Holy Loch Sailing Club
Sandbank, Dunoon, Firth of Clyde

BOARD MEETING MONDAY 8th June 2026, 7pm

Minutes

1. Welcome, Apologies and Board Interests
   Attended – Marion Bown, Kirsty Brown, Alasdair McVicar Ruth Lee, Bill Aitchison, Alistair McLean, Neil Towart, Harris Munns
   Apologies – C Craig. A Clements (would have joined by teams but we weren't prepared)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Proposer R Lee, 2nd A McVicar

3. Matters Arising and actions still to be closed (5)

   a. ABC Lease

4. Commodores report 11 May 2026

Changing rooms

Confirmed duplicate payment from Gibson. The project is now complete and is well under the budget approved at the AGM which was £6,500 a saving of £3000. This is due to the hard work of our volunteers on the project – David Peacock, Jim Hoey. Ralph Housten, Alistair Mclean, George Gill and Kirsty Brown. The club extends a huge thank you for their hard work on this which achieves the safeguarding needs of all our members and significant savings to the club.

Item	Description	Cost
Benches	Refurbish	
Ceiling painting	White silk paint, Black matt paint, cutting in brush, wood paint,2 paint rollers, 2 trays	98.89
Ceiling painting	Paint and Caulking	21.48
Ceiling painting	Cutting in brush	5.49
Ceiling painting	Returned paint credit	- 17.99
Ceiling painting	Masking tape, cleaner & turpentine	7.00
Cubicles	Coat/towel hook - 2 Packs of 5	13.70
Cubicles	Cubicle feet - 2 off	30.38
Cubicles	Ladies Cubicles & Mens extended partition panels & 2 vanity units	1,000.00
Cubicles	Pacific Hinge 19mm - SAA - Washroom Warehouse 6 off	133.85
Cubicles	Latches - pack of 5	35.99
Cubicles	Wall mounted seats - we need 5 (3 ladies - 2 Men)	120.94
Electrics	Shower switch & water heater moves -Move shower switch in ladies & water heater	251.52
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Floor	Flexxible concrete - Filler for cracks in both changing rooms	59.12
Floor	Epoxy anti slip paint - 5 tins	474.75
Floor	Floor primer - 2 tins	159.90
Floor	Delivery charge	70.00
Floor	Hazard tape	6.25
Floor	spiked shoes for painting - 2 pairs	19.98
Floor	Paint rollers and brushes	42.94
Toilets	Flexible waste replacement & cistern pipe in gents -needs replaced in ladies and gents	25.95
Vanity Unit - Mens	Sink Mens	85.00
Misc	pricewise	3.90
Vanity unit - Ladies	Sink - Milano Dalton Modern white	99.99
Benches	Bench refurbishment	84.00
Changing rooms	Travel & Fuel - D Peacock	515.00
Changing rooms	Fittings and pipework	140.00
	Total	**3,488.03**

Safety boats

Need to organise safety boat course for volunteers – A McLean & N Towart to co-ordinate. Neil already has the list from me of potential candidates

Funding
RYA – Neil Towart to advise participation of below

From: RYAS Admin <admin@ryascotland.org.uk>
Sent: 22 May 2026 12:08
Cc: Laura Cowan <Laura.Cowan@ryascotland.org.uk>; Leon Ward <Leon.Ward@ryascotland.org.uk>; Rhys Gorman <Rhys.Gorman@ryascotland.org.uk>
Subject: New funding opportunity for Scottish clubs and centres

Hello,

Thank you for attending our recent community consultation call around potential funding opportunities following increased investment in sport from the Scottish Government earlier this year.

We are pleased to share RYA Scotland has made a successful bid to sportscotland's Summer of Sport fund, and are launching the £40,000 Summer of Sailing - Community Youth Activation Fund.

This funding is designed to help clubs and centres get more young people (aged 3–26) out on the water - especially those who face barriers to taking part.

