



PoFSA 2025 AGM

MYC Saturday 22nd November 2025 at 10.00am

Meeting Minutes

1. **Present:** Gaye Slater, Chris Williams, Jane Wright, Neil and Jacky Andrew, Amanda Ayliffe, Paul Hobson, Robert Talbot, Brian Phipps, Tim Rowley, Tim Sherratt, Mark Osborn, Francis Hallawell, John Maunder, Simon Fleming, , Malcolm Forrest (Reporter)
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Bernie Bagley, Sue Treneer, Steve Przybylski, Julie Hopkins, Peter Harvey, Malcolm Clark, Nigel Sharp, Chris Davis.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Approved.
4. **Matters arising:** None.
5. **Dates 2026**
Falmouth Classics: 12-14 June 2026
Falmouth Sailing Week: Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th August
Village Regattas

Loe Beach	June 27
St Mawes Social Club	July 11
St Mawes Town	July 25
Flushing	August 1
Percuil	August 23
Portscatho	August 29
Point and Penpoll	September 12
6. **Dates for 2027:**
Falmouth Classics 11-13 June 2027
Falmouth Sailing Week: Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th August
Village Regattas

Loe Beach	June 5
Point and Penpoll	July 3
St Mawes Social Club	July 10
St Mawes Town	July 17
Flushing	July 31
Portscatho	August 28
Percuil	August 29
7. **Chair Report : Gaye Slater**

The racing scene in Falmouth in 2025 was very full and varied, leaving our sailors spoilt for choice. We congratulate all our competitors, from those who ventured offshore to take part in, among others, the Fastnet Race, to those who enlivened our creeks with the traditional Village Regattas and regular club racing and regattas.

We frequently had quite challenging conditions in 2025 with either too much or too little wind. It is always disappointing when events have to be cancelled or abandoned. Let's hope

that 2026 brings more of the balmy conditions we all love, ideally a constant SW 12-15 knots is on Chris Davis's wish list.

Often in spite of the weather, our PoFSA club volunteers also turn out regularly to run races and shoreside events throughout the season. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by our sailors and all this adds to the vibrance and colour of our unique port. We're pleased to be welcoming some new volunteers and hope they enjoy their time with us.

For me a high point on the calendar is always Falmouth Sailing Week. It is a unique 7-day event which is gaining recognition among other major regattas along the south coast. If you can't or don't want to do 7 days, there are 3-day series and Wednesday features a very popular stand-alone race.

FSW also brings all the PoFSA clubs together to pool volunteers and resources. In the Bay fleet the deployment of Mark Set Bot (robotic race marks) has become established as a valuable aid to setting courses and raising the bar. Our thanks go to our sponsors who have helped subsidise their use.

Our post event Wash Up meetings provide us with valuable feedback, often contradicting what has been suggested before!

We now have a WhatsApp Community which acts as an umbrella for our groups. The Carrick and Bay fleet groups continue to be a valuable link between Race Officers and Crews.

We also now have an Environmental Policy thanks to the efforts of Amanda Ayliffe who is also involved in our Marketing and Publicity trio. Competitors in the Bay fleet received daily bulletins regarding a variety of environmental issues from Dave Curno via WhatsApp.

Good communication is of the essence and where we experienced problems, it was usually where lines had broken down. We can improve on this.

To augment the existing navigation marks in the Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay for racing purposes, PoFSA lays seasonal yellow marks which are generously sponsored by local businesses.

We hope you enjoy your sailing in 2026

8. Hon. Treasurer Report: Chris Williams

PoFSA Surplus was £6,515 (includes FSW £5,532) compared with shortfall of £307 last year. Income from FSW Entries up 43% split between Bay up 90% (equal to increase in entry fees) and Carrick up 15% (fees for some classes increased by 50%). Bay entry fees were increased to fund MSB's.

Sponsorship of MSB's Income up 22%

Spend on Patrol Craft and Committee Boats increased 24% due to revised policy for blown-out days. Payments to volunteers for meal allowances more than doubled due increase in the daily rate.

Insurance claims successfully made for 2 lost race marks £527

Capital spend on 3 race marks (£865) and laptop for race office (£349)

Cash balance at year-end was £39,459 increased by 15%.

Some FSW income and expenditure items have been reclassified to Core rather than One-off.

The attributable income and costs for FSW have been analysed between the Carrick (surplus £6,751) and Bay (surplus £2,987) fleets using best available data. Further net costs of £4,206 are not attributable.

