Beaulieu River Sailing Club

MINUTES OF THE 93rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Saturday 29th November 2025 at 17.30 at Beaulieu Village Hall

Over 100 members present

The Captain June Kirkman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the BRSC AGM. She reminded everyone that the meeting will be recorded to ensure accurate minutes.

Ginna, Vice Commodore spoke on behalf of Mary Montagu Scott, Commodore, who is currently absent in Uruguay. The Commodore reported that there had been another fantastic year of sailing with a more competent scow fleet competing in the races. She also thanked all the Committee members and all volunteers who contributed to the website, the social programme, drinks parties and of course the joy of sailing.

1. Apologies:
   Mary Montagu Scott, Jay & Gillian Devonshire, Ed & Victoria Bonham Carter, Charlie & Alice Dudbridge, Vova & Veronica Karavan, Gillian & Michael Stevenson.

   The Honorary Secretary called for a proposer and seconder for approval of AGM 2024 minutes. These were proposed by Sam Van de Holthe, seconded by Nick Bentley-Buckle and signed by the Captain.

2. Births, Marriages and Deaths

   Deaths:
   The Captain read the names of members who had died in the last year and as a sign of
   respect a minute's silence was observed by those present.

   Robert Gayner
   Avril Cox

Marriages:

The following marriages were announced by the Captain:

Guy Heeley to Amanda Stevens
Georgina Bentley-Buckle to Charlie Lansdale
Tom Dykes to Gemma Swinglehurst

Births:

The following births were announced by the Captain:

Ember to Charlie & Stephane Morgan
Constance to Charles & Ruedlin Cox
Heidi to Ben & Isobel Green (neé Chitty)

3. New Members

The Captain announced that the following people had joined the Club and invited the new members present to make themselves known:

Reverend Catherine and Alexander Cowie
Janie Earle
Maggie Russell-Smith
Andrew & Victoria Watkins-Ball
Jim & Elizabeth Lusty
Jamie & Katy Ward

4. Captain's Report

The Captain thanked her committee who have worked well as a team and have made her job as Captain very easy.
The new committee members that have joined this year are working very well together with the existing team and we have made a lot of progress in keeping the committee agendas quick and efficient.
This year Charlie Bubear has introduced a new Sailing Class – Feva and this has really enhanced our sailing races.
We have also introduced WhatsApp groups in order that sailors can organise social races and pottering events.
At the last committee meeting we discussed how we can thank people who have volunteered their time to help. There are so many to thank that we can only express our gratitude at this AGM to those who have helped this year.

For example, we have our volunteer Racing Officers, Racing Committee and Starting Officers. At our last Committee meeting it was raised by the Racing Officers and Starting Officers that in order for them to do their job properly, please do not disturb the starting platform unless invited.
We also have the generous volunteers who provide tea and cakes as well as opening the clubhouse before races.
Then there are the volunteers who come and help clean the slipway at the club. This needs to be done at least once a year for the slipway to remain safe for sailors and guests.
The cleaning of the slipway brings us to the concern for Health & safety at the Club and clubhouse and the issue of Liability. This has prompted a need **for proposed additions to BRSC Club's constitution.**

Section 24 Club Liability.
At the last Committee meeting 3 sections were proposed to be added to the Constitution:

1. Members are responsible for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions. The liability of the Committee for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club.
2. Sailing club liability rules require members and visitors to hold sufficient third-party insurance for any vessels or vehicles used at club events and users should report issues that arise and take responsibility for their guests and equipment.
3. Sailing club slipway liability rules require members and visitors to hold sufficient third-party insurance for any vessels or vehicles used on the slipway and users should report issues and take responsibility for their guests and equipment and be aware of the hazards. The slipway is not maintained outside the sailing season.

Due to the proposed change in the constitution, there will be a need for members to sign in for every race and sign a declaration that their boat is insured for public liability when racing.

Section 62 Identity Tags.
Each boat MUST be identifiable. This can be using either a waterproof identity tag on your trailer or on the boat cover. This is necessary as at the end of the seasons, the boats need to be removed from either Rope Factory Field or Needs Ore.
We have also appointed 2 new trustees; Richard Chitty and James Evans who along with Bill Slee have spent a lot of time looking at the clubs Liability and taking information from the RYA site.

For these changes the Captain asked for a proposer and a seconder. Bill Slee proposed and Tim Robinson seconded the changes.

5. Honorary Sailing Secretary's Report

Sam Van de Holthe is the new honorary sailing secretary as Lizzie Anders.
The key racing dates have been posted on the website and the first race is 21st March. Key dates are August 29/30th for the BRSC Regatta and the AGM 2026 will be on November 21st, 2026.

