



Minutes of the Management Committee

Held on Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 18.30 at FSC

Present

Chris Bell; Sam Harding; Peter Harvey (Chair); John Hicks; David Mitchell; Dave Owens; Mike Robson; Gaye Slater.

Secretary: Joanna Walpole

1 Apologies

Jon Brown; Len Cheshire; Paul Evans; John Fox; Derek Hill; Rod Wootton.
Noted.

2 Minutes of last meeting - follow up/Actions

Agreed and approved.

1 Item: 4.8 Committee Boat

PH reported he had formerly thanked KP for the use of the boat.

Agreed: to present a voucher for dinner for 2 at the Greenbank Hotel.

Action: PH to obtain vouchers

2 Item: 5.1 Risk Review: Defibrillator Maintenance (Coast Medic)

GH reported that she had tried to make contact but received no reply. Will try again.

Action: Carry forward: GS

3 Item: 5.2 Item 7: Major Incident Plan of the Audit and Review November 2025

The plan had not been finalised as yet. To send to PH when completed.

Action: Carry forward: GS

4 Item: 9.5 Shoreside Activities: Plan and advertise Treasure Hunt Sunday 4th January 2026

JW reported this had been advertised in the December Mainsheet. The planning was being arranged by IF.

5 Item: 9.7 Shoreside Activities: Grant Enquiry for Solar Panels

PH confirmed Alan Dale's details had been sent to DO.

6 Item: 11.2 Sponsorship: Sponsors' Evening

It was reported that this event had been deferred until 2026.

3 Correspondence

None.

4 Committee Boat Update

PH reported that he has viewed several boats and is particularly interested in an Aquastar 27, which appears to be in good order but is currently located in Milford Haven, a far distance away. PH will request that the seller provide an initial video tour of the vessel. As the boat is presently afloat, the engine can be started for demonstration purposes.

The owner has recently undertaken various works, including the installation of an electric windlass. If the video tour is satisfactory, a local surveyor—who has an existing professional connection with a surveyor in the Milford Haven area—can be contacted to arrange a formal inspection. It was also noted that a contingent from FSC may visit the boat in person if appropriate. The current marina berth is paid up until May.

SH has details of another boat which may be suitable and will send a link to PH.

Action: SH

5 Pontoon Update

DO gave an update about the pontoon progress.

6 2026 Committee

The following Officers and Committee Members had expressed that they would like their nominations to be put forward for election/re-election:

Officers

David Mitchell – Commodore

John Hicks – Vice-Commodore

John Fox – Treasurer

Rodney Wootten – Honorary Sailing Secretary

Gaye Slater – Membership Secretary¹

Committee Members

Chris Bell

Sam Harding

Mike Robson

Peter Harvey

Mike Robson

Details of the Committee's Nominations will need to be prominently displayed in the Club by 31st December 2025.

Action: JW

DM advised that he would like to set-up two new Sub-Committees:

1. A Social Committee that would be led by the Rear-Commodore;
2. A Building Committee.

It was further noted that an Officer and a Committee member had both been approached by two members who had expressed that they were keen to join the Committee.

7 Sailing

JH reported that he had had a meeting with RCYC about courses and highlighted the following points:

¹ With read access to the bank account for BACS payments for memberships

West (Group 7): 702 to 716. The finish will be Trefusis and not the Gate.

On the Easterly courses, East Narrows will be introduced. DO advised that the Harbour Master has expressed he is happy for FSC and RCYC racing to use East Narrows.

There had been concern about using Long Lodge at St Mawes, but this mark is no longer laid. The speed markers are used as marks. The St Mawes turning mark looks as though it is going to stay.

RCYC proposed that both clubs could combine courses but this would need a line in the SIs to advise that boats cannot cross the line until they have completed the second course.

Class 1 boats would prefer shorter courses rather than long courses in the bay, although there would likely be problems with fast boats doing shorter courses with lots of other boats.

Paul Pullen commissions and produces the charts, and there would be a cost for each club which would be in the region of £100, which would be affordable for FSC but RCYC operate on a tight budget and are concerned that they would not be able to pay.

Classes W and V will be put on the same start time.

It would be necessary to keep the start sequence tight and there was concern about the M Class fleet, but it would not be desired to start races earlier.

PH advised that he was asked by Deputy Chair of POFSA, if they could use the bot for the Carrick fleet in Falmouth Classics and for the starts in Falmouth week. PH has agreed in principle and has suggested a contribution to the running of it. It would be an opportunity to have another person on the Committee boat.

8 Club Shoreside Activities

DM reported as follows:

- 1 There were 65 coming to the Christmas party, setting up from 10am onwards on Friday 12 December. There will be Treens and a new beer called Tea available.
- 2 For 2026 prizegiving, Treens had offered to donate a barrel of beer.
- 3 DM has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15 December with caterers to plan dates for 2026.
- 4 DO advised that 1 May 2026 will be the 5th Anniversary of clubhouse would like to give an invitation for an event for the donors and patrons on a Friday lunchtime.
- 5 The new Social Committee will meet and start in the new year.

9 Finance

- 1 The following documents had been circulated prior to the meeting:
 - i Profit and Loss report November 2025 v Nov 2024
 - ii Profit and Loss report for January to November 2025
- 2 It was noted that the bar figures for November appear unusual. This is due to two factors: firstly, most of the income from the “fine dining” event was received in October, while the

associated costs have been recorded in November. The event did, however, generate a donation to the Club and was considered worthwhile.

