

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

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

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, DAVE ARNOLD

MEETING START: 19:35

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Geff seconded by Paul

MEMBERSHIP 2026: 13 Full + 2 Hons + 14 Distant = 29
BOSG joined for flat fee of £100 for year, 10 members, plus guests.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bank balances: Current account £2053.95 Deposit £1044.50.

Commodores charity 25-26: £301.60 to be paid - £250 Coastwatch £50 RNLI

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

12th March **AGM** - www.socasailing.org.uk/?p=17808

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

16th April **Eight Years Sailing the West Coast of France with Paul Bragg.**

Excellent talk and photos. It's easy to see why Paul and Elaine, aboard Island Packet Jennie B, have made this their cruising area for 8 years.

Add write-up to website

TW/GB

14 May Social (combined with committee meeting??)

SW, TW, TB, RW away **Paul C** Navigating the evening

PC/AD

11 June Production of Large astronomical Mirrors with **Paul Comley**

PC

9 July sabbatical social drinks at club, possible fish and Chip/quiz night

ALL

13 August BBQ at **Dave & Liz Arnolds**

ALL

10 Sept Saronic sailing

TB/SW

8 October Sailing in Sicily

TB

12 November Jeramy Batch

RW

10 December Photo Competition, Calendar, Raffle, Social

TB/ALL

Thursdays 19th March & 9th APRIL 2026

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:

Ideas for Autumn/Winter 2026

ALL

EVENTS:

Recent **Fitting Out Lunch** 28/3 was well organised by GB, attended and enjoyed by many. Well done to PC vc for stepping up at last minute to cover for absent Commodore. **Photos website?**

GB

FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY

Mid-week South Coast sail in company 1-5th June & 21-25 Sept Terry & Martyn **TB**

East Coast sailing Alex & Ray date tbc

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SOCA NEWS / WEBSITE:

Volunteers for write up of talks.

ALL

Domain Name needs to be renewed 17/9/27 (**Beware Scammers**)

GB/TB/TW

All to look at website regularly to boost listings

ALL

COMMODORE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We hope to visit historic ships around our coast during the year, starting with the paddle steamer Waverley on the Thames. Cost and dates to be confirmed.

Commodore's charity for 2026-7 will be oytsouth.org

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None brought up at meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

**Thursday 21st 2026 May @ 19.30 RNA ALL WELCOME
or combined with May 14 meeting**

MEETING CLOSED: 20.10

Stewart Warren,
Secretary