Holy Loch Sailing Club
Sandbank, Dunoon, Firth of Clyde

BOARD MEETING MONDAY 13th July 2026, 7pm

Minutes

1. Welcome, Apologies and Board Interests

Apologies: Kirsty Brown, Harris Munns and Alasdair MacVicar

2. Dougie Peddie – Carpark

Stuart Brown has offered to give Dougie some help. Craig has promised to supply information and extra tags.

Dougie informed us that there are a number of boats in the carpark that are not fit to go in the water. He suggested that we send letters to the owners and if they are not removed should be destroyed. AMcL said there was a procedure to be followed to remove boats.

Dougie will supply a list of boats liaise with Ruth and John re payment.

Dougie suggested that all trailers should be marked with boat name and owner's name, this should apply to all in the carpark. He also recommended that boats are allocated a specific space. All boats in the carpark should have their masts removed. Need to review agreement for member's boat storage and remind owners of their duties. SB felt that this is a AGM decision. We should have a list of boats that are an issue in advance of the AGM so that this can be raised at the AGM and the boats removed. Need to review the boat storage rule prior to the AGM and get amendments passed at that time.

Dougie also asked about the potholes in the carpark. This to be addressed at work party.

Stuart highlighted that there was a work party scheduled for the 30th July and this would be looked at then. Dougie intends to go to the work party.

CC to circulate email re the work party.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes approved by SB and seconded by AMcL

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

a. ABC Lease - CC has sent a copy of the lease to Mandy Finfer for comment and is awaiting a response.

The issue for overnight parking at Polaris was raised. This is to be investigated.

5. Commodore (5)

Safety boats

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

Racking and Storage

It was previously discussed that we could consider combining the racking requirement for the cadet boats with storage for the skiff. Marion has applied for funding and we need confirmation

from the board they are happy with the removeable proposal which has now been marked up at the gable end.

Everyone agreed to go ahead with this, provided there is still room for turning and launching boats.

Alisdair Clements is going to check whether we require planning consent.

PVG Checks

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

SCIO Reporting

SCIO annual report has now been given to Henderson's for examination, and we expect to hear back from them in August.

Volunteer Awards

We were shortlisted for 4 categories as detailed below and **I am delighted to report that Neil Towart was the winner of the Sports Coach of the year.** This is a fantastic accolade, and it is truly deserving. Well done Neil! The event itself was enjoyed by all who attended and celebrated volunteers across Argyll.

Neil Towart - Sports Coach of the year winner.

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

Skiff Build Team - Creative Legacy Finalist.

Skiff Launch Ceremony

This was an extremely successful event in the sunshine which I am sure Marion will report on and I would like to acknowledge the support of all the volunteers who made this happen. The event made nearly £1200 with a profit of £475.

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.

We discussed running some evening try it out events at the June Board meeting but unfortunately, we were not organised. Discuss.

Following discussion it was felt that we were too late to put anything into place this year. Bill offered to hold a meeting to discuss fully and put a plan in place for 2027 in his house in December. SB suggested he offer two nights ideally a Friday.

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.

Advertising/promotion – CC to advise.

CC issuing notice of race to all sailing clubs in July. There will also be social media posts. Meeting to be set up in August for Volunteers.

6. Treasurer (5)

7. **Secretary Report July 2026**

Argyll and Bute Council Lease

Having approached Mandy Finfer at the beginning of June to review the lease for us, she got back to me last week to say that she would. Hopefully she will get back to me this week.

Club House Bookings

Saturday 1st of August – Club House booked by Alison Currie for family birthday.

Sunday 2nd August – potential booking, to be confirmed.

Polaris

Draft Poster/ Email attachments to send out to other clubs attached for agreement.

Membership Communications

Email sent to members reminding them of the Crew's Race and Strone and Tresta Cup on Sunday 19th and that the Final Race of Series Two takes place on Wednesday so there will be a BBQ.

8. Membership Secretary (5)

Renewals From 7/6/2026 to 13/7/2026

- Full Membership - 7
- Social Member - 3

- Family Member - 1
- Junior Member - 1
- Intermediate Member - 1
- Race Fees 2 (1 for series 2 only)
- Moorings - 8

New Full Membership From 7/6/2026 to 13/7/2026 - 2

Parking Paid For From 7/6/2026 to 13/7/2026

- Tender Summer - 3
- Trailer Summer - 1
- Dinghy Summer - 1
- Boat up to 6.1m Winter - 1

Applications Received That Have Ongoing Issues

1. [redacted] made an enquiry re a suitable membership and any available moorings. Before I could reply to this email he submitted an application for 2 social members. I have since emailed him back advising on mooring situation and that a full membership would be required if going to have a mooring. Yet to hear back from him.
2. [redacted] applied for a Family Membership for 2 adults. I have emailed him advising that a family membership is not suitable for 2 adults and that he should amend his application to 2 full memberships. Have yet to hear back from him.
3. [redacted] has also applied for a Family Membership, and it looks like it is just for 2 adults. I have sent an enquiry email to him.

