

SOCA COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT RNA WELWYN GARDEN

THOSE PRESENT: STEWART WARREN c/s, PAUL COMMLEY v,
TANYA WARREN rc, GEFF BRIANT, ALEX NICHOLAS, ANDREW DAVIDSON

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

MEETING START: 19:40

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Tanya seconded by Geff

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 £1486.62 (£250 Coast Watch deducted)
Deposit £1052.88

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

8 October Sailing in Sicily. Marvellous photos and interesting chat by Terry on bareboat charter in July around the volcanic Aeolian Islands.
10 +4 on Zoom - SteveM, BobL, PaulineS and RichardW

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

Bring sound amp to future meetings

12 November Jeramy Batch spinning and weaving pt 2	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
8th April French coast to Spain	PC
13th May Harbour Master Wells PC , or Sailing with Ray 2025 TW	PC/TW
10th June, 8th July, 12 August Summer Season	ALL

IDEAS FOR MEETINGS:

Andy Johnson - WGC sailing club	GB
Lee Brickley, Author - strange deaths at sea	TW
Talk on the poles changing and the possible effects it will have on us	GB
Coast watch zoom TB	Sydney Hobart Zoom talk BOSG AN
AED + Bleed kits TW	Tides video / Discussion AD
Phillip Allen Author TW	Pauline Sailability Zoom TW
Ocean Clean UP videos etc TW	

TRAINING:

First Aid - Date tbc TW SW

TW/SW/ALL

EVENTS:

Laying Up Lunch 7th November at the Cowper Arms 13 booked to date

GB

RECENT SAILING / CRUISING IN COMPANY:

South Coast: Jetstream & Ariel Spirt 21-23 September **write up for web site TW/TB**

East Coast: Honfleur 25-28 September - Orford and dog-friendly Aldeburgh **AN**

SOCA NEWS / WEBSITE:

There has been problems with website all seems well for now.

Volunteers for write up of talks.

ALL

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.

Laying Up lunch - **Geff to bring Mikes as absent for next meeting**

GB

Photos for December competition

Jeremy talk November

First Aid course 2027

COMMODORE'S CHARITY: 2026-7 is oytsouth.org.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Contact Maldon Little Ship Club re barge on calendar and barge hire

Tanya to complete calendar asap

2027 Holiday sailing tbc. Provisional names: Richard, Stewart, Terry, Ashley, Geff, Paul C?, Debby? + crew Norma, Tanya, Lesley, RodgerB, MarkF, Denise, Lisa, Gwen, Ray, Sara, Daz.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday 19th November 2026 @ 19.30 RNA ALL WELCOME

MEETING CLOSED: 20.00

Stewart Warren,

Secretary