KEY DATES FOR 2026 (@brsc.site)
21st March First Race (HW 12.07)
TBC March 18.00 - Pre-Season (?)
17th May Junior Spring Regatta (HW 11.41)
30th May Down River Race (HW 11.14)
Schools break up 21 July!
27th – _31st July Junior Sailing Week (HW 10.44 – _13.07)
01st August – _5th August Senior Sailing Week (HW 14.21 – _17.29
24th August – _28th August Pottering Week (HW 09.41 – _11.32)
29th – _30th August BRSC Regatta (HW 12.35 – _13.09)
13th September Junior Summer Regatta (HW 13.07)
26th September Up River Race (HW 11.32)
07th November Final Race (HW 09.45)
21st November BRSC AGM

In total this was 35 days of sailing.
This year 45 scows competed with 60 sailors, 6 Lasers, and 6 Fevers (new to the club). At the junior training week, 100 kids attended (special thanks to Maurice, Dan and Charlie).

Sam reported who had sailed the most:
Sailed the most: Karl & Zoe- 20 days
Mary & Claudia- 19 days
Red & Chloe- 16 days
John and Lindy – 16 days
and who had volunteered the most:
(45 members have volunteered this year)
Oli Stanley- 9 times as Safety ad Racing Officer
Ginna Gayner- 9 times as Racing and Starting Officer
Gerry Marling-Roberts -10 times as Race starting Officer.

The full report together with the results of the racing series can be viewed on the BRSC website. A new trophy for the Feva class will be available in 2026 (Charlie Bubear will organise this).

The Autumn Series had not been awarded as yet and Sam announced the winners at the AGM:
3rd place- John & Lindy Morgan
2nd place- Karl & Zoe Liebat
1st place- Red & Chloe Johnson

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet		note	2025			2024		2023	
assets									
Fixed Assets	from prev year	i	27,616			32,656			32,656
	amortisation / depreciation		(5,040)			(5,040)			
				22,576			27,616		
Current Assets									
	Stock	ii	881			1,170		553	
	Cash at Bank	iii	83,480			77,245		64,105	
	less Debtors (money owed to us)		150			150		-	
Total Net Current Assets				84,511			78,565		64,658
Total Fixed and Current Assets					**107,087**		**106,181**		**97,314**
liabilities									
	Creditors (money we owe to others)					-		-	
Total Net Current Liabilities				-			-		-
					-				
Total Assets less Liabilities					107,087		106,181		97,314
Capital and Reserves									
Accumulated Fund (from prev year)			105,230			97,314		95,142	
Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account			1,148			7,916		2,172	
Total Capital and Reserves					106,379		105,230		97,314

The Honorary Treasurer Robert Rogers summarised the state of the club. We are in good shape as we have sufficient cash to pay for maintenance etc. and we have money on deposit. We are robust with £100,000+ in assets and with a current surplus of £1000 (lower than last year) however with £8000 inflow starting 2026. The reduction in the surplus in 2025 is due to decreased annual subscriptions, increase in insurance costs and increase in annual fee charged by the banks.
Sail training costs this year were higher than budgeted but were considered a good use of the club's money. The accounts for 2024 & 2025 still need auditing and Robert will submit the audited accounts for 2024 & 2025 as soon as possible and these will be presented on the BRSC website.
Looking forward to 2026- We will continue general maintenance of the club and keep ourselves in good financial health.
Rob also thanked the trustees for their input in looking at the financial and legal risks of the club. As a result of this input, the public liability cover has been increased from £1Mio to £10 Mio.

Robert asked members to check that they have the correct public liability cover for their own boats when racing. BRSC Public Liability Cover insurance does NOT cover each individual boat.
The committee is also looking into purchasing a new rib engine and a new safety boat to replace the heavy safety boat currently available.

The club currently runs on a net margin of 4% which is adequate for BRSC sailing club. The annual subscription fees have not been increased since 2011 and with cumulative inflation of 25%, the club has managed its finances very well.
BRSC are proposing however to increase the annual subscription fees due to inflation, increased bank charges and increased insurance costs. The fees are proposed to be increased by 8% which calculates as £2.50 extra per member and/or £5 per family.

The acceptance of the 2024 &25 Financial Statement and the increase in annual subscription fees were proposed by Sam van de Holthe and seconded by Oli Stanley.

7. Election of Committee Members



June Kirkman was unanimously voted by the AGM attending members to continue another 3 yrs term as captain.
June thanked the committee again for helping her but also wanted to thank Peter Hayward Broomfield for his continuing help in putting out the racing marks, fixing boats and helping members with their boats. She also thanked Richard Chitty for all his help this year, Cassie Strang for handing over to Karen Rogers as secretary, Lizzie Anders for helping Sam as sailing secretary and Red Johnson for his help in trying to organise the summer junior regatta.

Ginna Gayner also mentioned that the photograph album of the BRSC sailing club was available to be looked at the end of the AGM.

Merchandise was available to be purchased at the AGM however members needed to pay in cash to purchase anything.

Charlie Bubear presented the new FEVA class and there are 6 Fevas this year competing in the Laser and Topper Class and he hopes there will be more in 2026. The minimum age for the Feva is 13 yrs old and can be sailed in pairs which is beneficial to training and of course go very fast.
Charlie announced that he is planning to try and launch a fun filled Senior Sailing program camping BBQs etc, more like the Junior Sailing in 2026.

8. Date of the next AGM

   The Captain confirmed the date of the next AGM as 21st November 2026 and she thanked everybody for attending.

Captain declared the AGM Meeting
Closed.