



Minutes of the 2026 Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7pm by Zoom

- 1. Apologies;** Alison Hutton. **Those attending;** Phil Armitage, Nick Bowles, Steve Bruno, Amy Clements, Cameron Currie, Stuart Dawes, Peter Denison, Jonathan Law, Neil O'Leary, Andy Lewis, Jason Newell, Peter Shuttleworth, Gerard Talbert, William Taylor, Simon Zavad.
There were 15 members present so the meeting was quorate.
- 2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2025 AGM.** The minutes of the 2025 AGM were adopted, proposed by Gerry Talbert and seconded by Simon Zavad.
- 3. Adoption of the Cessation accounts of the (unincorporated) Club.** The accounts of the unincorporated club were accepted, proposed by Peter Denison and seconded by Gerry Talbert.
- 4. Captain's Report.** NB presented a report, available on the club website, <https://csorc.org.uk/business/> He is standing down as Club Captain and has taken up the role of Yacht Husband and appealed for help in this role.
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** PA presented a report, available on the club website, <https://csorc.org.uk/business/> He reported that there had been six racing events before the transition to a limited company last year.

£39K has been transferred from the old club accounts to the new CLG account.

The club had been looking for a yacht to buy for about the last 4 years and finally found one last Summer, a J109, Jeepster, in good condition and at a reasonable price which was subsequently purchased.
- 6. Adoption of the 2025 annual accounts of CSORC Ltd.** The adoption of the 2025 annual accounts was proposed by Nick Bowles, seconded by Amy Clements and adopted by the meeting.
- 7. Appointment of Peter Shuttleworth as independent examiner.** The meeting agreed to appoint Peter Shuttleworth as independent examiner of the club's accounts.
- 8. Adoption of the Club Rules made by the Directors in pursuit of Articles 4.1.16 and 8.1.** There was no opposition to the adoption of these club rules so they were accepted.



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9. Election of Club Officers/Directors

The Officers of the Club shall be the Captain, Crew Bureau, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually as Directors in accordance with the Articles. (Rule 6)

Nominations for the directors are as follows:

Captain - Stuart Dawes, proposed by Phil Armitage, seconded by Simon Zavad

Treasurer - Phil Armitage, proposed by Nick Bowles, seconded by Stuart Dawes

Secretary - no nominations received

Crew Bureau - Peter Denison, proposed by Phil Armitage, seconded by Nick Bowles

The meeting elected Stuart Dawes Club Captain, Phil Armitage Club Treasurer and Peter Denison Crew Bureau.

Bill Taylor did not stand for election so the post of Secretary was now vacant.

There was a discussion about whether NB needed to continue as a Director to meet the requirements of the Articles, having resigned as Club Captain. He would investigate the issue.

10. Any other business.

There was an extended discussion about the lack of skippers and crew members participating in events. Two of the first five events in the club programme hadn't run due to lack of crew.

The following points were made;

JN asked what is our plan if we don't make enough income? PD responded that members should pass the word about CSORC and the opportunity that it offers to take up yacht sailing and racing.

NB also responded that we always understood that buying our own yacht was an experiment and like all experiments, success was not guaranteed.

GT said that publicity must be continuous and proactive, not just "pushing out results".

PS said that we should contact other departments about CSORC and advertise on the CSSC website.

AC suggested that we advertise Cowes Week via CSSC.



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GT suggested discounts, and PA responded that he had already prepared proposals to this end, recently circulated to the Committee.

AL suggested racing "Taster Days" at a reduced rate, and a Marketing Member on the Committee.

PS suggested that we contact CSSC about a Summer Cruise for Jeepster.

CC suggested a "pipeline" development to help and to develop new skippers.

NB offered to organise race training and familiarisation events.

AC thought that there were two separate issues; training for skippers and publicity of events and opportunities. We could develop a skipper pathway. There might not be too much competition, who else runs race training?

PA noted that we also need a skipper approval process.

GT suggested that we need a "pipeline" for both skippers and crew.

NB thanked CC for any help that he could offer.

At this point NB left the meeting. PA thanked him for his many years of service (since 1994) to the club in several positions.

AC suggested an action to develop separate communications to the membership about CC's new leading role in a training programme.

GT suggested a Director of Training.

SD thought that we must find a way of making Jeepster "competitive". It was urgent to find a Secretary to support him in his role as Club Captain. He noted that with Sea Essay away during the Summer on its Summer cruise, there was an opportunity for Jeepster to offer charters.

PA asked "what will be an Approved Skipper" for chartering? There must be a committee meeting to decide on a methodology to develop a definition.

N O'L Stated that although he has a background in training, while he can't step up to manage the club's training programme, he is more than happy to be involved.

AC thought that the club should be more explicit in defining what we are and what we want to achieve. This could generate sympathy and understanding in the members, leading to offers of help from the CSORC membership.

After concluding remarks from the new Club Captain, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.