

The Yachting World Dayboat Association

Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting

Held at The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club

4 pm on Wednesday 26th July 2025

1- Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from James Hewitt and Julie Bowden.

38 Members attended

2- Minutes of the 68th AGM:

The Minutes from the 68th AGM held at Brixham were accepted

Proposer: Richard Lewis

Seconded by Peter Kay. Carried unanimously

3- Matters Arising:

There were no Matters arising.

4- Chairmans Report:

David M reported as follows:

It's been another busy year of DB activities.

We returned to Brixham for our DB Week and enjoyed a great week. Considering the late change of date and venue there was a very respectable fleet of 17 boats.

The sun shone and the wind blew all week, and the racing was very hotly contested with overall winners, Peter Hewitt and Chris Lockett only emerging to secure the title at the end of the final race. One particular highlight was the long-distance race which took us to a turning mark off Paignton pier before finished off the wall of Torquay marina. All the competitors then went ashore to enjoy the

delights of Torquay before the traditional pursuit race back to Brixham.

Dinghy Show

In February your Association took a stand at the RYA Dinghy show at Farnborough. This was the fourth year at this venue and once again all aspects of the show were busier than the previous year with a real buzz about the place on both days.

A big thank you to Matt Straker who took over the management of the stand from Bob and Kath Davis. And to Michael Hewitt for lending his immaculately prepared boat for the stand.

Open meetings

This year's Open meeting circuit kicked off at Bosham in May. We had fabulous conditions for the 14-boat entry including 4 visitors. James and William Hewitt won the final race to take the title in a very competitive fleet.

Avon SC was the next Open meeting at the end of May. And from the excellent report filed by Simon Bullingham in Yachts and Yachting, it was a great success with a record breaking 14 boat entry. Andrew Hewitt won a very tightly contested Cup final, with Simon winning the Bowl series

In mid-June Gravesend held their Open which was attended by 11DB's. According to John Mullan's report, conditions were quite boisterous, but they were not a problem for Mike Hewitt who won the event with 2 wins and a 2nd place.

The Poole open was held last weekend and Steve Wilson's report went out on Yachts and Yachting online on Monday! The two days were very contrasting for the 12-boat entry, with drifting conditions on Saturday for the round Brownsea island races to a very boisterous winds for the Sunday. Michael Hewitt and Steve Creasey triumphed on Sunday but only on count back from Peter Hewitt Chris Lockett.

We finish the open meeting circuit at Thornbury over the weekend of the 30th/31st August

Falmouth and the Future

Which brings us right up to date here at Falmouth where we have the biggest entry for many years including a large number of 'first timers' and family boats which is hugely encouraging for the future health of the class. Without doubt the most significant factor impacting the size of the entry has been to hold the event in school

holidays and in terms of future DB Weeks there is the opportunity to talk about this later in the agenda.

Talking about the future, as most of you are aware I am stepping down from the chairman's role. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 6 years and would like to express my sincere thanks to all of those of you who have served on the committee during this time for all your tremendous help and support. I am delighted that James Hewitt has put his name forward to be elected as your next Chairman.

Finally particular thanks to: Roy & Wendy Davies for all their efforts producing DB Notes and Julie Bowden for her ongoing work updating and managing the website

5- Treasurers & Membership secretary's report:

Annette opened her remarks by warmly thanking Bob & Kath Davis for all their help in making the transition of the treasurer and membership roles go so smoothly. Annette then ran through the audited accounts for 2024 and highlighted the following:

Profit: Overall, a profit of £600 for the year 2024.

DB Week 2024 Brixham: Broke even - income and expenditure are both lower due to the lower turnout. Deposit (£500) for DB week 2024 was paid in 2023 whilst no deposit was required by Falmouth for DB week 2025.

Website: Website was rebuilt in 2023, hence increased charges were incurred in 2023. Good housekeeping by Julie Bowden has kept hosting costs under control in 2024.

Mould: The mould was moved to an alternative site in 2024 with no storage charges. 2024 includes both storage and removal charges.

