



St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

Enterprise Fleet No. 83

Mirror Fleet No. 224

Committee Meeting

29 07 2026 Zoom

Emergency Meeting Minutes

This emergency meeting was called due to the need to make important decisions due to :

Blue green algae no longer in loch

Water now available at club

Regatta in August – decision on dates

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

Mark Newsam

Andrew Hewitt

Dave Thomson

Keith Thomas

Chris Blake

Decision taken to open club from Friday evening 31 July 2026. *

Reasons as listed below

Blue – Green Algae

There is now no visible sign of blue green algae at the loch. Warnings have been removed from SBC website.

However, as it can take a period of time for the full impact of the blue green algae to dissipate we should remind members to be mindful of the warnings previously given:

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 your hands then whilst hand sanitiser will remove germs, blue green algae toxins can only be removed by washing with soap and water.

Wash sailing kit thoroughly at home.

Water Supply

The spring water has been replenished by the recent rain and Tibbie's has reconnected the club to that supply. This supply has been tested. Preliminary results show that there are no problems with the water. However, we have to wait for the full results before we use it for drinking water.

Members will be asked to :

Please bring their own supply of drinking water when they come to the club.

Use the water from the taps (spring water) for hand and dish washing.

Use showers but use as small amount of water as possible when showering.

Not use hoses to wash down your boat

Loch water to be reconnected for toilet flushing. **Action Dave to do this with phone help from Gerry.**

Bore hole planning continues. 3 sites have been identified and SBC have been asked to review the sites. Steel lining has been sourced from Italy (not available in UK) so construction of the bore hole is not likely to start until early September.

Decision taken to return regatta to its original date – 29 /30 August 2026 *

This decision was taken due to the delay in starting the bore hole, the reinstatement of spring water with good results from testing and the dispersal of blue green algae.

Committee is most grateful to Mike who had spent a considerable amount of time emailing / phoning people (beer suppliers, hog roast suppliers, ceilidh band, bar licence and sailing fleets) to change the date of the regatta to September. He kindly agreed to go back to these people and move regatta date back to August. **Action Mike**

Post meeting Mike reported that this change to August has been successfully done.

NOR and webcollect link now needed **Action Mike and Andrew (Andrew is PRO)**

Racing and Events Decision *

The following events will go ahead:

2/8/26 Racing Series

9/8/26 Racing Series

16/8/26 Pursuit race - please come down on the Saturday 15/8/26 for a social BBQ (bring your own food and drink)

23/8/26 Racing Series

29/8/26 and 30/8/26 Annual Regatta (the original dates)

Sailing then continues until end of season.

We may add in additional events – family fun day / tour of the loch once we are more happy with the security of the water supply from both the loch and the spring.

Gail will email all members and the fire brigade informing them of the * items above (with explanations).

Gail will email fire and rescue to keep them informed.

Action Gail