Holy Loch Sailing Club
Sandbank, Dunoon, Firth of Clyde

BOARD MEETING MONDAY 7th September 2026, 7pm

Minutes

1. Welcome, Apologies and Board Interests

Present: Kirsty Brown, Alistair McLean, Stuart Brown, Alasdair MacVicar, Neil Towart, Ruth Lee, Marion Bowen, John Harrison, Bill Aitchison Catriona Craig.

Apologies: Alasdair Clements, Harris Munns.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Correction re bar staff

Cadet Account: only training fees get transferred to the Cadet Account the remainder goes to the club funds.

Minutes approved by Bill Aitchison

Seconded by Alistair McLean

3. Matters Arising and actions still to be closed

Floating Pontoons are now causing an issue. Secretary asked to send an email to the Marina to ask if they can fix them.

4. Commodore

SCIO Reporting
SCIO annual report has now been submitted to OSCR, I have checked and they are now published for anyone to download. (I noted y/e 2024 are no longer available VJH to check with OSCR on this)

RYA Inspection
NT to update on this

Bidwells
Discuss and sign final document. (members insurance). Then we must chase up invoicing to try and get this paid this year.

Racking
The new storage racking is complete with gutters and I would like to extend my thanks to Ali Marshall and his team for the hard work on this. It is another example of his craftmanship.

Polaris
Band confirmed – Urban Folkers 5pm till 9.30pm with a couple of short breaks - £600
Catering confirmed – Redwood Café -Jamie Mulholland

Saturday Bar – Craig Wilson confirmed he could supply bar staff for Saturday night and invoice us for this.
Licence – CC confirmed this was applied for
Volunteers meeting took place and we have required volunteers for the event, we are always happy to take more.
Bar stock and non-perishable goods have been purchased but further shopping to be completed this week.
Canopy to be erected on Thursday
Eggs ordered – Marshalls
Rolls ordered – Blacks Bakers
Butcher meat ordered – Kents Butchers
Loch Fyne Ales – ordered
Cleaner booked Friday and Monday
Prizes – Glasses, Cadet prizes. Bill confirmed. Trophies all engraved from last year.
Safety boat – all covered (Toward supplying)

N.B. Next year at Polaris we need to ensure safety boat cover for the cadets to allow Neil to race his own boat.

A very successful maintenance day was held Thursday 3 September and I would like to thank all those members who attended for their hard work and contribution.

Networking
The secretary and I attending a TSi networking coffee morning on Thursday 3 September. This was very useful for connections and collaboration.
The secretary forwarded me an invitation to attend a Bute and Cowal Business Day - Marine Environment. I was unable to attend on the day and am unlikely to do so this year – looking for a volunteer to attend these and for the secretary to write to the organisers on our behalf.

KB is keen to see some way that the club can support disadvantaged kids in Sandbank.

Funding
Argyll & Bute communities fund have confirmed we have been successful and are to receive the full grant of £1500. I would just like to mention that this has been achieved due to the work we have put into funding review this year and last year, thanks must go to our funding coordinator Roberta Brown and Marion Bowen and it is great to see we have finally been successful. Networking with our community has definitely made a difference and we must try to continue this.

Treasurer
JH to confirm Sum up transfer from A Leech. Cancellation of old broadband and closure of old charity account.

Membership
We have storage on the agenda as we are having an increasing number of applications to the club primarily to allow storage of boats, we need to establish our storage capacity and consider a waiting list, this may require amendments to our constitution so we must focus on this prior to the AGM.

It was agreed to propose the existing membership fees to the AGM for approval.

Skiff membership – We need to start considering how we are going to charge for rowing use from next season as we will have to submit a proposal at the AGM

AGM
Require a meeting to be set up with Commodore, Secretary, Vice Commodore, Treasurer and Webcollect

to agree final content.

We need to start working on the papers for the AGM these are;

Notice of meeting – date of AGM Friday 27th November 2026 (papers to be issued 2 weeks before by 12th November)
Minutes of 2025
Agenda 2026
Constitutional changes 2026
Commodores report 2026 (I will also do a short presentation on what we have achieved and costs/savings made)
Secretary Report 2026
Treasurer Report 2026
Cadet Report 2026
Sailing Report 2026
Presentation – (Future proposals) LTIF – A McLean

Volunteer Night – Friday 16th October

A night to thank all the volunteers who have given up their time during the past year. Everyone will get their first drink free.