Whether you're running taster sessions, holiday programmes, community partnerships, or another relevant delivery model focussed on introducing more young people to sailing and boating, this fund could offer a chance to make a real difference in your local area.

Full details can be found on our dedicated Summer of Sailing webpage:

https://scotland.rya.org.uk/initiatives/summer-of-sailing-community-youth-activation-fund/

Apply by 15 June or 6 July (wave 2 – two application windows available)

Applications will be evaluated on

- Fit to the **sport**scotland Summer of Sport target group
- Development of community partnerships
- Opportunities for ongoing participation beyond the summer
- Feasibility and value for money

If you have any questions relating to this opportunity please contact development@ryascotland.org.uk

Racking and Storage
It was previously discussed that we could consider combining the racking requirement for the cadet boats with storage for the skiff. There is currently an opportunity to apply for funding from Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund 2026/27 which is now open, offering grants of up to £1,500 to not-for-profit organisations working to make a difference in their communities. This closes on 5 July so we would need to decide on what we need and someone to take the lead on applying for this fund.

https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2026/may/argyll-and-bute-supporting-communities-fund-now-open-applications?fbclid=IwY2xjawSE3yNleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETBRSnUyMGVuamhVN0MxaWpac3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHkqJbD6DDP-M8rDOvkkpVWmJu0A8z0oQpbmGyWUgUx6ruibg2rRvLJ9tHTpM_aem_LoiB2Z4Nh0XzreLB9ykZTw

PVG Checks
Joyce is now working through the safety boat volunteers. Neil can give an update on this

SCIO Reporting
SCIO annual report draft now issue to Board for comment before sending to Hendersons for examination.

Long Term Infrastructure Sub-committee
The first meeting has taken place in April and A Mclean and A Clements will report on this going forward.

Volunteer Awards
We have been shortlisted for 4 categories
I am delighted to report that the following are finalists for the Argyll and Bute Volunteer awards this year. Unfortunately, the maintenance team nomination does not seem to have been progressed to the final stage this time but 3 out of 4 nominations isn't too bad.

Neil Towart - Sports Coach of the year finalist

Bill Aitchison - Lifetime Achievement award finalist and Volunteer of the year Finalist

Skiff Build Team - Creative Legacy Finalist.

If you wish to attend the ceremony, please book tickets below

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteer-of-the-year-awards-2026-tickets-1988402175433?aff=oddtdtcreator&_gl=1*1gn71ll*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTQ0NzEyNDQ1MS4xNzc4ODMwMDU5*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*czE3Nzg4MzAwNTgkbzEkZzAkdDE3Nzg4MzAwNTgkajYwJGwwJGgw&keep_tld=true

Donations

We received a very generous donation £500 from Roddy Angus for the clubs support and use on the sad occasion of Bronwens funeral. After a discussion with Robert Towart who suggested a replacement picnic bench. I have proposed this to the board that the donation be used to replace the broken picnic table and add a plaque in Bronwen's name. Discuss composite benches.

Roddy also donated many items left over from the funeral which included table decorations and bar stock. We are very grateful for this.

We also received a very generous Skiff donation of £200 from [redacted] (non member).

Picnic Benches

As well as the picnic bench noted above, we need to think about replacing more benches as the existing ones are deteriorating significantly. There is currently a sale on composite benches which would last significantly longer. Recycled Plastic 1.4m A-Frame Picnic Table - Greendine - Woodberry A recycled plastic 6-seater picnic table £495 plus vat -£594 each.



- Environmentally friendly
- Maintenance-free

- 1400mm x 1300mm x 755mm tall
- We **do not** offer bespoke sizes for this item
- Extremely heavy duty & totally weather proof
- Steel reinforcement, prevents bowing
- Ideal for public spaces
- Heavy and vandal-resistant
- Made from 50mm thick planks
- Fire retardant
- Made here in Leamington Spa
- 25-year structural guarantee
- Delivered flat packed
- We deliver to Commercial Addresses only

Gift on Loan

We have been gifted **on loan** the bell from Robertsons Shipyard, it used to be hung outside the office at the yard and It was used for signifying shift and break timing at the yard. This is an important piece of local history, and we are honoured that the family have chosen us to be the guardians of this. I have signed a loan agreement, and this denotes a value of £500 which I have asked the secretary to include the bell in our insurance policy. The Sandbank library has located some display boards with pictures that Bob Donaldson is going to help me display in the clubhouse for the skiff launch ceremony. The display boards will then be returned to the Museum. We need to arrange an appropriate strong display mount for the bell.





