Holy Loch Sailing Club
Sandbank, Dunoon, Firth of Clyde

**BOARD MEETING MONDAY 10th August 2026, 7pm**

**Minutes**

1. **Welcome, Apologies and Board Interests**

**Apologies**: A Clements, R Lee, H Munns

**Present:** K Brown, C Craig, J Harrison, M Bowen, B Aitchison, N Towart, A MacVicar, A McLean,

**Online/ Phone:** S Brown

2. **Polaris**

As we needed to speak with Lorn Campbell it was agreed to move Polaris Regatta up the agenda.

Entries are done through Webcollect, which has some difficulties. Lorn has access to the entry forms on Webcollect.

Polaris Facebook page – can be linked to main Facebook page. Lorn to supply Cat with the logins for the Polaris page.

Page on the website has been hidden Chris to unhide.

Chris and Cat to form a sub-committee for promotion (social media and website etc).

Bill reported that everything will basically be the same as last year, with the exception of some Sonatas (hoping to have the Sonata's Championships as part of Polaris).

Lorn will be doing the Polaris Results this year.

Volunteers required for the weekend Marion to send out an email asking for volunteers.

**Catering and the Bar**. Craig from Ingrams will be supplying the bar staff for the Saturday (we will need to pay them). We will require Volunteers for the Bar for Friday night and Sunday.

**Catering**: Jamie Mullholland from Redwood Café will be suppling the food on Saturday. Volunteers will be required for the bacon rolls in the mornings and for catering on the Sunday. M Bowen to send out email for volunteers.

**Band**: - Urban Folkers have been booked for the Saturday night.

**Awning**: The awning will be pulled out on the Thursday weather permitting. Volunteers will be required.

**Work Party**: S Brown to organise a work party for the week before to tidy up the carpark (Thursday 3rd September).

**Shopping:** need to start restocking the bar. KB has written a shopping list. KB and MB will do the shopping. Joyce will do Booker. Check the no of paper plates and napkins.

**Loch Fyne Ales:** need to order beer – increase the order from last year's as it went down really well.

**NB:** Check prices in the bar to ensure that we are making a profit.

**Bar Volunteer:** Approach Lesley as potential Bar Volunteer/ Manager with Marion.

**Safety Boat from Toward:** Bill will speak to Alison Currie. Last year we used the 2 club safety boats, Sincy's rib and the Toward Rib. We need volunteers for the safety boats (6 rib crew each day). A McLean to put out a request for volunteers.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Proposer:** Neil Towart

**Seconder:** A McLean

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

a**. ABC Lease**

CC to send email to lawyer based on email received this week.

b. After next week need to put out a request for Website Co-ordinator.

**c. Skiff documentation** – Neil Towart reminded us that the club needs to look at record keeping and data protection. Everyone happy with the working document – unanimously approved.

d. **CarPark** – Stuart Brown has been discussing with Douglas Peddie looking at bags of gravel for filling in the holes. They are looking at getting Davie Bonnar to dig out 30m track and put gabion baskets in. Davie happy to work at night - £700

per day. SB suggested using gravel to fill in the holes prior to Polaris and then potentially doing 10m track with the gabion baskets to start with and getting a quote from Davie Bonnar for doing the work in the future. This was agreed in principal.

It was agreed that SB order a bag of gravel to fill the holes for Polaris.

A MacVIcar highlighted the need to sort the bottom of the slipway. A McLean still wants to trial the baskets at the bottom of the slipway.

e. **Safety Boat Course** – there have been difficulties getting a safety boat course set up. Hopefully there will be one on Sunday.

N.B. – that running an event especially on the Clyde that there should be a VHF run on channel 16 to ensure that they hear any distress signals or local marine information.

**4. Commodore**

**Commodore's report 10th August 2026**

**SCIO Reporting:** SCIO annual report has now been signed of and a pdf copy sent to Board members. John will submit to SCIO and I will give our Secretary the original signed version for safekeeping.

**Polaris:** Need update on the Polaris entry process for this year and this needs to be publicised.

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.

Advertising/promotion: – CC to advise

Meeting to be set up in August for Volunteers. I would like someone to help me this year with the purchasing of bar and food stock as we need succession planning for next year.

**Funding:** I applied for Aldi Scottish Sport Fund, I believe it is selected on social media so we will have to use our reach when we hear from them. Marion and I had a good meeting with David Hagarty from the Argyll & Bute communities fund and are hoping to hear in September if we have been successful. Grants are available up to £1500.

**Delegated Authority:** I would like to remind all Board members of the need to follow the governance of our approved delegated authority and the limits that apply. Everything should be receipted or invoiced. Treasurer The Sumup account needs to be transferred to be transferred to VJH as soon as possible and user logins set up for additional board members. My login can transfer directly to the new commodore when the time comes, and he can change the password.

**Members responsibilities:** Following a complaint from a member regarding the loss of a tender from the dinghy pen it is worth reminding members that the club cannot be responsible for property stored at the sailing club. While I appreciate members pay for storage we cannot accept liability if we did we could not offer storage. Loss or damage should be passed to members own insurance provider. We may have to confirm this to our members based on our existing governance documents. CC to action.