5. Treasurer's Report

Prepared by John Harrison

Cyber incident:
The incident has now been resolved with Bank of Scotland making a fraud refund of £1,290.00.

EDF energy:
The smart meter has failed to submit readings again. Manual readings were supplied with an invoice expected in September.

SCIO Report:
The Club's SCIO return has now been submitted and is recorded on OSCR's website as being received. Henderson & Co's invoice for £630.00 has now been settled.

Handbook advertising:
12 invoices issue with 5 paid. 7 cases to be progressed in September.

Main Charity Account:
Fund transfer from Cadets for £475.00 has been received.

Fund transfer from the old Club account for £706.33 has been received. This represents the full balance held in that account. This had been included in the Club accounts as a separate item until 28/08/2026. Going forward this is now included in the main Charity account.

Broadband:
The new broadband arrangement is now being paid directly from the main account. The old arrangement paid for by direct debit from the old club account has now been cancelled.

Tender storage refund:
Fees for tender storage have now been refunded to [redacted] for £70.00

Sum Up
Responsibility for the Sum Up administration system has now been transferred to

me. Sum Up now recognise me as the HLSC contact.

Car Park

KB asked what the carpark expenditure has been? John to speak to D Peddie.

6. **Secretary's Report Sept 2026**

Polaris – applications made for Occasional Licence and Entertainment Licence– Occasional License issued last week just waiting on Entertainment Licence**.**

Polaris Notice of Race – emailed out to all other sailing clubs and shared on social media.

RYA – completed the RYA Club Census and also the RYA Affiliation form.

Club House Bookings –

Cowal Mountain Bike Club have booked the clubhouse for their AGM on Sat 19th Sept – contact Sara Hawley.

Sandbank Community Council are looking to have a regular Monday evening booking once a month for their meetings – starting Monday 21st September – their contact is Maureen Stewart.

ABC Lease

Following my letter to the lawyers re the questions raised by a club member, we have now received a response which I have passed to the club member for review.

7. **Membership Secretary report September 2026**

New members and enquiries in past month:-

- 1 full member
- 1 social member applied for and accepted but still awaiting payment
- 1 full member and boat storage application submitted - not accepted as yet as awaiting outcome of discussion re boat storage at Board Meeting. I will make contact with applicant following this discussion.
- 1 enquiry about boat storage. I have sent a return email explaining that our boat storage space is very limited and asking for further details of his boat. Currently waiting on a reply to this enquiry.

Still to do:-

- List of all boats that have paid for storage

It was raised that all members storing their boats in the carpark over winter should have the masts taken down. We need to get all members to clearly identify their boats that are in the carpark.

Skiff Membership

We need to put a proposal to the AGM re the Skiff Membership Fees.

Full Membership £95.00 with an additional £30 to be paid as a Skiff Member which would allow you to row the skiff. This would be reviewed annually.

8. **Social Coordinator Report –September 7th, 2026**

Funding – we have been very successful and have been awarded from A&B supporting communities fund the full amount we asked for £1,500.00, towards the lean-to and racking. Many thanks to Ally Marshall for building and providing the materials.

Skiff- Continuing with Tuesday evenings for as long as possible and plan to move to weekends over the winter, or when a convenor wishes to take her out. At the moment they are Fiona Ross, Charmaine Russell, Chris Bowen and me. We have been invited to a social row on Saturday 19th September, over to Royal West, unsure if we will attend as we are away and Fiona hasn't confirmed. Of course, as always weather dependant.

The Skiff will be used over the winter months possibly move to weekends. Marion is happy for Fiona to take on more of the work related to the Skiff.

Prize Giving – propose Saturday 14th November 2026, 7 for 7:30 at The Argyll Hotel again. They have said we can either book Rio with maximum of 70 with its private bar and toilets or the main room for 80.

There will be a £100 room hire fee which will include table linen etc.

Also as per last year we can offer the wine on arrival drink for £19 per bottle

Choice of 2x course £19.95pp (choose main course and either starter or dessert)

3x course £25.95pp

Price includes water on tables

Starter

Soup of the day
Mozzarella Sticks
Prawn Cocktail
Garlic Mushrooms

Main Course

Steak Pie
Battered Haddock
Salmon Fillet
Mediterranean Lasagne
Rigatoni Godfather (pasta)

Dessert

Chocolate Fudge Cake
Apple Crumble

Tiramisu
Trio of Ice Cream

Tea & Coffee extra 2.95pp

We will have to have at think how people can order their choices and pay, too many choices for webcollect!

