

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

THOSE PRESENT: STEWART WARREN c/s, TANYA WARREN rc, GEFF BRIANT, ALEX NICHOLAS, ANDREW DAVIDSON, DAVE ARNOLD

APOLOGIES: RICHARD WHITE, TERRY BRANSTON p/t, PAUL COMLEY vc,

MEETING START: 19:39

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Geff seconded by Andrew

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 £1771.95 Deposit £1050.13

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

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

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

A really interesting talk on development, design and production of large mirror segments for the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT). The ELT is currently being built in Chile on top of mountain. Paul discussed the associated problems with manufacturing 798 individual hexagonal mirror segments to form a single, massive 39-meter primary mirror.

PC

9 July sabbatical social drinks at club.

All

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

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

SW/TW/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

14 January 2027. Three old men in a boat

GB

11th February An extra day in Lefkas

AD

11th March SOCA annual Review and agm

SW/ALL

Ideas for meetings:

Talk on Solar eclipse GB

Talk on the poles changing and the possible effects it will have on us.

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:

Ideas for Autumn/Winter 2026

ALL

EVENTS:

Laying UP Lunch 7th November at the Cowper Arms organised by Geff/Tanya **GB**

FUTURE SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY

Mid-week South Coast sail in company 1-5th June postponed to 27-31 July, 21-25

Sept Terry & Martyn

TB

East Coast sailing Alex & Ray date tbc

AN

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 20th August 2026 @ 19.30 RNA ALL WELCOME

MEETING CLOSED: 20.10

Stewart Warren,
Secretary