Learn to sail

I and the 'info' email have had received several requests to run some sailing experience days from people who would either like to refresh their skills or learn to sail. I would like us to set up an informal friends and family sailing day which could also form part of a short distance muster? We would need members with boats willing to take out people.

Polaris

Band confirmed – Urban Folkers 5pm till 9.30pm with a couple of short breaks - £600
Catering confirmed – Redwood Café -Jamie Mulholland (Ruth Lee confirmed this)
Saturday Bar – Craig Wilson confirmed he could supply bar staff for Saturday night and invoice us for this.

Other information
Slipway warning signs have been purchased from Argyll Printing and are now in place, thanks to Stuart Brown/Ali Gordon for putting these up.

Discussion points and actions

- Bell display for Sunday – Bill and Rowena Donaldson setting up Robertsons History Display. Need to find a way to display the bell for Sunday and then look at a longer term mounting solution.
  Safety Boat Courses - Neil and Alister McLean to action this. Suggestions were - Harris, Alister McLean, Iain Sinclair (KB will ask him re this) , Neil and Maureen Stewart.
- PVG - NT confirmed that the next 5 are ready to go, which will give 15 by the end of the month.
- SCIO report - all Board members asked to read this and comment on same or confirm happy with it, no later than 19th June 2026. M McV stated he has already read it and is happy with it. Meeting with Hendersons planned for end of June.
- Long Term Infrastructure - Report sent to KB from AC - she will circulate to Board
- Picnic Benches - All happy to go with composite benches and all in agreement to order 1 to start with.
- Gift on Loan - Maintenance team will organise a temporary display of this for Sunday and will think about how to mount it properly for the future.
- Learn to sail - All happy with this proposal. KB to ask CC to send an email out to members to ask boat owners who would be happy to take people out for a taster session, Cruisers and Pipers. AMcV and SB both stated they would be happy to use their boats for this. Tues evening is the preferred evening to do this, hopefully by end of June. KB also to ask CC to set up a whatsapp group for muster days/learn to sail days.
- Polaris - All happy with plan of contacting with Craig Wilson to staff the bar on the Saturday evening of Polaris.

5. Treasurer (5)
Treasurers Report - May 2026

Prepared by John Harrison

Utilities:

Scottish Water – Water rates:

We are currently waiting for confirmation that we have been granted and exemption from water charges for the current year. This will save HLSC approximately £390.00 each year if granted.

EDF energy:

The Smart meter appears to be working and invoices have balanced out. The latest invoice is due in early June.

Argyll & Bute Council:

The removal of commercial waste agreement has been renewed for a further year.

The renewal fee was £539.69 a 6% increase over last year.

Broadband:

We currently pay £20.63 pm to 'Three' for airtime for the Sum up Solo Terminal and Wi-Fi in the Clubhouse. On occasion connectivity can be challenging and we are arranging to cancel this contract and replace it with a 'Hub'.

Three has quoted £11.60 pm for a similar service or £16.37pm for Sum up and wider multiple user access. This is now being implemented and could be operational in July if things work out. Further updates to follow.

Premises:

The report and valuation for the Clubhouse and land has now been completed.

The Invoice for £2,160.00 has now been paid. The valuation was carried out by

D M Hall – Chartered Surveyors.

Projects:

Changing Rooms project:

Final invoices now received and paid with total expenditure recorded at £3,488.03.

Well under budget.

Slipway project:

Final invoice from McNee's for £6,804.00 now received and paid.

