



# **PLOCKTON SMALL BOAT SAILING CLUB**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**1930 – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Venue – PSBSC Zoom / Teams**

### **Minutes**

- 1. Apologies:** Judith Bullivant, Alasdair Mackenzie, Catriona McDowell, Fiona Taylor, Douglas Hamilton, Joy Mackenna, Frank Tindall, Sandra MacKenzie and Malcolm Mackenzie.
- 2. Present:** Alexander Tindall, Neil MacRae, Patrick MacRae, Alasdair Hendry, Laura Anderson, Aonghais Rowe, Catherine Will, David Hay, David Skilling, Graham Sharp, Ian Hay, Jacob Reilly, Keri Fraser, Rosyln Hay, Michael Hay, Sarah Bruce, Terry Kitchen, Fiona Mackenzie, Alexander Mackenzie, Julia MacKenzie and Simon Fraser.
- 3. Adoption of Minutes from the 2024 AGM**

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were adopted.

Proposed: Sarah Bruce | Seconded: Patrick MacRae

- 4. Commodore's Report**

Alexander Tindall reviewed the 2025 season, emphasizing the need to increase yacht race participation. Strategies include improved communication via posters and direct contact with yacht skippers. It was recommended that the start and finish lines be at the big pier to avoid unnecessary risks bringing large yachts racing into the potentially crowded or shallow bay. Investment in new, reliable equipment and race marks was suggested. The Ragamuffin event should ensure all boats are eligible for prizes. Enhancements to the safety boat, such as portable or robust pumps, should be considered. Alexander Tindall expressed gratitude to all volunteers and noted that weather was the primary challenge this year.

## 5. Treasurer's Report & Adoption of Accounts

Treasurer Julia MacKenzie presented the accounts:

Closing Balance (1st October 2024): £4,094.37

Closing Balance (28th October 2025): £4,519.61

Julia MacKenzie stated that the Club's financial position improved this year, as shown above we have more money than this time last year and we have already paid the insurance for the year, so will save money each month going forward. The club has had another good year, with some great early fundraising and cost saving efforts from committee and club members helping keep funds healthy. The balance above is the Club funds after the 2025-26 insurance has been paid in full; we previously paid monthly and this is our largest outgoing.

Thank you to the Commodore and everyone else involved in the pre-Regatta car wash, which was a great success and raised over £700. The social events over the summer (including the seafood day, the curry night and the Jubilee) were also great earners for the club, so thank you to the social committee and for everyone who helped out!

We are grateful to Ian Hay for negotiating us a much better deal with SSE Energy, which will save us approximately £544 annually. We would like to thank the Plockton Hotel for their continual and much appreciated support. Thank you also to Kathleen MacRae for the whisky raffle which raised £500.

Insurance (which is renewed annually in August and now paid annually) continues to increase every year and we have had the usual outgoings for maintenance, fuel and supplies for social events. This year we invested in a fridge, to help us run social events (and save money in the long run on ice!). We also spent some money on the toppers to make them available for youth sailing.

### Outgoing

Insurance £5,092.01

Fuel £269.89

Energy £907.74

Social Events £2,351.56

Maintenance £1,356.20

**Total £9,977.40**

### Incoming

Membership £2,555.00

Regatta Takings £6,180.79

Fundraising/Merch £1,757.00

**Total £10,492.79**

Accounts were Proposed by Laura Anderson and Seconded by Keri Fraser.

## 6. Membership Update by the Membership Secretary

Memberships	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Honorary	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5
Life	26	26	26	26	28	25	26	27	27	27	29	31	28	26	26	26
Family	19	16	16	31	39	37	15	33	45	13	7	11	13	14	11	13
Individual	41	55	50	55	57	51	71	48	40	30	31	27	20	25	27	25
Student	9	11	12	Removed												
Cadet	1	3	3	Removed												
Junior	9	20	23	34	32	30	40	15	10	20	5	4	3	3	5	5
Social	7	8	9	17	17	15	5	5	12	5	4	3	4	5	8	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>

Neil MacRae the Membership Secretary went through the above table. Despite this year feeling like there were many more people involved, we are still not increasing our members to what they were pre Covid times.

We have spoken about increasing our membership prices as this has not happened since 2018 and with training potentially starting up again, we will be needing new equipment to carry this out to a high standard. With that in mind Neil MacRae proposed the increase as per the below, also highlighting the costs at other local Clubs. Although they may offer more than what we can, it does show we are still well below the average for members joining. The attending members were given time to look at the changes and then a vote was carried out, of which more than two thirds voted in favour of the increase. This will be the prices for the 2026 season.

### Proposed Changes to Membership Prices

Membership	Current	New for 2026
Individual	£40	£50
Family	£80	£100
Junior	£20	£25
Life	£600	£750
Social	£15	£20

Last increase was in 2018 - Lochcarron Individual £70  
 - Gairloch Individual £60  
 - Skye Sailing Individual £60

## 7. Members Agenda Items

No items were raised for discussion at this meeting.

## 8. Election

### a. **Honorary Life Membership**

No new honorary life members were put forward.

### b. Office Bearers proposed are as follows:

<b>Office Bearers</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Commodore</b>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>Candidates for election to the Office Bearers were eligible for re-election Notified to the Honorary Secretary prior to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm. (24 Hours before the AGM as per the constitution)</i>	
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	<i>TBC</i>		
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	<i>Neil MacRae</i>		
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	<i>Julia Mackenzie</i>		
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	<i>Neil MacRae</i>		
<b>Sailing Convener</b>	<i>David Hay</i>		
<b>Time Keeper</b>	<i>Laura Anderson</i>		
<b>Principle Instructor</b>	<i>Michael Hay</i>		
<b>Social Convener</b>	<i>Keri Fraser</i>		
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	<i>Sandra MacPherson</i>		

### c. General Committee Members

<b>General Committee Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Ian Hay</b>	<i>Candidates for election to the Committee were eligible for re-election and/or proposed and Notified to the Honorary Secretary prior to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm. (24 Hours before the AGM as per the constitution)</i>	
<b>Sarah Bruce</b>		
<b>Alexander Mackenzie</b>		
<b>Fiona K. Mackenzie</b>		
<b>Aonghais Rowe</b>		
<b>Graham Sharp</b>		

**All above were agreed by more than two thirds of the members present.**

## 9. Commodore Handover and Close

Neil MacRae gave a special thanks from the Committee to Alexander Tindall for stepping up to the challenge and carrying out such an excellent job of Commodore for 2025. Alexander Tindall gave a final thanks to everyone involved and said it was a real honour and privilege to be Commodore for 2025.