CSC Board Meeting
8 June 2026
7.00pm, CSC Clubhouse
Minutes

	Topic	Information	Lead/ Action
1	Present, introductions and apologies	Present – ABH, AE, DF, SD, TL Apologies – PB, GA Absent –	
2	Minutes of Meeting of 20 April 2026	To amend as needed and approve Proposed - DF Seconded - TL	SD
3	Matters arising from the Minutes	Check state of play on action points, bring forward any outstanding issues Action points from previous meeting: **AP - Contact Adam Cowan re cleaning and sanitary bins and contact Mira re shower in men's changing room.** - carried over **AP – check on west gable door for potential leaks** - carried over **AP – contact RYA re funding** - complete **AP – send report to SportScotland and ask for advice on match funding** - complete **AP – set up a meeting between Jeremy Astill-Brown and PB to discuss taking the project forward** - complete **AP – set up final payment to contractors and submit project report to funders** - complete **AP – Take changing room project to next stage and obtain QS estimate** - complete **AP – contact Roddy to ask that he remains on the Sailing Committee** - complete **AP – to continue discussions on PMFSC with relevant people** - complete **AP – give Richard the go ahead to repurpose the Topaz for club use** - complete **AP - Compile newsletter with contributions / articles on slipway and changing rooms projects** - complete **AP – contact Richard Evans to ask him to make necessary alterations to SUP page** - complete **AP – contact sailing sub-committee to ask for a costed proposal for smaller safety boat** - complete **AP - Contact the Rowing committee and ask them to come up with recommendations for Buoancy aids for the Board to consider**	 MW MW DF SD SD SD TL SD DF SD DF SD SD SD

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4	Treasurer's Report	See note to item	DF
5	Grounds update		
6	RTC Training update	• Since the last update, we've run Adult Level 1 and 2 dinghy sailing courses. Both these courses were full, with six participants on each. • We've started our regular 'Dolphins' junior sailing sessions on alternate Thursday evenings. These are proving very popular and we are only opening up the sign up a few weeks in advance, to try and give everyone a chance to attend some sessions, rather than parents signing up their child for every session in a season, as has previously happened (and then not always attending every session). • Adult 'Improvers' sessions have also started on alternate Tuesday evenings. There wasn't huge uptake initially and the weather affected one session but we now have a keen cohort of adult sailors courtesy of the two training courses we have run. • We have a junior Stage 1 course coming up in the first week of the school holidays, which is fully booked with six participants. This is followed by the' Junior Fun Week' at the end of July, which is almost full now (18 participants max.) • We have our annual RYA Training Centre inspection on Monday 8th June. This will be conducted by Leon Ward, who visited the club last year. I will be there to facilitate the inspection. Rob Bashford	
7	Social Convener update		
8	Membership update	Here is the membership report for the CSC Board meeting of Monday 8 June 2026. New members to report: Patrick Ryan - Junior Connor McLean - Individual Gareth Phillips - Family Alexander Proctor - Individual Helen and Mike Duffy - Family Helen (Jenner) Membership Secretary All members were approved.	
9	Buildings update	Fire extinguisher inspection is being arranged.	
10	Sailing Subcom update	**Small Safety Boat Proposal - See also note to item** As per Board instruction, the SSC conducted an options appraisal for the purchase of a small safety boat to replace Meikle. The boat needs to be small and light enough to easily launch/recover at any state of the tide shorthanded (current RIB is 550kg); sufficient capacity and stability for safety work in club waters; low maintenance and durable; affordable. Compatibility with existing	

		15hp engine preferred, although existing engine is long-shaft - option would be to sell engine with Meikle and purchase a more suitable one if needed. Mike kindly researched options and created the attached spreadsheet. The SSC landed on the Rigiflex as the preferred option with the Whaly a second option (pending final price and availability of both). The Rigiflex is widely used and Charlie has first-hand experience of them at Loch Insh ("bomb-proof" and easily maintained). With Board approval, Mike will press on and get confirmed package prices and availability for the 2 options, with trailer/launch trolley, cover etc. A quick guide price for Meikle is in the region of £500-700 (fb marketplace). **Events** Solo/Streaker Scottish Champs 27-28 June (contact Charlie): arrangements in hand and progressing well. Ness Cup 18 July (contact Ben): a fb call has gone out for duties. Regatta/Skiff traveller 1-2 August (Mike & Roddy): call for duties, poster etc to progress soon now Solo/Streaker Champs near finalised. The board discussed the safety boat proposal and agreed that it is a good idea. However, funds are short so we need to sell Meikle to raise funds before we can afford to spend more on a new boat. **AP – ask the sailing sub-committee to go ahead with the sale of Meikle and to confirm the package prices, including engine.**	SD
11	Rowing Update	We didn't participate in the 5 Harbours Row due to an adverse weather forecast. On the end some clubs did take part over a shorter distance. New covers are on order for the skiffs. Partial practical day of cox training took place. Again, high winds prevented completion. We will finish off the training during normal rowing sessions. Collieston cancelled a joint row so instead we had a longer row down to Kilmuir and a picnic on the beach. Good weather for a change.	
12	Paddle-boarding and swimming update	There is still a steady number of people swimming. There was also discussion about potential new insurers to cover swimming at the forthcoming open day, though it was established that the new insurers only cover commercial operations.	
13	Club Development	The QS report has now come through for the ground floor refurbishment with a bottom-line figure of £200,000. There was discussion around the need to identify funding and secure help to deliver the projects. It was decided to make the projects more visible to club members by making project documents available on a new page on the club website. This will help to demonstrate that the committee is taking action to make improvements and also to raise awareness of the size of the projects. **AP – ask Richard to create a new projects page on the website and send him links to the relevant documents** **AP – talk to architects and see if there is any way of reducing project costs**	SD/TL TL