**Volunteer Awards:** following the success of club members at the Volunteer Awards the Commodore urged the new Commodore to nominate people for awards in the coming year.

**5. Treasurer**

Bronwen's Plaque – possibility for this to be unveiled at the Commodore's Cocktail Party before Polaris.

JH seeking approval to spend £475 on the Instructor's Training Course for Harris, this money to come out pof the Calum McLaughlan Fund. The board approved unanimously.

**6. Secretary**

**ABC Lease update:** received an email from Club Member re- the lease. CC to email the lawyer for responses to the questions raised.

**Club House Bookings**

Cowal Mountain Bike Club have booked the club house for their AGM on Saturday 19th September. Third year running that they have used our club house as the AGM venue.

**Polaris Regatta**

Licence applied for, both liquor licence and the entertainment licence.

Poster and race information emailed out to other clubs attached for agreement.

**Membership Communications**

Emails issued re Dinghy Racing Starting

Graeme Murray wishing to borrow a trailer

Member Trevor Lenthal has been in touch re missing Applecore Dinghy – as discussed in the Commodore's report.

**7. Membership Secretary**

1 new full membership

- 3 new social memberships
- 1 new family membership
- All moorings now paid for apart from [redacted] and the new one that Ali is trying to establish who owns it
- 1 comment from a new applicant who tried to buy a family membership for 2 adults. He felt that while he understood that the club was trying to encourage youngsters that it may discourage others. He has now only applied for 1 full membership this year but will apply for 2 next year. I have informed him I will relay his comments to the Board
- Still to make a start on Boat Parking Fees!

**8. Events**

**Social Coordinator Report –August 2026**

**Galley-** Thank you to Joyce who volunteered for the Gantock's race. We have volunteers for the remaining Wednesday evenings but need one other for the final barbecue. I still need to ask Andy and Kenny Love, what are their plans for the Robert Love memorial trophy.

On my to do list to organise a galley/bar meeting for volunteers for the Polaris.

**Funding –** Kirsty and I had a telephone chat with A&B Community funds re our application, hopefully we will be awarded something towards the cost of the lean too.

9. **Cadet Report**

Cadets is off for the summer holidays – starting back next Thursday 13th August.

**10. Sailing Secretary**

We are suddenly approaching the end of the season. The Crews' Race and the Strone & Tresta were well supported this year with 10 and 14 boats respectively turning out. Similarly, yesterday's Gantocks Race had 14 participants.

As last year, the cancellation of a race in Series 3 due to adverse weather means utilising the Spare Race evening in September.

The Wednesday evening race this week may be in jeopardy as a partial solar eclipse is taking place with 1913 being the zenith. It is a 90% coverage of the sun, but cloud cover will probably determine visibility.

This coming weekend is the Piper Championships at RGYC when a good turnout is expected.

Arrangements for the Polaris Regatta are well in hand.

Bill Aitchison

Dinghies – there were 3 out on Tuesday, the first week back. See what transpires over the 4 weeks. Neil Towart commented that the safety boat volunteers should give their comments.

11. **Skiff-**

RA, operating procedures, and log still to be signed off so we can begin saying who the convenors are and for members information.

Approx 40 people have been out in the skiff!

The skiff has been out every Tuesday evening since the launch.

Skiff try day Saturday 8.8.26 – very well attended and the club was busy with approx. 50 people at the club and 7 half hour or more sessions ran with 14 people introduced to rowing. One lady came off the skiff and asked for membership forms straight away!

Many thanks to Fiona, Charmaine, Chris, Joyce, Susan, Ruth Samuels and Helen Marsh (new rowing members) that helped us take people out. A big thank you to Frances for making the bacon rolls and refreshments, and Jim for helping launch and retrieve the skiff each time we came in and out. We did have a rescue boat in just in case as the weather forecast was for some gusty winds and rain, but the day was mostly calm and only the last trip out got really wet.

Question– is the board happy for further enquires to be made about The Benmore Skiff? Commodore commented that we are happy to look at it but it would have to be put to the AGM for a decision. MB to investigate and report back to the Board.

12. A.O.C.B

Invoice received from Henderson's Accountants for £630 – looking for permission to pay. This was approved.

The garage roof -is now in a very poor state and needs some work. Agreed to add this the next agenda.

**13. Date of next meeting – (7th Sept TBA 2026)**

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| Kirsty Brown | 6 | 1 | 1 | Bill Aitchieson | 5 | | 3 |
| Alasdair McLean | 4 | 1 | 3 | Harris Munns | 4 | | 4 |
| John Harrison | 8 | | | Marion Bowen | 7 | | 1 |
| Catriona Craig | 7 | | 1 | Stuart Brown | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Ruth Lee | 6 | | 2 | Alisdair Clements | 4 | | 4 |
| Neil Towart | 7 | | 1 | Alasdair MacVicar | 6 | | 2 |