

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

THOSE PRESENT: STEWART WARREN vc/s, PAUL COMLEY rc,
TANYA WARREN, GEFf BRIANT p, ALEX NICHOLAS, ANDREW DAVIDSON

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, TERRY BRANSTON c/t, DAVE ARNOLD

MEETING START: 19:45

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Geff seconded by Tanya

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 £2053.95 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 February Sea survival on **Wednesday** 11 Feb @ **Hatfield Pool 8pm.** TW/SW

Sea. Survival night went well, attended by Divers and sailors, four rafts were available, along with a few life jackets, all were out of date, but all went off without a problem. One raft had a small problem with being inflated by a dive cylinder bursting a ring, but that did not detract from the fun of the evening.

Video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb5SRACeEtG0

Theory: www.socasailing.org.uk/?p=17691

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

12 March AGM.	TB/ALL
9th April Committee	ALL
16 April Seven Years Sailing in France Paul Bragg	TW/PB
14 May talk on Clyde trip Andrew or Social/Quiz. (SW, TW, TB, RW away)	PC/AD
11 June Sailing in Sicily Terry Branston	TB
9 July sabbatical drinks at club social	ALL
13 August BBQ at Dave & Liz Arnolds	ALL
10 Sept Saronic sailing	TB/SW
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**

AED + Bleed kits **TW**

Ropes / Visiting speaker - Zoom **GB**

Ocean Clean UP videos etc **TW**

Sydney Hobart Zoom talk **BOSG AN**

Tides video / Discussion **AD**

Pauline Sailability Zoom **TW**

Phillip Allen Author **TW**

TRAINING:

Sea survival successful session at Hatfield pool Mid Herts Divers.

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TW/SW

EVENTS:

28 March Fitting Out Lunch **Cowper arms** Geff has booked 1pm.

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

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SOCA NEWS / WEBSITE:

Volunteers for write up of talks.

Geff continues to update web site any thoughts on improvements?

All to look at website regularly to boost listings

ALL

GB/ALL

ALL

COMMODORE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

AGM Minutes have been sent to club

Club accounts to be sent out to members.

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 Evanson. 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.

SW

SW/TB

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 19th March 2026 @ 19.30 RNA ALL WELCOME

MEETING CLOSED: 20.00

Stewart Warren,

Secretary