St Ayles Skiff project:

Invoices for Boat cover and Launching Trolley from Trident UK for £1,138.95 now received and paid.

Discussion points and actions

No reply from Scottish water regarding rates exemption however as we have not been billed it is assumed that we have been granted this.

When existing Wi-Fi account is cancelled then we can close the old bank account.

6. Secretary (5)

Secretary's Report June 2026

Argyll and Bute Council Lease

As discussed at the last meeting I have forwarded the lease to Mandy Finfer to cast her eye over. Once I hear back from her I can get back to Harper Macleod to send the new lease to Argyll and Bute Council.

Club Handbook

Produced and now available in the clubhouse for all club members.

Licencing

Received the licence for the Piper Cocktail Party – all went well.

Licence applied for the Skiff Launch – licence now received.

Entertainment Licence applied for same event as we will have live music. Had to prepare and submit a risk assessment and a noise management plan. Hopefully the licence will come through this week.

Club Insurance

Updated the club insurance policy with the new club assets since last year (laptops, skiff). New insurance policy comes into force next week.

Club House Bookings

Argyll College is using the club house for a couple of hours on a Wednesday till the end of June, they will restart in September. The college is going to donate to club funds.

Sandbank Primary School has booked the clubhouse for P7 leavers do on Friday 3rd July. [redacted] is the contact.

Dunoon Grammar School Leavers have booked the clubhouse for Friday 12th June. [redacted] is the contact.

Club Communications

Email sent 31/05/26 reminding members of up-and-coming events and including the GaelForce discount code.

Email sent 07/06/26 looking for website volunteer, reminder for Tuesday Dinghy Racing and reminder for Skiff Launch event.

Discussion points/Actions

Secretary to Liaise with Neil T re additional items for the insurance policy

7. Membership Secretary (5)

Total Renewals as of 07/06/2026

Full Membership - 73

Social Member - 18

Family Member - 4

Junior Member - 30 (awaiting payment for 2) – **NT** confirmed that one is not returning and he will chase the other.

Cadet Fees - 28 (awaiting payment for 2)

Race Fees - 19 (1 of these is for series one only)

Moorings - 41

The above Junior and Cadet subscriptions include both new and returns.

New Full Member Applications - 11 (Still to receive payment for 1)

Donations to Callum McLachlan Fund - 5

Parking

Tender Parking Summer - 20

Trailer Summer - 10

Dinghy Summer - 16

Dinghy Winter - 4

Boat up to 8m Summer - 2

Boat up to 8m Winter - 10

Boat up to 6.1m Summer - 13

Boat up to 6.1m Winter - 5

Boat Greater than 8m Summer - 1

Boat Greater than 8m Winter - 1

Canoe/Kayak/SUP - 2

Actions Completed

Email sent to [redacted] detailing all fees which are currently due to be paid. Have had no response so far to this email.

All mooring licence payments checked against list received from Ali Gordon. 14 licence payments were outstanding. Reminder email sent out to all but 2. These 2 are in the name of Cushla Thoms, I am dealing with this issue separately. Since reminder email 3 have paid.

Email sent to [redacted], current owner of Sanderling Mooring. He has replied saying that he no longer has use for the mooring and that Sanderling is up for sale. I have spoken to Ali Gordon about this and he has a list of people waiting for a mooring who we could put in touch with [redacted] I have yet to action this.

Subscription Issues

3 orders placed but not showing as paid yet - awaiting confirmation from John prior to sending a reminder.

[redacted] has paid for a Junior Membership, a Social Membership and winter storage for a boat up to 8m. Should this membership be a full membership as he has a boat in storage?

2 new moorings laid but not paid for. 1 is a current member the other is not. Before I send an email out could I please have confirmation that you need to be a club member if you have a mooring?

2 memberships requiring refunded - John aware of this.

Ali Gordon informed me today of 2 new boats that have appeared on moorings that he is unsure who the owners are - a Moody close to the Point and a Warrior 40 called Enya with a home port of Toward marked on it. Does anyone know who they belong to?

