

Minutes of the Club Meeting

Tuesday, 14 July 2026 District 850 Meeting Room

At a Glance	
Called to order	7:01 p.m.
Adjourned	7:58 p.m.
Present	10 members (confirmed on the record; quorum satisfied)
Noted absent	Ted, Laura, Rachel, Ryan, Pia
Motions carried	5 (all passed; four unanimously)
Funds committed	\$6,500 — \$1,500 Rum & Root Beer, \$5,000 training equipment

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and went on the record. The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made and seconded from the floor, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Attendance was confirmed later in the meeting at ten members present, noted on the record to settle any question of a quorum.

2. Endless Summer Regatta

2.1 Regatta numbering

Some time was spent reconciling conflicting dates on Club paperwork to establish whether this year’s event is the 38th or the 39th Endless Summer. Working backwards from a 2022 shirt marked as the 35th — 2023 as the 36th, 2024 as the 37th, 2025 as the 38th — the present members settled on the 39th Endless Summer Regatta. This matched Chuck’s (a/k/a Swami) recollection, and he holds the artwork from last year. The number was needed in order to get the date right on the shirt.

2.2 Board Repair Clinic

Commodore Rick Upson will run a board repair clinic at the next Club Practice Day, which will fall on Sunday July 26th. Anyone bringing a dinged board can expect it to be repaired or at least assessed that day. Rick will bring a large jug of epoxy and hardener, epoxy thickener for anything needing a putty rather than a resin, disposable gloves and brushes, sandpaper, mixing cups, and two sawhorses to bring a board to a comfortable working height. Rudy is known to have minor repairs outstanding, and it was noted that some of the training boards also need attention.

The original plan was to work underneath the house, which is shaded and keeps the work out of the sun. It was suggested instead that the clinic be set up on the east side of the training trailer, which has cover and palm trees. The concern raised was that visitors arrived last weekend and vehicles had to be moved out from under the house; a workshop set up there would probably not present well. Working away from the house also avoids any worry about epoxy drips. Rick agreed to the change and will bring a drop cloth if rain threatens; a pop-up canopy was discussed as an option, subject to wind.

On materials, it was noted that epoxy produces far fewer fumes than polyester resin. Acetone is used for cleanup, with a caution from some members that acetone quickly absorbs through the skin and is hard on the liver.

2.3 Shirt design

The shirt front will read “Race for Wright” with an image of Wright Finney sailing toward the viewer; the original image had Wright sailing away, and Deb Berlinger had it reversed. The back will carry a design Rick described as “mark rounding mayhem” — a group of vessels colliding around a mark, departing from the usual clean sailing imagery. Chuck will not use the exact reference picture circulated with the agenda but will work to that concept, and may add a decorative border of palm trees and hibiscus flowers around the diagram. There will be an image where a shirt pocket would sit, but no pocket, as Chuck advised that a pocket adds meaningful cost.

2.4 The 250th anniversary proposal

A couple of meetings ago Bob “Baab” Andrews had suggested marking the country’s 250th anniversary on the shirt. Rick proposed the wording “celebrating 250 years of no kings,” which was raised at the Board meeting, where some members felt that would be too political and likely to ruffle some feathers of a significant number of Shell Point Beach residents, some of whom are already not particularly fond of the Club. Rick’s cheeky position was that it simply states a historical fact, but he then acknowledged that the phrase “no kings” has taken on a political association it would not have carried a few years ago, and as an alternative he offered “celebrating 250 years of democracy” as an alternative.

Discussion did not seem to favor either wording. Points made from the floor were: the slogan does not relate to windsurfing or to the club; the Fourth of July has already passed; the phrase could be read as divisive or be made divisive regardless of intent; and the Club participates in the event as guests in an area of mixed political leanings and wisdom dictated that it should tread lightly on anything even remotely invoking religion or politics. A third option — leaving it off the shirt entirely — was raised and attracted support. On placement, Rick noted Chuck had said that locating it in the sponsor area of the shirt would not add cost; however, the objection was to the slogan itself rather than the price.

This item of discussion had been tabled at a previous meeting, so a procedural motion was taken first to move it off the table for discussion; that motion was moved, seconded and carried. Bob Graves then moved to leave off any reference to the 250 years the country has been around. Sandy and Vaughn seconded. A broader sentiment was voiced during discussion that the Club should keep religion and politics off all of its materials.

