

# **DRAFT**

## **Online Cross-Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism (by teams) Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 9.15am

Minute

### **MSPs**

Stuart McMillan MSP, Convenor

Emma Harper MSP

### **Non-MSP Group Members and Other Attendees**

Finlo Cottier, RYA Scotland CEO and Secretariat, RYA Scotland

Pauline McGrow, Secretariat, RYA Scotland

Fiona Partington, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

Glenn Porter, Ocean Sailing Scotland/RYA Scotland

Alistair Cameron, Scottish Moody Owners Association

Gordon Daly, RYA Scotland

Anne Shedden, Forth Yacht Clubs Association

Duncan Tannahill, RYA Scotland/WHAM

David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland

Graham Russell, RYA Scotland

Sarah Kennedy,

Fort William Marina and Shoreline Company/Chair British Marine Scotland

Neil Kitchener, Lowland Canals Association

Christine Cameron, Lowland Canals Association

### **Apologies**

Clare Adamson MSP

Laurie Piper, Scottish Canals

Mark Smith, Scottish Canals

Eilid Ormiston, UHI

Fred Moore, Cruise Loch Lomond

Arianne Burgess MSP

Brendan Broucker

Jonathan Mosse, RYA Scotland

Simon McDonald  
Callum McNicol  
Martin Latimer  
Councillor Maurice Corry, Argyll and Bute Council

## **Agenda item 1**

### **Information – Convenor**

### **Welcome and Apologies**

Stuart McMillan MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this stand alone AGM meeting was being held as the last meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November was not quorate with MSPs.

## **Agenda Item 2**

### **Decision - Convenor**

### **AGM**

The following roles were agreed:

**Convenor**      Stuart McMillan MSP

**Proposed:**      David Adams McGilp

**Seconded:**     Sarah Kennedy

**Vice Chair**     Emma Harper MSP

**Proposed:**      David Adams McGilp

**Seconded:**     Sarah Kennedy

**Secretariat**     RYA Scotland, agreed by all in attendance.

## **Agenda Item 3**

### **AOCB/Future Business**

- Right to Roam/Land Reform Act (2003)**

Pauline read the email sent by Brendan Bocker who had asked for this item to be raised under AOCB.

**Email from Brendan Brocker - This very quick e mail is mainly to ask if it is possible to raise in AOCB at the AGM , something that was highlighted in this whole case and covered at some of the meetings , The Right To Sail ! Yes as in Scotlands so called “ Right to Roam” or Land Reform Act ( 2003). I don’t want this aspiration to disappear and would like this minuted please at the AGM. In a political land divided by so much , this is something that All Scottish people can get behind , united again and a sure vote winner. I cannot make the AGM due to a previous commitment but please do get in touch if you wish to discuss this further.**

**A discussion then followed, and the following points raised:**

DAM stated that we have a right to navigate in all of Scottish territorial waters in line with Marine Protected Areas. The National Marine Plan 2 should also uphold this. GR agreed with DAM’s comments, and in line with the Land Reform Act we are a corresponding member with the National Access Forum. We should inform people what their obligations are. GR further explained that if we want to raise access to the shore then the national access forum is the forum to do that. There are not any current cases that we can raise with them.

**Action: SMCM requested that a one paper brief be drafted with the relevant links and be circulated to CPG members to reiterate that the information is already available.**

**Action: FC suggested putting a question to SPICe (Scottish Parliament Information Centre) to get their take on how the Land Reform Act and navigation interact. FC stated that he is happy to co-ordinate the paper with input from DAM and GR for circulation in early 2026.**