

Minutes of the SRCMBC 2025 Annual General Meeting

The 2025 AGM was held at 7pm on 9th April at the Milford on Sea, Church Hall.

The attendance was 11 members and committee members. Apologies were received from Colin Vear, Jenny Davis, Ken Cookes, Colin Markham, John Andrews, Simon Jeffs, Brian Rolls, Peter Taylor, Kevan Wallace, Paul Nixon, James Forrester, Mike Beard, John Wills, Richard, and Claire Jubb.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved. These were sent out with last newsletter by email and post and was available at the AGM.

Proposed by Nigel James

Seconded by Graham Coombs

MATTERS ARISING

Website – all contributions greatly received – mentioned again in section 6.

Mentioned to members if they still wanted 3 Newsletters a year, the response was yes.

Also mentioned if members would still like Wall and Desk Calendars, the response was yes.

Proposed by John Edwards

Seconded by Graham Coombs

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Captain's Report for the 2025 SRCMBC AGM

Time flies when you are enjoying yourself and the last year has certainly flown by!

On that note I will be brief..... I am happy to report that the Club has recovered well from the Pandemic and continues to go from strength to strength. Membership has remained fairly constant, and the Club Finances are healthy, Lorna will be updating the meeting on these topics.

The Permit was renewed without any drama as was the Insurance, again good news for the Club. I am also pleased to report that there have been very few issues over the last year, perhaps our biggest concern has been the state of the road leading to the Pond? The good news is Forest England appear to have done a better job this time so we hope it will last well; it appears to be the case at the moment.

The planned on the water events all went well and were well attended with only one being the casualty of the weather, it is our intention to run similar events this year and hopefully have good weather and strong attendance?

Similarly, we will be holding our Annual Exhibition again but at a slightly different time in the hope of a larger footfall? We have looked at the options regarding the venue and believe that on balance Milford offers the best all round facilities. We need lots of help spreading the word. I believe everyone enjoyed the Club Christmas Lunch and again we plan on holding it again this year, I know it's a long way off, but we need to plan ahead. We will, subject to your agreement return to the Cliff House? My apologies to Brian as we won't be able to arrange it for his birthday this time!

Finally, I would like to give my personal thanks to Lorna who has continued doing an amazing job as our Treasurer without whom we would not have a Club, please join me and showing our appreciation. Thank you, Lorna.

See you all at the Pond, Happy Sailing!
Charles Chambers. Captain, Scale Section SRCMBC

Proposed by David McNair-Taylor

Seconded Brian Rapley

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report showing items of Income received as per balance sheet, and the details of Expenditure also as per balance sheet.

Subscriptions were kept the same.

Subs are now due and out of 121 members 33 have re-joined to date.

Items explained by the Treasurer from the balance sheet are as follows

Income

Subs 2024/2025	£ 855.00
Subs 2025/2026	£ 60.00
New Members	£ 39.00
Clothing	£ 43.00
Milford Exhibition Bucket	£ 90.00
Milford Exhibition Raffle & Tombola	£ 50.00
Calendars	£ 283.50
Xmas Lunch	£1,255.00
Xmas Lunch Raffle	£ 160.00

Expenditure

Website	£ 179.97
AGM Hall Milford 2024	£ 26.00
AGM Hall Milford 2025	£ 28.00
Membership Cards	£ 54.00
Newsletters Postage/subs New Members etc	£ 122.68
Calendars	£ 283.32
Milford Hall Posters	£ 15.00
Milford Hall Hire Exhibition	£ 210.00
Charity British Heart Exhibition	£ 140.00
Ken Dyer Donation	£ 30.00
Bob Eaton Donation	£ 30.00
Xmas Cliff House	£ 1,255.00
Xmas Lunch Raffle Honey Pot	£ 80.00
Xmas Lunch Raffle Hope	£ 80.00

Proposed by Graham Coombs

Seconded by Nigel James

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2025/2026

No nominations were received from members. The committee (as follows) have said they would still run if re-elected.

Charles Chambers	Captain
Andy Davis	Committee Member, Boiler testing
Lorna Soffe	Membership, Treasurer
Kevan Wallace	Committee Member
Peter Taylor	Webmaster

All the above were re-elected by all members.

Proposed by Mac McAusland

Seconded by Brian Rapley

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Club would like to remind members that if you have photos of your models, you can send them to Peter Taylor to be put on the website, or you can do it yourself. Photos of models on the pond are best by camera or mobile phone. Information about the model is also interesting – was it built from scratch or a kit, size of the model, any remarks about it. Also, information about the original boat could be included. It's your website, why not make us of it. You never know what a website item may lead to. We do get enquiries from other modellers, sometimes from abroad, The website has been re-vamped, which has made it hopefully easier for members to read and find things, any information about how you have built the boats at various stages, anything you feel other members would

be interested in, have members been in the model boat magazines, the club can put that on the website. Please use it, the club does pay for it and Peter does such a good job keeping it up to date.