Resolved: no reference to the 250 years will appear anywhere on the shirt. Carried unanimously. Rick will inform Chuck and Bob Andrews.

2.5 Shirt fabric and sizing

No motion was made regarding the choice of fabric. Opinions were canvassed, with some members preferring long-sleeve cotton, and others preferred rash guards on the grounds of fit, with the observation that long-sleeve cotton shirts often fit poorly and go unworn. The strongest argument in the room was for a long-sleeve rash guard for sun protection, and the short-sleeve advocate conceded the point. Hooded rash guards were raised as an option worth pricing.

Practical constraints noted: color availability drives what is possible, some colors do not come in both men's and women's cuts, adding a pocket narrows the options further, and lettering in more than two colors beyond the shirt color costs more. Rick will need to check inventory with Don.

Rather than put fabric to a vote, the meeting delegated the decision to the Commodore, on the observation that no one recalls the Endless Summer shirt ever being decided by committee. Rick accepted, on the understanding that authority is the freedom to be blamed.

2.6 Sponsorship

Kristin Korinko-Olson confirmed the existing sponsor levels of 2025 are still viable for 2026, so they carry over unchanged; the schedule was circulated as an attachment to the agenda email. The lowest level is Lieutenant at \$150. Every level except Lieutenant carries a logo on the shirt. Where a prospective sponsor cannot meet the lowest level, members were encouraged to ask instead for door prizes to raffle at the Saturday night dinner. Kristin has already written a check as an Endless Summer sponsor.

Deadline: Chuck asked for about two weeks' lead time on the artwork and Rick would prefer to give him three, so any sponsor wanting to appear on the shirt must commit before the end of August — roughly six weeks from this meeting. Sponsors can still come in after that date; they simply will not be on the shirt.

2.7 Green team

Volunteers are still wanted for the committees. Chris Lane had previously agreed to serve on the Green Team, referring to Sailors for the Sea (sailorsforthesea.org), which encourages clubs and yacht clubs to run regattas with minimal environmental impact, particularly minimal use of single-use plastics. Rick will circulate more information soon.

3. Purser's Report

[Taken out of order in Ted's (Scribe and Past Commodore) absence.]

Account / item	Amount
Liquid funds available to spend	[Specific amounts not included here]
Synovus (operating)	"
PayPal (after \$3,900 transferred to Synovus)	"
Certificate of deposit	"
Cash on hand	"
Insurance premium — 2025	"

Account / item	Amount
Insurance premium — 2026	“
Current membership	94 members

The funds held in PayPal were transferred to Synovus. On returning from the camping trip, Bob will visit Synovus to confirm the status of the existing certificate of deposit and buy a second one. The intent, an idea credited to Vaughn, is to stagger maturities so that a CD renews every six months and funds remain reachable if needed. The point of placing funds in CD's is to earn at least some interest to minimize the loss of value due to inflation; the checking account earns no interest.

Regarding cash on hand: There will be a change of practice going forward: previously whoever was in charge of lunch bought the food items with their own money and got reimbursed by the Club afterwards. Now, the Club will have cash available for purchasing the food items. Cash on hand will also cover the till for registration walk-ups paying cash, and for the lunch. Bob noted the practical drawback that checks can be deposited remotely by phone but cash cannot.

The insurance statement arrived and will be paid by check, as any other payment method attracts additional fees the insurer will not absorb. The premium rose a bit from last year, of which the Smith Regatta will cover roughly half. Additional burgees were purchased; Michael Gillie bought one and, unable to find his check book while hiking in North Carolina, mailed cash.

Membership stands at 94. Several lapsed members were named as likely to renew if approached — among them Andy Waters, Mark Voight, John Stackman, Mary Rollin and Robert Wandell — which would bring the club close to 100. Bob will follow up, while noting it is late in the season and some may simply rejoin next year.

A concern was raised that holding a large cash balance is itself expensive due to erosion of value over time through inflation. Beyond the CDs, the suggestion was that the Club consider investing in itself where there is a future benefit — particularly in the form of equipment, given that the training program is bringing in new people and thus funds and needs to be properly equipped. It was noted that the Rum & Root Beer event is not a profit-making exercise but is expected to break even.