The Treasurer thanked Neil Andrew for acting as Inspector of the Accounts.

Looking forward: Fees for FWS 2026 likely to increase by 5%

Raising sponsorship likely to become more difficult particularly for MSB's.

Formal quote for supply of MSB's in 2026 not yet seen. Increase may be significant

Para-medical cover subject to discussion so cost will be allowed for.

9. Race Management Working Party Report: Neil Andrew

This group comprises Neil and Jacky Andrew, Chris Davis, Nigel Sharp and Malcolm Clark.

The group follows the Racing Rules of Sailing Section 3, 7 and Appendix J to organise and run Falmouth Sailing Week.

The Entry system was refreshed for 2025 and the racing results format changed to make it easier to access results for a specific fleet.

The 2025 NoR and SI were sent out on schedule.

The Policy Committee has agreed the race format for 2026.

PoFSA Race Marks: Falmouth Harbour Master has agreed to lay and recover the PoFSA marks for 2026. This is not expected to incur additional cost over and above the previous arrangements, other than replacement of ground tackle as needed.

10. Sponsorship Report: Jane Wright

Race Mark Sponsors

2024 Sponsors continued in 2025 but three have dropped out for 2026. PoFSA would like to thank A2 Rigging and Covers, Hine Downing and Pascoes Boatyard for their support.

New sponsors to replace them have been signed up:

- Falmouth School of Sailing,
- Sunflower Accountants
- Take a Turn Yachting.

A 5% increase in fee has been agreed for 2026.

Mark Set Bots

Three Mark-Set-Bot sponsors continued in 2025 (Marlow Ropes, Pendennis Shipyard and Fal and Helford MPA). Unknown whether they will continue sponsorship in 2026.

Event Sponsors

19 partner sponsors provided cash or goods-in-kind.

Thanks particularly to:

- Ancasta (Champagne Race prizes)
- Mainbrace Rum (Rum Race prizes)
- Cornish Horizons and Holiday Cottages.co.uk
- Falmouth Yacht Brokers
- Gil Marine (Junior Cup and Apparel for volunteers).
- Falmouth Yacht Haven (Discount berthing)
- SW Bars and Events (50% Discount on event tickets)
- Falmouth Town Council (VIP tickets to events).

Shoreside

Competitors briefing held at RCYC and organised by Amanda Ayliffe.

RCYC provided a week long 'Regatta Hub' which has been well received by competitors.

Thanks to all of the PoFSA Clubs for providing teas and prizegivings.

Summary

When Jane joined in 2019 the total sponsorship income was £4.7k, in 2025 this has increased to £21k. This is a very significant achievement from Jane and is a result of establishing very positive relationships with all of the sponsors.

Going Forward

Shoreside Arrangements will be coordinated by Gaye Slater.

Publicity will be handled by Amanda Ayliffe, Roisin O'Halloran and Bella Hardaker.

Sponsorship will be managed by Tim Sherratt.

11. Election of Officers.

The following are willing to stand for re-election for the forthcoming year and their nomination has been approved at the October 2025 PoFSA Policy Meeting.

- Chair: Gaye Slater
- Vice Chair: Vacant **
- Treasurer: Chris Williams
- Secretary: Malcolm Forrest

Neil Andrew confirmed that he was willing to continue acting as 'Examiner of the Accounts' and this was approved by the meeting.

** Note that Robert Talbot has been proposed, approved by the Policy Committee and elected following the meeting.

12. Falmouth Sailing Week Charity Donation.

A cheque for £1000 was presented to Mark Osborne from the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust. The 2026 PoFSA Charity was confirmed as the Childrens Sailing Trust in Helford.

13. Presentation: Gaye Slater

An engraved Glass Vase presented to Jane Wright in recognition of her outstanding job over the past 6 years.

A case of 'Proper Job' presented to Bernie Bagley in recognition of his work as Safety Coordinator for FSW 2023, 2024 and 2025.

14. AOB

Environment: Amanda Ayliffe

Recognising that Falmouth has a very bio-diverse environment and that the Helford and Fal Rivers are Special Areas of Conservation, PoFSA has established an Environmental Policy and Action plan in 2025. It is requested that PoFSA clubs provide points of contact/champions to ensure consistency of plans going forward.

15. Date of next AGM Saturday 21st November 2026.

16. Meeting Closed at 11.05