14	Check accident book	Nothing to report	SD
15	AOCB	**1. Sauna proposal** We have received a proposal to have a mobile sauna based at the club. While the Board thought this to be an interesting and welcome proposal our lease with the Council does not allow for any commercial operations. The board also has concerns around any legal fees, the potential impact on our neighbours, the impact on sailing activities and whether it might affect our charitable status. However, it was decided the proposal merits further discussion as it complements other activities at the club. **AP – have further discussion with the proposer to see if there is a way forward** **2. RYA funding proposal to SportScotland** **Summer of Sport fund** - related to the Commonwealth games, Clubs can apply for money from RYA to fund activities they are doing this summer. **SportScotland Club Support Programme** - RYA Scotland has applied to SportSotland for funding for a number of roles across Scotland to support sailing clubs directly. RYAS propose to have one in the Moray Firth area, potentially based at Findhorn. As s a club we could ask for direct support with any projects, and we would get somebody local to help for free. However, the level and type of support is still to be determined. **3. Open day – update from Sandra Hogg** Hi Stuart, I'll start planning in more detail in the next month or so. It would be good to let members know about the event via a newsletter whenever the next one goes out. I'll get a poster designed too. I'd like to include use of our paddle boards. I was thinking using a sign on/off system similar to the rowing and sailing, defining an area and having a shore-based spotter to call for safety boat if required. Can you ask if that's acceptable? It would be included in the event plan. Does the board want sight of the event plan? The board agreed that it would be good to include paddle boarding as long as there is a shore-based spotter. The Board does not need to see the event plan but would like to know the final number of swimmers. It was also agreed that it would be good to invite the local Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) again this year. **AP – update Sandra on the board's decisions on the Open Day**	SD ABH SD
16	Date of next meeting	27 July 2026, Clubhouse	

Office Bearers and Trustees of the SCIO:
Commodore – Vacant
Treasurer – David Finlayson – DF
Secretary – Stuart Davies - SD

Board General Members and Trustees:
Allison Elder – AE (also Swimming lead)
Anna Bell-Higgs – ABH
Paul Briggs - PB
Grant Andrews – GA (also Rowing Lead)
Tim Lloyd – TL

Note to agenda item 4

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Membership subscriptions: membership & boat storage fees continue to accrue with a current total of at £15,613. Harbour dues for up to 5 boats are still to be invoiced

Exceptional expenditure: Final invoices for the preliminary works on the slipway and changing room projects have been paid. New covers have been ordered for both skiffs. Expenditure of £5000 is anticipated for moorings salvage with uncertain return for scrap value. One member has expressed interest in acquiring some of the tackle.

Ofcom: the Ofcom fee of £75 for the shore-based radio licence has been collected by direct debit and this should continue to automatically renew.

Balances as at 06/06/2026 are:	**April**	**June**
Bank account:	£52,200.	£ 51,105.81
PayPal:	£557.67	£744.76
Total:	**£52,757.89**	**£51,850.57**

It is worth noting that the March balance was c.£62,000.

David Finlayson

Treasurer

06/06/2026

Additional agenda item:

Port & Marine Facilities Safety Code: The treasurer awaits information from the RYA for advice on how proportionality might be applied to sailing clubs and as to the possibility of the Designated Person (DP) being a club member. Also raised the possibility of the DP being the RYA. The treasurer is keeping Inverness Harbour notified.

Note to agenda item 10

Chanonry Sailing Club - Sailing Sub-committee

Boats

Make	**Whaly**	**Rigiflex**	**Polycraft**	**Jomo**	**Pioner**
Model	370	New Matic 360	300 Tuffy	300	400 Steady
Length	3.7m	3.6m	3.0m	3.0m	4.0m
Width	1.73m	1.68m	1.4m	1.5m	1.8m
Transom - shaft length	Long	Long	Short	Long	Long
Max. crew (CE cat C)	6	3	3	4	6
Weight	144kg	120kg	108kg	108kg	200kg
Max. Engine hp	25hp	30hp	15hp	20hp	40hp

Max. Engine weight	74kg		55kg		
Max capacity (CE cat C)	540kg		217kg	4549kg	
Cost - Boat (incl VAT)	2799.00	2895.00	2856.00	2499.00	5705.00
Trailer	Extreme Launcher 4	Extreme Launcher 4 All Terrain	Extreme Launcher 4 All Terrain?	Extreme EXT350 BUNK	Extreme EXT350 BUNK?
Cost - Trailer	547	623	623	1213	1214
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost - Package	3,346.00	3,518.00	3,479.00	3,712.00	6,919.00
Supplier	Yampower Marine	Rigiflex Boats	Ashton Marine	Jomoboats.co.uk	Caley Marina
YouTube	VIDEO	VIDEO	VIDEO	VIDEO	VIDEO
Web Site	Web site	Web site	Web site	Web site	Web site

Engines

Make	Yamaha	Yamaha	Honda	Honda
Model	F15SMHA	F15 LMHA	BF15 SHU	BF15 LHU
Power	15hp	15hp	15hp	15hp
Shaft length	Short	Long	Short	Long
Electric start (Y/N)	N	N	N	N
Weight	50.5kg	50.5kg	46.5kg	46.5kg
Cost (incl VAT)	2695	2714	3025	3080
Supplier	eBay	eBay	honda.co.uk	honda.co.uk