4. Sport Fleet Report

Delivered by Bailey. Michael Getman has fully joined Sport Fleet and will be racing with the group in future, a welcome addition even though no racing took place last weekend. Bailey and Rachel saw David — one of the club's new members — at coffee and spoke with him at some length; he seems enthusiastic and the intention is to keep drawing him into club activities.

4.1 Outreach and lessons

Thanks were acknowledged to Rachel and Bailey, who placed club flyers at Ology Brewery Midtown. Two people have since come to Lessons having picked up a flyer there. The proposal is to hand out more flyers with the lesson card stapled to them, for members to place wherever they think interested people might see

them — happy hours and similar venues were suggested. One member reported keeping five cards in their wallet to hand out whenever sailing comes up in conversation.

Reports from Ryan, Pia and Rachel were not given, as they were not present.

5. Rum & Root Beer — 16 August

Presented in the absence of co-chair Laura. This year's theme is "Run for the Roses," a Kentucky Derby theme. Post time is 3:00 p.m., but participants need to be at the starting gate by 2:00 p.m. to register. Most events will be water-based. A potluck follows, with authentic mint juleps a possibility, and the traditional — or, as the chair put it, non-traditional — root beer chug is retained. Details of the games are deliberately being withheld until the day.

- **Format:** a team event after the initial qualifications, run as a Triple Crown with win, place and show, and betting.
- **Awards:** custom-made limited edition awards by a local craftsman, donated rather than purchased. A prize will be given for best dress in Kentucky Derby attire.
- **What to bring:** come dressed up, with hats, but bring something to change into for getting wet, and wear water shoes. Any adult beverages should be brought discreetly. Waivers are needed and a source is yet to be found.
- **Shirts:** the design is posted on the Club website and shirts are on sale now through the shopping cart. Members can choose short-sleeve or long-sleeve rash guards, and may order both. Crewneck only — no V-necks. Sizing is unisex and runs down to extra-small, which Rose will add to the listing. A minimum order of 50 shirts must be met.

The event was described as a low-stress way for new members to get to know people, and members were asked to talk it up at the beach.

The chair asked the present members to approve a budget, noting the figure is unlikely to be spent in full and the event is expected to break even. It covers the shirts, the artwork setup cost, and incidentals for the games; the awards are donated. Bob moved approval and Sandy seconded.

Resolved: The budget for the Rum & Root Beer event is approved. Carried unanimously.

6. Training

Thanks were acknowledged to all the trainers. The session has gone well so far this year with no rain-outs. The difficulty is that the gear is ageing: every sail the club owns was donated rather than purchased, and sails wear out quickly. It was recalled that the family of Mike Bowles donated a significant sum to the club after his death, and that Jeff Georgas donated a substantial amount for the training trailer, and that we should consider investing in new Club equipment.

Cody at Sandy Point has offered a 30% discount, effectively selling to the Club at wholesale for training purposes. The proposed order:

- Three new boards, retiring the two Mistrals. Keep the two Lynx and one of the larger Konas.
- A Windsurfer LT school board (250 litres) and an X-Cite Link.

- Four sails — two Action sails (Dacron) and two AeroTech Futures (cross-stitch construction), in 4.0, 4.2, 4.7 and 5.0. The Club already has a 3.0 and two children's sails, including the Bumblebee, which is being kept. Some sails remain wrapped and can be rigged.
- One AeroTech mast. Masts and booms are otherwise well stocked, the booms having been bought this year.

With the 30% discount it comes to a substantial savings over retail before tax (the Club must pay tax). Cody has been sent the list to confirm stock and a reply is awaited. Bob Andrews has offered to drive to Daytona to collect it.

Discussion on board choice: a preference was expressed for a longer board of the type beginners can grow with, rather than short wide boards, which do not go upwind well. The Windsurfer LT is the board Kristin sails and was well regarded. A question was raised about LT construction, as LTs are known to be fragile; the response was that this is specifically a school board, built to take a wide range of users. The instructors made the case for fully padded decks, which matter a great deal when crawling up and down a board to demonstrate — a Prodigy sailed the previous weekend was noted as much harder on the knees for having no pad.

Masts and universals were confirmed as well stocked. Life jackets as well are not needed; the Club has too many, particularly in large and extra-large, and they are in good condition through light use. Only the children are required to wear them. Members wanting spares for a boat were invited to ask.

Joe moved approval for budget for training gear and Rose seconded.

Resolved: a budgeted amount for training equipment is approved. Carried unanimously.