Actions to Complete

Email to [redacted] re Sanderling Mooring and possible sale of same

Email the 2 new Mooring owners

Resend reminder emails in a couple of weeks to unpaid moorings

Make contact with the new car park co-ordinator for a list of boats to check payments

Discussion points/Actions

Sanderling Mooring - RL to email owner and point out his ownership obligations and also to ask if he wishes put in touch with potential buyers

- Email from Ali Gordon re identifying 3 new boats that have appeared was shown to the meeting, nobody could identify these boats
- To ask Neil Cunningham to ensure that future people, asking for a mooring to be laid, are club members - RL to ask CC to action this
- John able to do a refund via sumup. RL to contact Abi Nelson re this and organise a time for her to attend for her refund. A Waugh also due a refund
- JH confirmed that the 3 orders in question that are not showing as paid have not actually been paid. RL to email these members to ask the situation
- A lot of discussion re car park. RL will contact D Peddie re boats in park.
  A separate meeting to be arranged with the Board to discuss individual non-payment issues, hopefully sometime in July after RL has sent out reminder emails
- Boat named [redacted] was discussed, this belongs to [redacted] and has been lying abandoned in car park for some years now. RL to email owner re this
- Board confirmed that any boat in storage should have a full membership attached to it.

It was agreed that CC going to send a renewal reminder out to all and state in this email that the club codes will be changing and only current members will therefore have access.

8. Events (5)

Social Coordinator Report – June 8th, 2026

Socials –Pipers Cocktail Party well attended.

Series 1 Barbeque – well attended, considering only 5 boats sailed due to the very rainy day. We had over 32 orders for burger and sausages, making a profit of approx. £80.00. Many thanks to Tricia and Joyce for all their help in the galley.

Cleaner –The cleaner has been booked for 3 visits so far, before Bronwen's funeral, cocktail party and the day before the skiff launch.

Skiff-Launch arrangements – Club open 12:30, band play 1:45 ish, launch 2:30 ish.

Ardentinny Ukulele band coming to play for us

Painted with Patience (Megan) face painting coming along, she will be operating like a market stall, and we have given her pitch for free, and she is organising charging herself.

Galley and bar – volunteers organised. Kirsty and Marion to buy food etc.

Photographer – Archie has offered and still sorting drone. Trevor did volunteer but he has now been called for his knee operation.

Safety boat – several safety boat members have volunteered.

Invites gone out to Marina, Toward SC, Bute SC, Royal Gourock, Western ferries, White family, Guy Elder, Shearwater and social media posted to various local groups.

Prospective rowers/ members – I have Mandy and Andy to take names, details and provide club details, as well as Cat and Ruth.

Canopy out – still to organise which day and a time.

Banners – to put out Shearwater banner and I will collect one from Western Ferries.

Small PA system has been bought for the club, £28.17

Risk Assessment and Skiff Procedures – please see attached draft copies and respond if needed.

RA – we will change that life jackets don't have to be self-inflating but must be more than150N and conform to ISO 12402.

Procedures – Neil, if I could have your input for the child protection bit. Rowing commands still need refining.

Other –

Newspaper/ media- the paper continues to print our weekly report and photos.

9. Cadet Report (5)

Cadet Report 7/6/26

Cadet nights this month;

14th of May NE 3-4, tricky conditions, 18 kids present, Bahias, Toppers, Laser 3000. Working our way through levels. Kids improving.

21st of May NE 3, 18 Kids present, Bahias, Toppers, Laser 3000,s. Adjusted groups couple of kids moved back into Bahias. All groups did well.

28th of May S 3-4, tricky to return to beach. 22 kids present Bahias, Toppers, Laser 3000. Group 3 working through spinnakers, group 2 did excellent sailing a course. Couple of nervous kids group 1.

4th of June W 3-4, 15 kids, older kids not there as something on at school. Bahia and toppers. Mark roundings, efficient sailing an course made good. All kids really improving. 2 new kids finally started both have sailing experience. Have done payments and consents.