RYA Dinghy Show: Abnormality was in 2023 when the full stand cost for 2024 had to be paid in advance in Dec 2023. The 2024 figure consists of the full stand cost for the dinghy show in 2025 (i.e. paid in advance).

Looking ahead - 2025

Administration costs (i.e. basically costs for DB Notes): These will now reduce significantly due to DB notes being distributed electronically (saving both printing costs, envelopes and postage)

Mould: Having moved the mould there are now zero storage costs.

Service Charges (ie the Bank charges): We now need to pay bank charges – the basic charge is £4.25 pm. However, we also incur charges for every payment received by cheque. Request thus please pay by BACS if possible - saves postage, saves the treasurer's time and saves the Association additional bank charges.

Membership:

Thanks to all for speedy renewals and for the majority paying by BACS.

Overall membership is stable - and slightly up for 2025

NB A copy of the audited accounts for 2024 are attached as an appendix

6- Propositions received

There were no propositions received.

7- Election of Officers & committee

The new Officers and committee were proposed and seconded by individual members ahead of the meeting

Chairman James Hewitt (FPSC)

Treasurer Annette Wilson (PYC)

Membership Secretary Steve Wilson (PYC)

Committee Pete Hewitt (PYC), John Davies-Mullen (GSC),
Dave Allen (TSC), Tim Wilcock (BSC), Julie
Bowden (TSC) David Macfarlane (BSC)

A vote was taken and the new officers and committee were elected unanimously.

8- Election of Auditor/Examiner

Anita Hapgood has indicated that she is happy to continue.

Proposer: Annette Wison seconded by Peter Kay. Carried unanimously.

9- RYA Dinghy Show 2025

David M invited members who had attended this year's show to give their views. Tim Wilcox reported that the stand had shown our class in a positive manner and had generated a great deal of interest. As such he recommended that we should take stand for Farnborough in 2026. Annette Kay was similarly enthusiastic David M concluded by saying that the RYA show and our substantial fleet at Falmouth are a great advert for the class. David M concluded by thanking Michael Hewitt for providing his immaculately prepared boat for the stand.

10- Day Boat Week 2026

David M confirmed that next year's Day Boat week will take place at Poole YC from Saturday 25th July 2026.

Steve W gave an overview of the Week and highlighted some of the non-sailing attractions that Poole offered. He is planning to release a brochure for members in October listing these attractions. Barry Colgate mentioned a memorable trip to the RLNI in 2018, and Dave Allen endorsed the harbour boat trip evening with fish and chips from the same year.

Regarding accommodation, Steve W recommended that members searched under 'Hamworthy' rather than Poole.

11- Future Dayboat Weeks

David M. announced that Brixham YC had approached the Association at the RYA show and were keen to host DB Week in 2027. David M followed up their approach and provisionally reserved the week commencing 27th July 2027.

12- Discuss and review Rules 15 & 16 (Requirement to carry oars, rollocks, anchor and warp)

Nigel Russell approached David M earlier this year to propose that we review the need under the rules to carry the above equipment. Nigel put forward his views to the meeting and made the point that at Bosham they were rarely used and added weight to an already heavy boat. Various views were expressed from members mainly pointing out that at some tidal clubs this equipment is regularly used. Peter H suggested that individual clubs could make a ruling that would apply to their sailing areas only. David M summarised the discussion and proposed that the matter would be included in the agenda of the next committee meeting.

13- Any other business

Due to the numbers involved David M announced that the prizegiving would be held outside in the cub marquee at 7pm, followed by dinner in the club as advertised at 7.30pm.

Roy Davies asked members to continue making contributions to DB Notes on any subject that came to mind.

Pete Hewitt read out some words from James Hewitt our new chairman in which James thanked David for his steady hand on the tiller as class chairman and his many great efforts over the last 6 years. James introduced himself and his boat Mallory, and apologised for his absence this year, but that he was honoured to be the new chairman. He hoped to promote the DB class in the future and once again thanked David and Fiona for great work.

Meeting closed at 1700