Actions Completed

- Asked Cat to email N Cunningham re new mooring owners
- Organised refund arrangement with Abi Nelson and John
- Sent emails to the 3 orders that had been created but not yet paid for - 2 of the 3 have now paid
- Sent a further reminder to 3 nonpaid moorings on the 5/7/2026. No payment received as yet.
- Made contact with [redacted]. Asked for a list of all boats in the car park. Still to receive this
- Emailed [redacted] re the Sanderling Mooring. This has now been sold to [redacted]
- Have liaised with [redacted] re [redacted] membership. I have created an order for [redacted] and [redacted] is going to pay this in cash. Have not yet managed to meet up with [redacted] for this.
- Emailed [redacted] re Mooring Fee - same has now been paid

Actions Still to Complete

- Email owners of abandoned boats in the car park

Other Issues

- I have received an email from [redacted] wishing me to confirm what fees he owes. I have confirmed this with him but still awaiting payment

Ruth Lee

Membership Secretary

10. Cadet Report (5)

Cadets nights this month;

11th of June S 3-4, tricky conditions, 18 kids present, Bahia, Toppers, Laser 3000. Working our way through levels. Started to move more confident kids out of Bahias and into toppers. Working on 5 essentials group 2 and trapezing and spinnakers group 3.

18th of June W 2- 3, 13 Kids present, Bahia, Toppers, Laser 3000. Just nervous kids left in Bahia. Looked at capsize recovery group 2 and more efficient sailing group 3. Less kids with school trips.

25th of June S 1, 17 kids present, Bahia, Topper, ISO. Games night with it being last night of cadets before school holidays. No issuses

Nearly done with PVG checks just chasing the last few people for finished links.

Looked at dates for safety boat course people all away at different times. Will get date sorted August or September.

Spoke to [redacted] and [redacted] about moorings believe both resolved. Need to speak to [redacted] about doing a prerequisite for Harris.

Thanks to Kirsty for the nomination for coach of the year. Thanks to all the volunteers/supporters and club board members for all their support over the years.

Kind Regards

Neil

11. **Sailing Secretary** (5)

We are now approaching the end of Series 2, and so far no races have been disrupted. The heatwave affecting the south has been somewhat tempered here, and conditions have been mixed with rain and reasonable winds.

Boats from the Holy Loch were in action at Gourock in the CCYC 150th Anniversary 1000 guinea Pursuit Race. Two Gourock boats were 1st and 2nd, but 3rd place went to "Mike Honcho" helmed by Findlay Hurrel with Holy Loch pals crewing, and 4th went to Chris & Marion Bowen in their FF "More Mischieff".

The Piper 60th Anniversary Weekend saw an exodus of Pipers to RGYC to participate in the weekend's celebrations. Dedicated races for the Class on the Friday and Sunday and joining with boats from other OD fleets on the Saturday was the racing programme. The overall winner was Holy Loch boat Pied Piper, owned by the late Bronwen Angus. Club members Roddy Angus, Dan Challis & Calum Calder executed a dominant performance, a fitting tribute to Bronwen who was herself an excellent helm.

The Dinghy Tuesday racing is to continue its Secondary Series in August despite the lack of meaningful support in the Primary Series. Indication of improved support from at least five boats have been received, and any chance of continuing this next season will depend on that support.

The Strone & Tresta and Crews' races are at the end of this week with the Gantocks Race in early August.

Arrangements for the Polaris Regatta are well in hand. The NOR is ready to be posted on the Website. I was advised at the OD Regatta that the Sonata OD Class which is largely based in the Gareloch are interested in incorporating their Scottish Championships in Polaris.

Bill Aitchison Hon Sailing Secretary

The issue of uploading results to HAL was raised and discussed. Bill is going to speak to [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] to be asked to update.

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

Setting up a meeting in August.

13. **Event/Social Co-ordinator Report** (5)

Social Coordinator Report – July 8th, 2026

Galley- Volunteers for the barbecue – Francis and Ruth, crews race and Strone and Tresta – Rowena.

Cleaner – The cleaner has been booked every second Friday from Friday 3rd July and up until the Polaris.

Funding- I have applied to the Argyll and Bute Communities Fund for £1500 towards the 'lean too' for the skiff and cadets boat storage. They will let us know in September if we have been successful.

I didn't apply for the British Heart Foundation Grant as it is for new projects, and they needed surveys/research /quantitively information to show how the skiff is going to promote healthy hearts.

14. Skiff-

Launch very successful.

Skiff is going out on Tuesdays, mainly convenors and we plan to do try out sessions once more of us are comfortable to take beginners out. The weather has not been kind to us since the launch. I am keeping a list of emails for people interested and will keep them updated. We have had some new members join already.

We have been invited to a social row and get together with Royal West ABC on the 19th of September.

Skiff Log – please see attached copy. We are trying these out and

we will be asking for crews contact details, next to kin when we go out for longer rows that will be taken with us and then destroyed afterwards.

Skiff RA- please see attached and if the board can now sign off so we can send to all members.

Skiff Operating Procedures- please see attached and if the board can now sign off so we can send to all members.

Skiff Captain – [redacted]s considering this post.

Skiff costs- Ongoing but to date £5,597.41. Still some items to buy i.e. anchor, service kit for road trailer.

Newspaper/ Media - paper continues to print our weekly report and photos, plus pages for the skiff launch and the Piper's 60th anniversary.

Facebook numbers – See attached print out.

15. Polaris Regatta 2026

a. Advertising and promotion
Email to be sent to all Sailing Clubs with notice of sail and poster.
Social media posts to be put out.
b. Volunteers - email to be sent out looking for volunteers.

16. Date of next meeting – (10 August 2026 TBA)

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