7. Sales Tax and Club Status

A member holding a sales tax resale certificate offered to buy the training equipment for resale to the club, saving roughly 7.5%. The objection was that the purchase would be made by that member's business rather than by SPSC, and the business would then owe tax on the onward sale. A former Department of Revenue employee present observed that the arrangement seemed irregular, and it was not pursued.

It was clarified that the Club is not eligible for a sales tax exemption: the exemption requires non-profit status, and SPSC is a not-for-profit rather than a 501(c)(3). The club pays tax.

The practical consequence was flagged for anyone approaching sponsors: they must be told the Club is a not-for-profit, not a non-profit, so no one should expect a charitable deduction. It was noted in response that this makes little difference to a business sponsor, since businesses are taxed on net rather than gross profits — sponsorship money is a deductible business expense regardless of the Club's tax status, though the benefit is limited to the tax on the amount spent.

8. Constitution

Asked when the Constitution will be voted on, the Chair confirmed the vote takes place in September at the annual business meeting. There will be no early voting and no mail-in votes.

9. Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Sunday, 19 July	Club practice day — board repair clinic
Sunday, 16 August	Rum & Root Beer — “Run for the Roses”
September	Annual business meeting — vote on the Constitution
Late summer (TBC)	39th Endless Summer Regatta
October	Atlanta Fall Classic — tent and limited RV camping, waterfront sites
TBC	Windsurfer LT National Championship, Clearwater
November (Veterans Day weekend)	Club camping trip — Presnell
December	Christmas party, followed by Festivus the next day

The Atlanta Fall Classic was recommended: essentially unlimited tent camping with some RV camping, campsites overlooking the water, cost-effective because of the camping, and reliable wind on the lake by October. It is a long drive but was described as worth it.

The Windsurfer LT National Championship in Clearwater is LT-only. Rental LT’s are available from both Sandy Point and North Beach for those who do not own one or would rather not haul one down. Rental was reported at \$300 for the weekend, which drew surprise — it was previously \$150, and Atlanta charges \$175. Local hotels were described as starting around \$450 a night; one member has a two-bedroom Airbnb reserved about 15 minutes from the race site and offered to split the cost with anyone wanting the second bedroom.

10. Motions Summary

#	Motion	Moved / Seconded	Result
1	Approve the minutes of the previous meeting.	Moved and seconded from the floor	Approved unanimously
2	Take the previously tabled Endless Summer T-shirt design item off the table for discussion.	Moved and seconded from the floor	Carried
3	Omit any reference to the country’s 250 years from the Endless Summer shirt.	Moved: Bob Seconded: Sandy and Vaughn	Carried unanimously
4	Approve budget for the Rum & Root Beer event.	Moved: Bob Seconded: Sandy	Carried unanimously

11. Action Items

Action	Owner	Target
Hold the board repair clinic; bring epoxy, hardener, thickener, gloves, brushes, sandpaper, mixing cups and two sawhorses. Set up east of the training trailer for shade and cover; bring a drop cloth in case of rain.	Rick	Sunday, 19 July
Tell Chuck the 250-years element is dropped from the design.	Rick	Wed 15 July
Ask Chuck about the cost of adding a pocket and a hood, the cotton vs. rash-guard price difference, and color availability in Don's inventory.	Rick	Before art deadline
Decide shirt fabric and sleeve length (delegated to the Commodore by consensus; sentiment favored a long-sleeve rash guard for sun protection).	Rick	Before art deadline
Visit Synovus to confirm the status of the existing CD and purchase a second, staggering maturities six months apart.	Bob	After camping trip
Pay the 2026 insurance premium by cheque to avoid card processing fees.	Bob	Near term
Follow up with lapsed members to bring membership toward 100.	Bob	Near term
Confirm stock with Cody at Sandy Point and place the training equipment order.	Training lead	Near term
Drive to Daytona to collect the training order.	Bob Andrews	On delivery
Recruit sponsors. Any sponsor wanting a logo on the shirt must commit before the end of August (~6 weeks).	All members	End of August
Add an extra-small option to the Rum & Root Beer shirt listing on the website.	Rose	Near term
Distribute lesson flyers with cards stapled to them to bars, coffee shops and similar venues.	All members	Ongoing
Source waivers for the Rum & Root Beer event.	Event chairs	By 16 August

12. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. and went off the record.