

**Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting of the
Civil Service Sailing Association (CSSA)**

Held online only from 1400 Saturday 9th May 2026 and
reconvened from 1900 on Monday 8th June 2026

Business conducted at the inquorate AGM held online only from 1400 Saturday 9th May 2026

1 Welcome and apologies

Paul welcomed 8 participants to this 68th Annual General Meeting of the Civil Service Sailing Association and reported 5 apologies. Attendees and apologies are recorded at Annex A.

Those present agreed Paul's suggestion that, in the absence of a quorum 20 members of both the CSSC and the CSSA, those present complete the business and invite a reconvened AGM to consider and ratify the outcomes immediately ahead of the next meeting of the General Committee scheduled for Monday 8th June 2026.

2 Commodore's address

Paul made his Commodore's Address – available at <https://cs-sailing.org.uk/cssa-business/>

3 Award of prizes

Paul reported the award of the Cruising Log Cup to Reg Morris.

Both the awarder – Alison Hutton, Rear Commodore Offshore – and the recipient had tendered their apologies. Alison was to make the presentation to Reg concurrent with the AGM during their cruise from Gibraltar to Almeria aboard Freyja. Congratulations to Reg for his log of his 2025 cruise from Brittany to Gibraltar aboard Freyja as published in the January and April 2026 editions of CS Sailing.

4 Approval of the minutes of the AGM of 3rd May 2025

The meeting adopted the minutes as an accurate record.

Proposed – Jeff Llewellyn

Seconded – Mark Goble

Approved unanimously

5 Approval of the minutes of the SGM 3May2025

The meeting adopted the minutes as an accurate record.

Proposed – John Ainsworth

Seconded – Mark Goble

Approved unanimously

6 Approval of the Annual report for 2025

The meeting adopted the report as an accurate record of Association activities during 2025.

Proposed – Mark Goble

Seconded – James Savage

Approved unanimously

7 Approval of the accounts to 31December 2025

Paul handed over to Mark Goble, CSSA Treasurer, to introduce the accounts to 31Dec25 and take questions. There were no questions.

The meeting adopted the accounts as accurate for the Association's activities during 2025.

Proposed – Jeff Llewellyn

Seconded – John Ainsworth

Approved unanimously

8 Appointment of independent examiner of accounts to 31Dec26

Mark Goble proposed that we appoint Shaw Gibbs again as Independent Examiner of our 2026 accounts.

The proposal was seconded by Nick Bowles.

Approved unanimously.

9 Motions

No Motions had been received.

10 Appointment of incoming committee

Nominations had been received only from outgoing committee. There was no more than one nomination for each General Committee officer position. The General Committee until the AGM 2027 will be –

Commodore	Paul Brereton	Appointed by the GC until Jan 2029
Rear-Commodore (Offshore Sailing)	Alison Hutton	until AGM 2027
Treasurer	Mark Goble	until AGM2027
Offshore Secretary	James Savage	until AGM 2027
Membership Secretary	Eileen Kitts	until AGM2027
Public Relations Officer	Eileen Kitts	until AGM2027

Vice-Commodore	Dormant
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Rear-Commodore (Dinghy Sailing)	Vacant
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General Secretary	Vacant
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Dinghy Secretary	Vacant
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Training Officer	Vacant
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Safety Officer	Vacant
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9 Member Posts	Vacant
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Each affiliated Club has a position at the table.

General Committee meetings are open to observers from non-affiliated sailing clubs in the Council following the Council's proposal that all sailing within the Council should be under a single internal national governing group.

Volunteers for co-option as General Secretary and other vacant posts very welcome.

11 Close

Paul thanked the participants for their contributions.

The AGM will be reconvened at the opening of the next meeting of the General Committee scheduled for Monday 8th June 2026 to consider and ratify the outcomes above.

The meeting closed at 14:24

Paul invited those present to raise any other matters for discussion by the group. There were none. Members present expressed their thanks to Paul.

Ratification from 1900 on Monday 8th June 2026 of business conducted at the inquorate AGM held online only from 1400 Saturday 9th May 2026

1 Welcome and apologies

Paul welcomed 10 participants to this reconvened and now quorate 68th Annual General Meeting of the Civil Service Sailing Association. Two late-comers (after the close of the meeting) were noted as apologies. Participants and apologies for this reconvened AGM are recorded at Annex B.

2 Ratification of business conducted at the inquorate AGM held on 9th May 2026

The draft minutes of the inquorate AGM had been posted on the CS Sailing business web page as reproduced above.

Paul led a brief discussion that revealed that all participants wanted to ratify the business completed by participants present on 9th May 2026.

Ratification of the business completed by participants present on 9th May 2026 was unanimous.

3 Close

Paul thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Annex A: Record of participants and apologies for the inquorate AGM held online only from 1400 on Saturday 9th June 2026

Present

Shellie Rogers	Member
Richard Howells	Member
Nick Bowles	Offshore Racing Club, Captain

John Ainsworth	Portsmouth Offshore Group, Commodore
Jeff Llewellyn	Channel Sailing Club, Captain
Eileen Kitts	CSSA, Membership Secretary; Public Relations Officer
James Savage	CSSA, Offshore Secretary
Mark Goble	CSSA, Treasurer
Paul Brereton	CSSA, Commodore (Chair)

Apologies

Deborah Ward	Member
Keith Morris	Member
Alison Hutton	CSSA, Rear Commodore Offshore; Captain, 5KSC
Andrew Lewis	Commodore, Littleton SC
Reg Morris	East Coast Yacht Club, Yacht Secretary & Husband

Annex B: Record of participants and apologies for the reconvened AGM held online only from 1900 on Monday 8th June 2026

Present

John Greenhough	Member
Trevor Drew	Member
Richard Davies	Member
Andrew Lewis	Littleton Sailing Club, Commodore
John Cranwell-Ward	Rutland Civil Service Sailing Club, Captain
John Ainsworth	Portsmouth Offshore Group, Commodore
Jeff Llewellyn	Civil Service Channel Sailing Club, Captain
Eileen Kitts	CSSA, Membership Secretary; Public Relations Officer
Mark Goble	CSSA, Treasurer
Alison Hutton	CSSA, Rear Commodore Offshore; 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club, Captain
Paul Brereton	CSSA, Commodore (Chair)

Apologies

Paul Dunn	Member
Stuart Dawes	Civil Service Offshore Racing Club, Captain