Guests to be invited to the prizegiving: Alison Currie and partner and

Love Memorial Trophy – great day and lovely to see so many members enjoying the Love Family's very generous lunch and cakes. Alison and Lucy ran the galley, and Kenny made all the cakes.

9. **Cadet Report**

Cadets nights this month;

13th of August SE 1, light winds 9 kids present, Toppers, Laser 3000. Sailed to Lazaretto and a few game. First night back

20th of August W 1-2, 18 Kids present, Bahia, Toppers, Laser 3000. Started work on start racing. Looking at efficiently sailing upwind and mark roundings.

27th of August NE 3, 15 kids present, All toppers and a taz. Looking at starting, line and being in right position. Kids were sailing great.

3rd of September SE 2-3 with gusts, 19 kids present, All toppers, taz, laser 1. Continuing racing, looking at downwind sailing in single handers. Tricky conditions but still got 4 races in.

Harris Munns passed his Instructor's course at Tighnabruaich sailing school.

Organise Inspection with RYA.

Over the course of the year, I have taken notes on operation procedures that I feel we could do with updating. I would like every board member to have a read of all our policies and procedures documents, over the course of the next month and feed back to me with any updates they think valuable for the October meeting.

Kind Regards

Neil

Congratulations to Harris Munns on passing his Instructor's Course.

Neil raised the fact that we should have emergency contact details for all club members. Need to ensure members are aware of this.

Boat Storage: The club needs to have General Operating Procedures for Boat Storage and a Code of Conduct.

Kirsty Brown confirmed that she had read the GDPR regulations.

10. **Sailing Secretary**

The Wednesday evening of the solar eclipse saw a complete contrast from the previous week. A total dearth of wind attracted a fairly rapid abandonment, meaning that Series 3 would only have 5 races completed. There was only time allocated to allow one of the cancelled races to be rescheduled. In the event, the first two boats were tied on equal points, only resolved in favour of 'Tom Piper', with more firsts than 'Stay Puff'.

The Piper Championship' races held at RGYC were successfully completed. 'Tom Piper' crewed by Duncan Munro, Stuart Brown, and Ali Gordon, won overall, and 'Tamarind' crewed by Andy Love, Macy Law, and Grant Findlay took third spot. 'Chanter', which sails at Gourock was second by the smallest of margins, and is sailed by Dougie Campbell, Iain Guthrie, HLSC members, and Peter Boyd.

The Tuesday Dinghy races which were recommenced for the month of August were better supported. With six boats participating in the last two races, consideration will be given to continuing next season.

The penultimate fixture of the year, the Robert Love Memorial Cup, was held yesterday, being won by 'Chanter', with excellent hospitality from the Love family.

Polaris, at the end of this week will conclude a season which has seen the participation at HLSC holding up well.

Bill Aitchison Hon Sailing Secy

11. Long Term Infrastructure Committee – to report at next meeting.

12. Polaris Regatta – see under Commodore.

13. Skiff – see under Social Co-ordinator

14. **Garage Roof**

Work needs to be done on the garage roof as a matter of urgency. There is an opportunity to do something with the back wall and pen to do something. The pen is difficult for modern tenders as they tend to be bigger. A number of out boards and other items belonging to members are being stored in the garage. CC to issue an email to members asking them to remove their property from the garage. Member's dinghies can be kept in the lean to from April to the 1st of November. After the first of November the club ribs need to go in there. The garage and lean to are for the use of club equipment.

KB suggested that the club should look at how best to utilise the space (garage, lean-to and pend). A McLean to look into this and take forward a proposal to the AGM.

15. A.O.C.B

a. Can the board consider membership fees and add this to the agenda for next meeting.

b. Stuart Brown is stepping down at the AGM, we also need another board member to step down at the same time.

c. Bill Aitchison highlighted that he cannot go on for ever, so we need to look at a succession plan.

16. Date of next meeting – (12th October TBA 2026)

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	Present	On-line	Apologies		Present	On-line	Apologies
Kirsty Brown	7	1	1	Bill Aitchieson	6		3
Alasdair McLean	5	1	3	Harris Munns	4		5
John Harrison	9			Marion Bowen	8		1
Catriona Craig	8		1	Stuart Brown	6	2	1
Ruth Lee	7		2	Alisdair Clements	4		5
Neil Towart	8		1	Alasdair MacVicar	7		2