

29er Class Association Committee Meeting

Minutes

10th June 2025 @ 7.30 via Google Meet

Apologies: Hannah Bristow, Steve Sinfield, Helen Alheid, Clive Grummett, Will Gatehouse, Lee Sydenham, Ali Wood

In attendance:

Officers of the Association:

Doug Walker, Anne Sydenham, Roger Morris, Dougal Scott, Samantha White, Melissa Heppell

Other attendees:

Gavin Homer, Louis Hiscocks, Alice Thorsby

Meeting was quorate.

Approval and Actions:

Minutes approved -

- Safety SOP's
- Mast head floats
- DBS checks – a register of coaches/DBS
- Incident report form
- Training – heavy weather, recovery training
- Sailor reps
- RYA (report due in June)
- Bank account mandate
- Class rib home
- Skills week
- Try a 29er opportunities
- Committee vacancies
- **Dates that are confirmed are on the website -**

Treasurer's Report:

As per email circulated – any questions to Steve – no issues raised or identified.

Sailing Secretary update:

Some discussions going on the diary 2026 and international events and how to fit them in to maximise attendance; some dates going into Autumn 2026 are booked at WPNSA. 2027 – HISC – Nationals. 2026 Nationals not yet booked. To be a priority. DW/AS to action.

Class Coach Update:

Europeans coach will be Ollie
Worlds might not have the numbers to send 3 coaches
Split payment – agreed
Class radio required

AOB:

RYA Transition Academy – launched – Midlands/North don't have a coach. Dates have been put out. How does this impact the class association. They are looking at 2 x female, 2 x male, 2 x mixed. Having selection weekends. There is an element of competition – looking at dates so don't clash, trying to ensure that work together. Issues discussed is confusion and communication to sailors – what should they apply for.
There is also performance/ BYST and the talent academies.

The class will aim to continue to ensure that as many sailors as possible have access to high quality training.

We need to name our coaches, define our offer and push the reputation of the squads up.

Suggestion that we should not offer open training and concentrate on CNS/CDS. The other view is OT at the right venues with an advertised good coach and people will sign up. Need to ask the sailors what they want.

AT to take forward re the class training offer and look at the RYA programme

List of coaches to put forward to sailors LH

Nationals – entry open – MH push on socials – got a few outstanding items to clarify.
Question is a rash vest – Zhik looking at what their offer is.

Event kit a huge success and profit to class and suggestion goes back to sailors

Newsletter – action to HB when she gets back

Next Meeting: AGM

The chair thanked everyone for their attendance