

## SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

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**THOSE PRESENT:** TERRY BRANSTON c/t, STEWART WARREN vc/s, PAUL COMLEY rc, TANYA WARREN, GEFF BRIANT p DAVE ARNOLD, ALEX NICHOLAS, ANDREW DAVIDSON

**APOLOGIES:** RICHARD WHITE

**MEETING START:** 19:32

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Proposed by Geff seconded by Andrew

**MEMBERSHIP 2026:** 12 Full + 2 Hons + 4 Distant = 18  
Possibility of BOSG joining for flat fee of £100 for year. 10 members, plus guests.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Bank balances: Current account £1992.94 Deposit £1044.50.  
Sailability £200 Paid, RNLI £200 paid, £60 room rental paid.

**Commodores charity, Raffle £40, 2026 Calendars £237.60 + (£24 2025) = £301.60**

### **PAST MEETINGS/EVENTS: See website for full details**

**11 December** Photo competition well attended with excellent pictures for next years calendar. A good sum raised for commodores charity NCI and RNLI. A fun social evening with home made festive snacks. Thanks to all who contributed.

**08 January 2026** Dave Arnold's two for one talk on sailing the Broads and narrow boating was well attended with excellent photos. Thoroughly enjoyable and well presented with some history, sailing, canal boating and plenty of wildlife.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** *Seven thirty start!* Zoom - Ask all to turn off Zoom cameras.

### **Bring sound amp to future meetings**

<b>11 February</b> Sea survival on <b>Wednesday</b> 11 Feb @ <b>Hatfield Pool 8pm.</b>	<b>TW/SW</b>
<b>19 February</b> Social Drinks with <b>committee</b> @ RNA.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>12 March</b> AGM.	<b>TB/ALL</b>
<b>09 April</b> Seven Years Sailing in France <b>Paul Bragg</b>	<b>TW/PB</b>
<b>14 May</b> Life Raft Discussion with photos/Quiz. (SW, TW, TB, RW away)	<b>PC/AD</b>
<b>11 June</b> Sailing in Sicily <b>Terry Branston</b>	<b>TB</b>
<b>9 July</b> sabbatical drinks at club <b>social</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>13 August</b> BBQ at <b>Dave &amp; Liz Arnolds</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>10 Sept</b> Saronic sailing	<b>TB/SW</b>

**8 October** Jeramy Batch **tbc** **RW**  
**12 November** Wrecks of Malta **TW/SW**  
**10 December** Photo Competition, Calendar, Raffle, Social **TB/ALL**

**Ideas for meetings:**

Coast watch zoom **TB** Sydney Hobart Zoom talk **BOSG AN**  
AED + Bleed kits **TW** Tides video / Discussion **AD**  
Ropes / Visiting speaker - Zoom **GB** Pauline Sailability Zoom **TW**  
Ocean Clean UP videos etc **TW** Phillip Allen Author **TW**

**TRAINING:**

**Wednesday 11 Feb, 8pm Sea survival** Hatfield pool Life raft event with divers.  
Dave and Paul have life rafts out of date. Life jackets tbc. Theory and pool. **TW/SW**

**EVENTS:**

**28 March** Fitting Out Lunch **Cowper arms** Geff to book. **GB**

**FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY**

Mid-week South Coast sail in company 1-5th June & 21-15 Sept Terry & Martyn **TB**  
East coast rally Alex & Ray date tbc **AN**

**SOCA NEWS / WEBSITE:**

Volunteers for write up of talks. **ALL**  
Geff continues to update web site any thoughts on improvements? **GB/ALL**  
**All to look at website regularly to boost listings** **ALL**

**COMMODORE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

February life raft sea survival on **WEDNESDAY 11th** social Thursday 19th

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

AGM Minutes will be sent to club **SW**  
Geoff will assist Terry with AGM presentation  
Trophies will be awarded to:  
**Astrolabe.** Andrew Davidson most attended talk on Crinan Canal trip.  
**Kelphil Bell.** Tanya Warren most support to club.  
**Joseph Everson.** Paul Comley talk and navigation in Norfolk.  
**Belaying Pin.** Honfleur - Alex for perseverance in sailing and overcoming problems.  
**Commodore cup** Terry to present at AGM.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Thursday 19th February 2026 @ 19.30 RNA ALL WELCOME**

**MEETING CLOSED: 20.31**

Stewart Warren,  
Secretary