



St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

Enterprise Fleet No. 83

Mirror Fleet No. 224

Committee Meeting

22 07 2026 Zoom

Meeting Minutes 26.5

This meeting was due to be cancelled due to committee members being on holiday. However, as we had to make important decisions due to :

Blue green algae in loch

No water at club from any source

Kids Camp due to start this weekend

Yes / No 'go ahead' for bore hole

Regatta in August.

Thanks to committee members who were on holiday but who joined the shortened meeting. Consequently, quorum was reached.

Attendees

Gail Millar

Gerry Goodfellow

Mike Lewis

Ian Price

Mark Newsam

Andrew Hewitt

Dave Thomson

Blue – Green Algae

SBC and SEPA have confirmed the presence of blue-green algae in the loch.

As a consequence, signs have been erected and checked by SCB and SEPA.

They advise that no water from the loch should be used.

Members should not swim, kayak, canoe, or paddle board in the loch.

Children should be kept away from the loch.

Dogs should be kept away from the loch.

Follow good hygiene procedure – including but not exclusively washing hands and not ingesting loch water. If loch water gets on the skin then whilst hand sanitiser will remove germs, blue green algae toxins can only be removed by washing with soap and water.

Kids Camp

As we have no means of following good hygiene procedures, as we have no water for washing, it was decided that the only safe option was to cancel Kids camp.

This decision was unanimous.

Action Gerry to email all people who were to attend Kids camp.

Please note that consideration was given to holding the camp at another sailing

location but this was not felt to be a feasible option.

Water Supply

Due to the lack of rain, the spring which Tibbie's has been allowing us to use for our toilets, is now at a low level. As a result, Alistair has turned off our supply from that source. He will turn this water supply back on when the spring supply increases but there is always the risk that if levels drop our water would be turned off again.

This means that we no longer have water to flush toilets. As SEPA advises that we should not use loch water for toilet flushing (as blue-green algae can form aerosol and thus be inhaled), the committee unanimously decided to fully close the club with immediate effect.

This will be reviewed next week

Gail to do the comms on this

Action Gail to email all members on Thursday to allow the camp email to go out first.

After discussion the committee unanimously approved the installation of a bore hole. We have 2 quotes and decided to go with James Fraser.

On Thursday 23 July Gerry will talk to :

SBC re timing of bore hole with a potential grant and the length of time that they would take to test supply and return results.

With James Fraser to confirm time scale of installation of bore hole.

Action Gerry to call people as listed above.

Regatta

Until we know the time scale for a functioning bore hole and the clearance of blue-green algae, the committee unanimously agreed the following:

Get NOR prepared

Prepare comms to go out to Enterprise Fleet and RS 200 fleet **if we have to postpone the regatta until 19 / 20 September 2026**. If fleets are not agreeable to this date change then we will have to cancel. These potential options will only come into play if we cannot guarantee water from the bore hole and blue-green algae restrictions are removed. There is the potential that we could go ahead if we had full water function, but attendees would have to know the risks and follow the hygiene guidelines as listed above.

Action Mike and Andrew (Andrew is PRO)

AOB

Gail to email SB Fire and Rescue to update them on current situation at the loch.

Committee agreed to loan one of our ribs that are currently in the shed, to the Oppi Association for their regatta at Largs. It was decided that we would not take a rib out of the water as we have no means of cleaning it.

Committee thanked Gerry for all he did whilst on holiday in Greece.