorrect replacement, thus a further delay. When I then reinstalled the filter and drained the system down - an air lock occurred in the hot water system we couldn't remove (I tried over 2 trips to the club and Ian Malcolm did similar. In the process I did replace the bleed valve that had blocked. Tom Blake came to the rescue, after some back and forth he came up with a way we could push the blockage out using a high pressure pump - we managed to push the air lock out the system and get the hot water working. I have re-engaged the immersion heaters and programmed both to now run from Wednesday for adult camp - I will reset to normal after adult camp.

Lorry has replaced the door handle in the gents that had snapped off and had a sharp edge. I still need to replace the rear door locks with keypad locks - I need to speak to David R on how to best do and retro fit to the current lock holes. Lorry has fitted padlocks to the garage door at the rear of the clubhouse we installed at the end of last year.

We are running low on toilet paper stock - I have ordered more from Viking (4 x 6 packs) that should come in time for Ailsa to take for adult camp.

The water pump from the loch for the toilets isn't currently working. I have not had time to investigate and confirm what is wrong. Currently it has been wet

enough to not worry about the spring, so hasn't been top priority. Will look in due course unless someone else wants to? (I suspect it's the electrical relay underneath the galley back door).

Ian M has "wet and forgotten" the pontoon - it had become lethal. I observed this week it was still slippery and Dave R is going to go down and apply osmo deck recovery tomorrow (Monday). Update this has been completed

Update of club boats – Gerry

Lorry has been doing some work on the committee boat to relocate the mast so the cover will fit. This work is now complete and we will aim to launch the boat on Saturday (in time for the novice cup).

I replaced the bilge pump in the dory after the auto sensor stopped working. I have bought the old one back to look at but don't expect it will be recoverable (we had another one fail a few years back and because it's a sealed unit I couldn't repair).

I went to launch the black RIB on Friday in advance of the PB2 course and adult camp and had issues finding the bung. This is a bespoke bung and is not possible to have a retaining line added. We had the same issue a year ago when it went missing. I have therefore ordered two spares which we will store in the spares box in case of future issues. The SBC grey RIB was used as part of the PB2 course. Bob rang me to inform me that they had then had issues with it - the "tell tale" was not letting out water. Bob tried it again but no success. To save me another trip to the loch he has bought it back to mine on his way home and I will look it over tomorrow. If not recoverable will get it to ferry marine (they claimed was fully working when they ran it in the test tank in April post service). This needs fixed for adult camp - otherwise I will work out something to recover it. Update – not fixed

I opened up the rescue packs on Friday and checked all were complete and dry. We need to get three more safety knives and kill cords which I will order)

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

Powerboat 2 course was run 2nd / 3rd May. 3 participants. Successful course. Thanks to Bob for running course. Bob has advised he is willing (and keen) to continue supporting courses going forward (will discuss using him as an external instructor FOC. - will need to check insurance position doing this but think we can work something out).

Adult Camp - 29 participants, 8 instructors. Groups now organised and communicated to instructors and participants. Catering coordinated by participants. Starts on Thursday morning, through to Saturday afternoon. novice cup Sunday. Duncan Willoughby organising with Ailsa (and Charles) giving some oversight. Generally prepared for camp (See comments on rescue boats below for issue being resolved ASAP)

Kids Camp - 13 participants now signed up. Entry initially "closed". Currently reviewing groupings and planning to respond confirming places this week.

Further entries may be accepted if they fit into groups as proposed. Expect that as per last year we may run a PB2 course as part of the week for some of the older Juniors. Proposing potentially a change to the catering - aligning more to adult camp, with families self catering for breakfast and lunch and evening meal done on a rota. This will help with parenting rota. Expecting costing would then stay the same, but expense reduced.

Clare has offered to help with catering planning.

Training Principal - still vacant - need to resolve asap. Have been contacted by RYA about setting an inspection date and I will commence discussion with them to set a date (ideally kids camp week). Will discuss with Ailsa, Duncan, Charles, Rachel and Hamish at adult camp how we progress this moving forward.

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

3. **Renewal of Membership – Gail**
See Subscription Numbers May Meeting
4. **Survey Reponses -Gerry**
This will revisited after S/H regatta
5. **Non-Sailing Calendar Events Season 2026**
None close enough o be discussed
6. **Events**

Work party on 30/5/26 –

After discussion it was decided to move the work party to 6/6/26

Action 26.4.2 Gerry

Mark N has agreed to take the lead on this with help from Mike and Ian P.

Stands for fire equipment in field need replaced.

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

Ian P to organise the above items

May Regatta 16/5/26 – 17/5/26

Updates as required

Regatta Marks: we are needing two sets of marks for the junior and singlehanded regatta. I have looked over the ones we have and all look ready to go. I have bought back home the yellow ones that had leaks historically to patch - we used to have 4 working ones of these - one of which deflated reasonably quickly. I should be able to recover them for use. I have also ordered the pulleys and shackles to make up the extra weight sets for them.

We have had 73 entries for the S&J event and have now closed entry and setup a “waiting list”

I have drafted some words (that Rachel has simplified) that we are sending to the fleets to explain the position and ask anyone who is interested to join the

waiting list.

We have now organised an additional 3 rescue boats (ELYC, Hoolet (IOCA Scotland) and Connor McGaugheys)

Connor is also going to be running coaching for a regatta fleet - currently of 2 to 4 little ones.