As well as the Website Charles has been in contact with Model Boats, who are looking for information about boats, photos, etc to be put in the magazine, so if anyone has any article they would like to place in the magazine, contact Charles. The Club will advertise the Milford on Sea Exhibition in Model Boats, hopefully a month before Exhibition. The Club will also send articles about Navy Day, Sailing Day, Commercial Vessel Day, also Milford Exhibition, with Photos.

Proposed by John Edwards

Seconded by David Neal

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLUB EXHIBITION AT MILFORD ON SEA

The club asked members at the AGM and also after last years exhibition if they would like another this year and the general opinion was yes. So, the club will book the same venue as last year and will be on 25th August, at Milford on Sea, Community Hall (now called the Bridge), Sea Road, Milford. From 9am till 4pm, doors to the public will open at 10am. The car park at the side is still short and long stay, there is a front and back entrance to take the boats through, the back door will be open as it was last year for easier access.

The Hall again will put the tables up and take down, the club will look at the table layout.

The Club will be charged £30.00 per hour and free use of tables and chairs, the café will be open to all members and the public.

A charity will be chosen nearer the time.

The club would ask all members to help where they can (tablecloths, banners etc) and putting up posters, the help from members last year was excellent.

Members also mentioned about advertising the show, the club informed them that posters were put up in local yacht clubs, camp sites, shop windows, the Community Hall also put poster in their window, on their website and Facebook, members were asked to put up posters where they can, to publicise the show.

It will also be sent to Model Boats to be mentioned in their Magazine.

Proposed by Mac McAusland

Seconded by Brian Rapley

2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

AGM 9th April – Milford Church Hall 7pm till 9pm

Navy Day – 11th May – Setley Pond – 9.30am till 1pm

Sail Day – 22nd June - Setley Pond – 9.30am till 1pm

Milford Exhibition –30th August – Milford Community Hall – 9am till 4pm – open to the public 10am till 3pm.

Commercial Day – 14th September - Setley Pond – 9.30a till 1pm

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10th December.

CLUB EVENTS 2025

The Club have three events on at Setley pond.

Navy Day 11th May, please bring your own tables if you wish to display your boats between 9.30am till 1pm

Sail Day 22nd June, please bring your own tables if you wish to display boats between 9.30am till 1pm

Commercial Day 23rd September, please bring your own tables if you wish to display boats between 9.30am till 1pm.

All events are reliant on the weather and can go on longer if members wish.

It's a get together for all members to show off their boats and sail them, last year was well attended, hopefully this year will be the same.

It was mentioned whether the Club could put a banner at the gate, advertising the events happening at the pond. Committee have said this will be looked into, re Forestry England.

Proposed by David McNair-Taylor

Seconded by David Neal

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Club have provisionally booked The Cliff House, at Barton on Sea again, for the annual Christmas lunch, on Wednesday 10th December.

At this time the club are not able to say what the menu will be or the price, members will be informed when available.

Proposed by John Edwards

Seconded by Nigle James

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Club Calendars

Members were asked if they would like calendars again for next year and members agreed. So, Wall and CD calendars will be done and ordered again before July in order to get 10% off, they will be on sale August onwards and sold at the Exhibition and the pond. If any member

would like their boat on the calendar, please inform Lorna, an email will also be sent.

Newsletters

The Club will still produce a Newsletter three times a year (February, July, November) to advise members of any events coming or any general information the club feels members need to know. Some members are not on the internet, so it keeps them up with the news, if you would like a copy sent in the post, instead of by email please let Lorna know. If anyone would like an article put in the newsletter, eg building boats info etc anything you feel would be of interest to other members please let Lorna know.

Car Parking

It was mentioned concerning parking at Pond.

Forestry England

Members asked if Forestry England wardens ever go to the pond, the answer to this is yes, sometimes it's just a patrol driving around, or otherwise they will stop to talk and check around.

Social at Pond

Member mentioned that at the club events, once finished members don't stay, so maybe the committee could arrange something. The Club advised members that they would look into having a picnic, after one of the events.

Potholes

It was mentioned about the holes in the road leading to the pond, they are always mentioned to Forestry England through the Sailing Club, when a complaint was put into Forestry England they were usually done, weather permitting, hopefully to a standard that the Club are still able to use the road.

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded by John Edwards

No further business was put forward, the Captain and Committee thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was finished at 8.00 pm.

See everyone at the pond.