

2025-26 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and time of Meeting: 6-30 pm Wednesday 4 March 2026

Location: Balmain Sailing Club.

Type of Meeting: Management Committee.

Attendees: Campbell Reid (CR), Chris Price (CP) Louise Blair (LB) Geoff Watkins (GW) Sharon Harvey (SH) Ermma Thomas (ET)

Apologies: Joost Bekker (JB), Colin Grove (CG) David Stenhouse (DS),

Minutes: Sharon Harvey

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- The meeting commenced at 6. 30 pm.
 - The minutes of the BSC Management Committee Meeting of 4 February 2026 were approved without amendment.

ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The successful handover of David Stenhouse's day-to-day duties continues. The committee wishes to acknowledge Lyn Evans for the work she has agreed to undertake and noted that further applications have been received for the part-time / casual Management position in respect of various other duties previously undertaken by David. The applicants are currently under review.
- **CR** noted that the plans for the downstairs toilets submitted the Inner West Council were reviewed by an independent Consultant who does work for the Council. CR will monitor communications with the Council and provide feedback to the Committee. It was noted that the \$5000 funding grant may also be available toward funding the project, estimated to cost \$60,000 The grant if provided must be spent by August 2026. The aim is to have the toilets and refurbishment completed before the next Regatta.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- The plan to **refurbish and repair the Club flooring** was reviewed. Lyn and CR will manage this activity. The work is estimated to be completed by late April this year.
- **Regatta and Workboat Convoy.** CR met with Michael Petrozzi and is working on a "save the date" for the Regatta and Working Boats Convoy, optimally 25 October 2026. It was agreed that the BSC website will be updated to include this information to allow time for adequate preparation.

Action: GW agreed that the website required an immediate review and overhaul / refresh and will commence this action.

Action: CP and DS will also review the landing page and consult with website manager to update its functionality to include the Regatta information.

- It was also suggested that a Swimming Race be included as a Regatta activity (details to be advised), inviting other clubs such as Manly and The Amateurs, to participate. They could race to Balmain and stay for the party.

Action: CR will contact the respective sailing and swimming clubs and invite them to attend.

- The need for an **Aquatic Licence on Regatta Day** was raised. CR agreed this should be done in advance for ease of management. It was also noted that the Committee must negotiate with the harbour authority to request we take priority in the harbour over tanker movements (if possible); last year a large tanker was scheduled to leave the night before the Regatta but its departure time was changed to leaving in the morning, which affected the Regatta scheduling.

Action: apply for the Aquatic Licence now for the workboats and request priority over other large harbour traffic movements planned for the day.

- **Tenders are still being left on the pontoon** and accessed by non-members. It was agreed that CP would consult with Lyn regarding member key management, including establishing a key register based on an excel format.
- The following dates have been agreed for the Annual BSC Presentation Night and BSC Annual General Meeting.
- **Post-Christmas Twilight Race 12. Fri 27 March 2026.** The theme for our last Twilight event: "Balmain on the Riviera." It's easy, it's fun and would be supported by a French-themed dinner. Details to be shared via Club email.

Action: Mention as a placeholder and reminder to Members every Twilight race and via Club email to all Members.

- **Presentation Night: Saturday 2 May 2026.** Confirmation of date but theme not discussed. At this point presumed to be Black Tie (with Board Shorts optional). More details to follow as the event nears.
- **The 2026 AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 22 July 2026.**

FINANCES: See attached P&L and Managers note

- Joost was an apology, however the current Financials were forwarded to the Committee members pre-meeting. The P&L review indicated that the Club continues to attract a good level of race entries, noting a discrepancy between entries and racing numbers. It was perceived that the weather can affect participation, with some boats not showing up due to high winds and rainfall this season.

SAILING ACTIVITIES:

- The Committee discussed ways to make Friday Night and Twilights more attractive to Members, so they come to race or have dinner and drinks at the Club. To do so requires reaching a greater audience through emails, social media, Instagram, and Facebook to bridge the communication gap. CR also noted that playing the drone race footage during dinner could be of interest to the crews and also downloading the footage onto the website for more attention.

Action: when the new manager commences, he / she could use Friday nights as a project to make the Twilights special. Such as having regular performers attend.

SAILING EVENT REMINDER:

- **CP** noted that a corporate regatta will be run out of the Club on 19 March 2025 and 8 yachts owned by club members will be involved with the sponsor of the regatta donating to the club.
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RISK MANAGEMENT WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS):

- **SH** advised that the Risk Management and Incident Management Registers have been updated to include current legislation and regulations. SH will email copies to the Committee for review, especially regarding contact names and details as some information may require change or addition. After review the Registers will be uploaded onto the BSC website.
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GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- The last Twilight race will be a special evening wherein the Club will farewell Dave Stenhouse, to thank him for his unwavering loyalty to the Balmain sailing community and hard work over the years to the Club.
 - LB provided the Committee with Club Member of the Year Nomination Forms for review and comment, providing a formal pathway to embed the nomination process.
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MEETING CLOSED: 8-00 pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8 April 2026 @6-30 PM in the Clubhouse

The BSC committee usually meets once a month on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm to discuss and agree actions in respect of general club matters. If members would like to attend or wish to have an item raised at the meeting, please email info@balmainsailingclub.com at least one week prior.

A question or concern may be dealt with before the meeting, if not, it can be added to the agenda if time permits, or to the following month if the current agenda is already full. All members are encouraged to access and read the Committee Meeting Minutes which are posted on the Clubs website.