Robbie Burns (IOCA Scotland Head Coach) is also offering to help run some additional support briefing after the race briefing and I am going to discuss with him an end of day debrief with video footage.

We have sold 107 hog roast tickets (cap of 120). I am discussing with Mike how we can cover further heads if required.

We have a catering call on Tuesday night to finalise details and organise purchasing food for other meals. (Claire and Mike and myself).

I have been in touch with border loo and received a quote of £100 per porta loo. I am going to order 2-4 loos (discuss at meeting quantities)

Decision at meeting was to order 4 for the regatta

Rachel is also getting a marquee but she has to check its condition. We can then look at the forecast and decide whether to erect at end of adult camp. I have not confirmed with red seal if we feel we need them yet. They have messaged this week.

I am going to put up a list of jobs to do at the end of adult camp to ensure the clubhouse is ready for visitors the weekend after. I will also be installing the code lock on the gate for those who want to drop off boats in the week / get down early on Friday.

I have checked over the flags - and have worked out what spares I need to order.

I am working through a draft of the sailing instructions and will get this circulated in due course. I have also confirmed Roger is still okay to run the second course. He is away on holiday until next Sunday but will review the SIs and discuss with me when back.

An area of the field will be roped and / or coned off to help ensure logical parking of cars and camper vans. Rory J, David M, (with help from others inc beach team) wearing high vis vests will direct people as they arrive. Gerry to organise the people and the vests for this

Action 26.4.3 Gerry

Gerry to email Riparian Owners to tell about the regatta

Action 26.4.4 Gerry

Thanks to Chris and Viv Blake for the use of their caravan for doing the results

Details of the regatta are as follows:

Streakers – max 5 races – results are ‘places’

Lasers – max 5 races – results are ‘times’

Super Nova – max 9 races – results are ‘places’

Feva Main Fleet racing – max 9 races – results are ‘places’

Oppi Main Fleet Racing – max 9 races – results are ‘places’

Oppi Regatta Coached Fleet – max 9 races – results are ‘places’

Topper Main Fleet racing – max 9 races – results are ‘places’

Rachel will show clearly on Oppi results who is in which group.

Decision was made that if a boat who ‘entered’ before 6/5/26 but who were on the waiting list and were subsequently given a place at the regatta then they would not be charged ‘the late fee’.

7. **Safety Boat Course / Requirement for Rescue Boat Crews – Gerry**

Safety boat course - still needing to discuss dates with Mark. Will review once J&S event is out the way.

Action 26.4.5 Gerry

Possible dates in July / August will be looked at. Maximum of 12 per course. May repeat season 2027 if there is sufficient demand.

8. **“Crannog Marks” / Sculpture, Moorings and Marks– Gerry**

Ian Malcolm, Chris Swaffield and Mike Lewis have done a survey of all race mark positions (using the GPS positions doc brown historically had). All are in correct positions.

Ian Malcolm, Keith Milroy and Shona Redpath have been and removed the remaining 2 crannog marks and anchorage that was still in the water (it was becoming very rusted and poorly held in place). They have returned the three crannogs and cable work to the club (Ian has discarded the cable work). There is still a few bits of cable attached to the “wheel barrows” that Ian plans to go down and grind off later in the year.

9. **Boat Park Issues – Gerry**

Boats left out of season

After discussion it was decided that :

Remind people that boats must be away by 31/10/26

If they do not remove boats then the boats will be sold or disposed of (We will give them 1 months grace)

Inadequate tying down of boats

After discussion it was decided that :

There will be a number of lengths of rope in the shed. If any committee member feels that a boat is insecurely tied down then they should use this rope to tie the boat down

Leaving of trailers at club during season

After discussion it was decided that :

We will enforce the rule that all trailers should be off site and that this will also be applied to caravan owners.

Gerry will email members reminding them of this rule and drawing their attention to Yarrow Valley Storage which is located beyond the Gordon Arms

Action 26.4.6 Gerry

10. Public Dogs – Gerry

Continued from last meeting

After discussion it was decided that we would install 2 signs (one at each gate into our club area). The signs should read

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG UNDER CONTROL

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Mike to organise

Action 26.4.Mike

11. AOB.

Sailing Club Affiliation

Managed to get logged into RYA system and submit affiliation information.

Received acceptance and a club affiliation certificate (circulated in WhatsApp). We should print and put up as at club (note this is not to be confused with the RYA training centre accreditation which is separate and will be agreed once we have been inspected)

We have most policies we need but one we will need to review is whether we have a suitable safety management system (the RYA have some information on what we need to setup here). We can review during the season / into the winter months.

Contact Us form from Lev Ryashin. No details filled in except address is UAE and statement that he was under 18.

Went through webcollect including regatta entries to see if there was a link – nothing

Google search revealed that he was Russian living in UAE and in December 2025 he won the Kidzink Pearl Cup in Oppi class.

With an eye to potential security concerns webcollect entry was deleted
gail has also had a 'contact form' from a member of St Mary's Lake Sailing Club in Alberta Canada. She has replied and set club information. In return they sent some photos which Gail shared with the committee

Meeting closed at 9.56 pm

Date of next meeting – 24/6/26

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26.4	6	Send email re trailers on site during season	Gerry	

		and in September email re boats off site		
26.4	7	Signage re dogs	Mike	Completed