

**SUSSEX SAILABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING, SY SHOREHAM  
19.00, MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2013**

**Present:** Jay Forsyth (JF), Kevin Headon (KH), Chris Taylor (CT), Chris Pelling (CP), Dave Terry (DT), Steve Lee (SL), Sue Pedley (SP).  
Notes: Lesley Mercer

**1. Apologies:** John MacTear (JMT)

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were agreed

**3. Matters arising:** These are included in the agenda.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** To date Sx Sail has capital at a healthy £35k. Expenses offered as Gift Aid have added nearly £5k to the Sx Sail funds.

**5. Round up of pending 'Agreed Things To Do'!**

**a. Pontoon access ramp.** The shore end is still uncomfortably steep at low tide and virtually un-useable by Sx Sail members.

**b. Adur Rec' Car Boot Sale.** SL has investigated further; this might be more complicated and harder work than originally thought. SL is prepared to continue and explained: the council will pick from several submitted dates, also, we don't want it to clash with Sx Sail Saturday sessions and finally on the day we will need at minimum 8 volunteers (to clear up, return keys etc.).

**AP 1.** SL to apply and committee to review further if Sx Sail get offered a date.

**c. Boat Jumble.** Make this a once every two year event possibly.

**d. Virtual yacht racing for fund raising.** Not really feasible at present, agreed to abandon.

**e. Tea/coffee donation box.** Ticking over nicely, £40 so far.

**f. University Group fund raising.** Quiz Night at campus, 25th November.

**g. Capstan training.** Sx Sail to make up a party, then Ben will offer a training session for them, possibly April 5th. When completed can then sign-out a key to use it.

**h. Visit other Sailability Groups (Langstone).**

**AP 2.** JF will let them see Sx Sail 2014 schedule and both groups will try to team up during the year.

**j. Committee membership.** Numbers are dwindling. Martin Butcher is not available, Paul Holzherr is available infrequently, Wendy Taylor, has resigned.

**k. Chairperson.** To remain the same, joint ownership.

**m. CT agreed to Edit/collate articles for SYC and other publications.**

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**Items for consideration at future meetings:**

Personal Identification and tabards.  
WT & JMT Cold Calling.  
Using SYC premises for fund raising.  
Sonar Europeans 2014, Cowes.  
Recruiting of more OODs, training and maybe a 'Buddy-Up' scheme  
Volunteer development and also a 'Buddy-Up' Scheme  
Team Leaders

**6. 2014 Planning (cont. from previous meeting).**

The committee discussed the following topics:

**a. Sailor Training:** KH. Evening development sessions are now being included in the timetable. A decision about who will benefit from being specifically targeted for development and who will gain most by generally being encouraged to improve, is under review.

**Note:** RYA Sx Sail Log Books & Certificates are now available, with CP.

**b. Volunteer Review/Training.** KH. Would like to compile a list of names and available skills. (CP, Sx Sail is lacking 'helms' and Safety Boat drivers.) KH, would like a dedicated weekend, possibly April 12-15, to enable suitable volunteers to come along and find out what volunteering is all about, this could include prospective Safety Boat drivers. Generally, this weekend will be by invitation to ensure greatest success.

**c. Fleet review.** Sx Sail still have a redundant Topper to dispose of. 'Phyllis' and the Wanderer are both under used, review use and futures next season.  
KH. The engine & trailer for the pioneer will need replacing within the next two years (engine approx. £4-5000, trailer about £1500).  
Access, generally satisfactory, maybe replace the reefing lines.  
DT, The Drascombe is a very popular vessel, maybe look to obtaining a second one.  
Fleet generally to be scrutinized over the coming season, a schedule for upgrading and gradual replacing of stock be put into place, beginning with those that are used the least.

**AP 3.** Schedule to sell the Wanderer post Easter, 2014.

**d. Fleet Maintenance.** The Sonars & 'Marky' have been properly serviced this season. Sx Sail have used the Sonars very little this year and then only one boat.

**AP 4.** KH will speak to Ben and liaise with Reg ref. due payments for the work done on Sonars.

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Access' and Stratos maintenance schedules to be reviewed in the spring.  
Stratos centre board cleet repair outstanding.  
Reg maintains 'Marky' and will check her out for Sx Sail.  
The hoists were serviced last year, paperwork with SYC office.

**e. 2014 Schedule.** SP Completed, a few date clashes, but these have generally been overcome. Where joint events are unavoidable, making safety boat cover limited then the Sx Sail session will still run but as a restricted event.

The Sponsor Day will not be included in the schedule, but efforts will still be made to find sponsorship for such a day once sailing begins.

Maybe a Volunteers Day Event, Southwick based, to encourage and hopefully recruit more willing helpers. Arrangements as they progress to be confirmed with JMT.

And possibly, a social event linking with the start of the new season, 'fitting-out', and letting everyone get to know one another.

KH. Federation Week 2014, Chichester. Sx Sail could do this with its own boats, are we interested? If so, then we should begin to organise now.

UKSA, a long weekend, September time could be possible if sufficiently supported, approx cost £150, again organising needs to begin sooner rather than later.

All these possibilities depend on what Sx Sail wants to do for the future, maybe a small sub-committee to organise and report back to the main committee.

The committee thanked Sue for compiling the 2014 Schedule.

**f. Winter Sailing.** Not a formal programme, but probably more likely to be entering specific events when occasion and weather permit.

**7. AOB:**

a. JF, Should an invitation to the Sx Sail Christmas Meal be sent to the senior members of the SYC committee?

The committee discussed this at some length and agreed to send them full details, saying they would be most welcome should they decide to attend.

b. SL, Redundant printer cartridges etc are still being successfully collected for Sx Sail, he intends publicising the scheme again in the clubhouse and including details in the next Wavelength edition.

**8: DONM:** To be arranged, but in due time before the AGM, 22, February, 2014.