The wind has not let up since cadets started back, however everyone has taken massive strides. Still a couple of nervous cadets. Have added 4 kids to the cadet waiting list for next year.

Discussion points/Actions
Neil re-iterated his thanks for the help of volunteer members as he couldn't run the Cadet program without them

10. Sailing Secretary (5)

SAILING SECRETARY REPORT

Series 1 has now been completed, with all races being sailed. The Tuesday Dinghy Primary Series, 4 races in June, had only one competitor turning out for the first race. This has been addressed in a note from the Commodore to the membership.

The Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club are holding a 1000 guineas Pursuit Race in June, to celebrate their 150th Anniversary, and the Piper Class are preparing to celebrate their 60th Anniversary with races over 3 days, based at RGYC, the first weekend in July.

Series 2 of 6 races is taking place on Wednesdays during this period of celebration, so a busy time afloat.

Bill Aitchison Hon Sailing Secretary

Discussion points/Actions
Bill stated that he has replaced all lights with LED's.
Bill pointed out that the race box facia needs replacing - possible job for next spring

11. Long Term Infrastructure Committee (AMcL) (5)

A Clements to email board the decision matrix from the last meeting
Solar Panels part of LTIC remit

12. Projects and Funding (5)

RYA Summer of Sailing - Community Youth Activation Fund – The Cadet team will not progress with this as the capacity to do this is not there to run a programme. – Not applying

Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund 2026/27 which is now open, offering grants of up to £1,500 to not-for-profit organisations working to make a difference in their communities. This closes on 5 July so we would need to decide on what we need and someone to take the lead on applying for this fund.
Marion and Neil Towart to consider Racking and storage which would support both the cadet and the skiff storage.
It was agreed that the area needs to be marked out first to allow the board to agree if the solution at the gable end would be appropriate for the club. Alternatively apply for funding for either a racking system for the cadets or storage for the skiff.

13. Skiff (10)

    a. Storage
    b. Operating Procedure
    c. Risk Assessment

<u>Skiff</u>

Marion will ask the Skiff Build Team to mark out possible storage area on Friday Morning and inform the Board when this is done
Marion will send an email looking for volunteers to put canopy out on Saturday morning
NT had some questions/remarks regarding the risk assessment -
Minimum number required - MB confirmed minimum number is 4 but if it is children then it could be 2 children per oar
Possibility of having a log book to state water conditions prior to each session and how many crew are aboard
Will we have access to NOK (next of kin) details - not at present. Discussed need to put NOK details on webcollect subscriptions
Possible different risk assessment required if going outwith own area

14. Boat Storage in Car Park (5)
    Boat Storage in Car Park - RL will liaise with D Peddie re this. See membership secretary actions points re separate board meeting.

15. Polaris Regatta 2026

a. Advertising and promotion - Start promoting mid-July. CC to inform other clubs prior to this
B. Catering - Saturday Food – Redwood Café food truck
   Saturday Bar – Ingrams bar staff.
C. Entertainment Band – Urban Folkers £600
F. Volunteers

16. A.O.C.B

A McV stated that the garage roof is in need of immediate repair. He will research this and bring a proposal to the July meeting.

- Add garage roof to July agenda
- SB asked if we should be promoting the possibility of anyone wishing to leave a gift in their will to the club

- MB asked if a work party could move all the boats in the car park which have not been paid for be moved to one small area. Decision made was to wait until after we have the separate meeting re non payments.

17. **Date of next meeting – 13 July 2026**

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	Present	On-line	Apologies		Present	On-line	Apologies
Kirsty Brown	5	1	0	Bill Aitchieson	3		3
Alasdair McLean	2	1	3	Harris Munns	4		2
John Harrison	6			Marion Bowen	5		1
Catriona Craig	5		1	Stuart Brown	3	1	1
Ruth Lee	5		1	Alisdair Clements	3		2
Neil Towart	5		1	Alasdair MacVicar	5		1


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