Secondly, November includes the costs for the volunteers' evening. As with the previous month, these exceptional costs have been separated out to avoid distortion of the regular trading figures.

The fine dining event raised £500-600 + takings over the bar.

The Volunteers evening was enjoyable.

SH said that a landlord had told him to expect an 8% uplift in the cost of beer and wines etc next year. PH and DM to make enquiries. There followed a short discussion about increase in business rates and minimum wage.

It was noted that PH and DM continue to monitor the pricing of beers, wines, spirits, and other bar stock. DM noted that, unlike commercial pubs, FSC is not operating with the objective of generating large profits, and this is reflected in the Club's approach to pricing.

10 Sponsorship

Nothing to report.

11 Volunteers

The Volunteers' Evening in November went very well.

GH reported that Chris Davis at RCYC had arranged a speaker at RCYC about volunteer retention and that she could make enquiries about whether this person could visit FSC. It was generally felt that this was not necessary at FSC at present.

12 Membership

The direct debits are not operational and only two people are still on this payment method and GM has been in touch with them.

PH suggested that the direct debits payment methods could be looked at in the summer.

13 Website and IT

GH has had a problem with the website and will contact Chris Bunt.

14 Newsletter

It was noted that the following information would need to be published in the January newsletter:

Committee nominations information

Reminder of the increase in membership fees at the end of January

Dates for Race Officer and CPR training

Action: JW

15 PoFSA

A safety event with the RYA Head of Competition and Technical Services has been scheduled for 7th January 2026 for Flushing Sailing Club. The event is scheduled for the afternoon and evening, with the afternoon being a club only event and invited guests in the evening.

16 AOB

1 **RCYC RIB as Finish Boat for End of Season Pursuit:** *Tabled by JH*

For the pursuit races at the end of next season, RCYC have confirmed they can provide a RIB as a finish boat, which can end a race at a particular mark at the finish time.

2 **Dinghy Rack:** *Tabled by JW*

It was agreed to raise the rental price by £10 to £80 per year.

It was further agreed to ask rack holders to remove their dinghies from mid-January to mid-March for rack area maintenance.

Action: JW

JW confirmed that there were a number of people on the waiting list for an available slot. It was noted that some dinghies spent most of the year in a deflated state.

3 **Interest in Joining Committee:** *Tabled by SH*

SH advised that a member would be keen on joining the Committee.

PH asked SH to ask the member to contact him for further details about what is involved.

4 **Mylor Sailing School Training Courses:** *Tabled by GH*

GH advised that Mylor Sailing School offered various courses at competitive rates.

DO suggested that when MSS has training courses available to circulate the details on WhatsApp.

5 **Vision for Falmouth Harbour:** *Tabled by PH*

PH circulated a flyer for a Vision for Falmouth Harbour and advised that there was a new chairman. There was a short discussion about possible development, although the potential sale of the Trago Mills building would add to the potential of the development of the harbour as it was a generational opportunity.

17 **Date of Meetings 2026**

Management Committee Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 19:00hrs

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 15* (Easter Monday 6th)

May 13

June 10

July 8

September 9

October 14
November 11 - with Trustees
December 9

Action Log

No.	Mtg Date	Item	Action	By	Due Date	Outcome
14	10 Dec 25	16.2	Dinghy Rack: contact rack holders	JW	17 Dec 25	
13	10 Dec 25	14	Newsletter for January - insertions	JW	31 Dec 25	
12	10 Dec 25	6	Details of the Committee's Nominations will need to be prominently displayed in the Club by 31 st December 2025	JW	31 Dec 25	
11	10 Dec 25	4	Committee Boat Update: Send link of another boat of interest to PH	SH	14 Jan 26	
10	12 Nov 25	17.3	AOB: Return to Yachting: liaise with organisation to establish what their training activities will mean for FSC.	DM	14 Jan 26	
9	12 Nov 25	17.1	AOB: Quay Ladder. Obtain a quote for a replacement.	DO	14 Jan 26	
8	12 Nov 25	14	Website and IT: prepare the website for 2026 and archive 2025 results and Sis	JW	End Jan 26	
7	12 Nov 25	11.2	Sponsorship: Close bookings for Sponsors' Evening scheduled for Wed 19 Nov by Mon 17 Nov if now take up and reschedule for Jan 2026	IF	10 Dec 25	Completed
6	12 Nov 25	9.7	Shoreside Activities: Grant enquiry for solar panels. PH and Alan Dale to be put in contact with one another.	DO	10 Dec 25	Completed
5	12 Nov 25	9.5	Shoreside Activities: Plan and advertise Treasure Hunt Sunday 4 January 2026	IF and JW	End Nov 2025	Completed
4	12 Nov 25	7	2026 Committee: Meet and discuss succession planning.	PH & DM	End Dec 2025	
3	10 Dec 25 12 Nov 25	2.3 5.2	Risk Review: Item 7: Major Incident Plan of the Audit and Review November 2025. To send the plan that had been drawn up for PoFSA for PH to review.	GS	14 Jan 26 10 Dec 25	
2	10 Dec 25 12 Nov 25	2.2 5.1	Risk Review: Defibrillator Maintenance: Contact Laure Hesketh at Coast Medic to offer donation to the maintenance of the defib and to ascertain that Coast Medic have the responsibility of it.	GS	14 Jan 26 10 Dec 25	Carried forward
1	10 Dec 25 12 Nov 25	2.1 4.8	Committee Boat: Write a letter of thanks to KP for the use of her boat as the Club Committee Boat and provide an evening dinner voucher.	PH	10 Dec 25	Buy Vouchers Completed