



TBYC SAILING AGM - AGENDA

12th November 2025 @ TBYC

Start Time: 20:00

Agenda Item	
1. Apologies for absence	
2. Rear Com Report	Report from Jeremy Sandford It has been another successful and enjoyable year for racing at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club. Our club continues to deliver a strong and varied racing programme, supported by an enthusiastic membership and an exceptional team of volunteers both on and off the water. Throughout the 2025 season, we have enjoyed excellent participation across our Saturday, Sunday and Midweek series. The Sandhopper, Dart 15, Mono's and Hurricane fleets have all seen good numbers on the start line, and it has been encouraging to see new sailors joining in, as well as some returning faces after time away from racing. We experienced a mix of conditions — from light airs to some very lively days — but racing has been consistently well run thanks to our Race Officers and Support Boat Crews. My sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to ensure racing could take place safely and efficiently each week. TBYC once again hosted several well-received open events, including the Finn UK Masters, Tera Easterns, Sandhopper Nationals, Contender Open, Hurricane SX TT, Albacore Easter Championships, and our Club Regatta Weekend. Each event attracted visiting sailors from around the region, and the feedback from competitors was overwhelmingly positive — reflecting the club's reputation for well managed racing and warm hospitality. A special mention must go to all who assisted in race management, safety cover, and shore-side organisation during these events — your efforts are greatly appreciated. There have been many highlights this season, but I would like to remember just a few; Holly Cole representing Team GB at the Ilca 4 Worlds in LA, Sam Blaker was first U22 Youth in the Aero 6 Nationals, Chris Boshier winning the Contender French National Championships, Alex Farrell with Alex and Daisy winning the Albacore Eastern Championships and Alex Farrell and Steve Hopper winning the Sandhopper Nationals. Our Cadet programme and racing continue to go from strength to strength. It has been fantastic to see so many young sailors taking to the water with confidence and enthusiasm. The link between training and club racing is growing stronger each year, with several cadets now regularly racing in the main fleets. Huge thanks to the training and cadet support teams for their continued commitment to developing the next generation of TBYC racers. I cannot talk about TBYC Cadets without thanking Lindsay, who, after putting an unrivalled amount of time, effort and passion into her role on Committee, is stepping down this year and should enjoy the well-earned rest! I would like to express special thanks to the whole Sailing Committee and pick out few key individuals who have gone above and beyond this year. Firstly Alex Warrington, for his excellent work as Sailing Secretary — ensuring our race programme, Sailing

	Committee, and event organisation all ran smoothly throughout the season. Howard, for his ongoing care and attention to ensuring our new Committee Boat Seasafe 4 has been successfully integrated into the club, keeping her in tip top condition and ready for duty whenever needed. This new asset has proven to be a fantastic platform from which to run our racing events and is the envy of all along the foreshore. Duncan Clark for all the work behind the scenes, keeping the slipway and support vessels scrubbed and weed free. Peter (and Betty!) for his vigilance every day of the year checking boats, inspecting marks and being our daily eyes and ears. Our club is only able to function as it does and offer the range of activities supported by our fleet of support vessels because of the tireless effort of those volunteers behind the scenes that do all the work you do not see. This band of merry men are led by The Support Boat Officer, Scott Weller. Without this unseen team, Seasafe Support displacement boats and Ribs simply would not run. All six boats are maintained and fuelled ready for each weeks racing by Scott, Phil Carr, Gary Levi, Graham Cutts and Tony Clark, ensuring the fleet remained operational and reliable across the season. Your time, effort, and expertise are invaluable to the club, and on behalf of all racers, I extend our sincere thanks. As we look toward the 2026 season, our focus remains on maintaining high-quality racing for all fleets, improving efficiency in race management, and continuing to develop our youth and training pathways. We will also explore opportunities to refresh our sailing calendar and introduce initiatives to encourage even greater participation. Finally, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to racing at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club this year —whether on the water, in the race box, or behind the scenes. The success of our racing programme relies entirely on the dedication and teamwork of our members, and it is something we can all be proud of. Thank you for your support throughout the season, and I look forward to another fantastic year of racing ahead
3. Sailing Calendar	• Open meetings and events 2026 ○ Endeavour Trophy 2025 TBC in new year – discuss HW ○ TBYC Regatta May 2-4 (TBC) ○ Southend Barge Match May 30 ○ Hurricane Nationals Aug 14-16 ○ Dart 15 Open TBC ○ Cadet Regatta TBC ○ Albacore Nationals Aug 28-30
4. Classes	• Changes to Monohull Course to Windward / Leeward or Triangle. • Regatta discards 2 or 1? • Number of Redress in series
5. Dutyman	• Duty incentive (£5.50) Open discussion
6. Class Captains	2026 Class captain nominations / Volunteers? ○ W/L - Howard Warrington ○ Sandhopper – Clara Minter ○ Dart 15 – Keith Persin ○ Monohull – NEED VOLUNTEER ○ Cadet- Rob Graves ○ Training – Andras Gal ○ Cruiser – Wes Absolom

	○ Duty Man – Mark Robinson ○ Dinghy Park – David Tierney ○ Results officer – Howard Warrington
7. Winter Series	Port / Starboard hand courses. Removed DM as turning mark – removed East / West Marks
8. AOB	● volunteering at the club. Duties, respect, fairness and choices ● Recovery of Ribs ● Boat Stickers