



Annual General Meeting 2025

18:30 Saturday 22nd November, 2025

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Welcome by the Commodore

Welcome from Rupert. Discussion to come regarding the ratings system.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Didier Bouillard, David Lowe, Gordon Baird, Will Rogers, Robin Russell, Alan Rankin, Laurent Etheimer.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Previous AGM

These are on the website.

Proposed by Brendan Seward and Seconded by Luca Stonehouse

4. Matters Arising

There were none

5. To receive the Commodores Report

A good year. Good Fastnet turn out. Thanks to the Officers who keep MOCRA running. Particular thanks to Tim Wilson after 32 years of service is standing down, and to Enora for taking on the mantel. Rupert hoping to step down next year should someone be willing to take on the role of Commodore.

Proposed by Bruce Sutherland and seconded by James Holder.

6. To receive the Treasurer's Report

Auditor has had a death in the family and is behind his work. It is being worked on and is currently in draft form only.

We have some cost increases such as insurance. We have enough in the bank to cover this. Auditor has been paid. RNLI has been paid for this year.

Tim wishes to attend the next executive meeting but that will be his final one.

Proposed by Luca Stonehouse

Seconded by Andreas Hofmaier

7. To reappoint the auditors

Barry Lomas is the Auditor. He lives on the Isle of Lewis.

James Holder proposed and Andy Sinclair seconded

8. To receive the Membership Secretaries Report

40 new members. 215 members most of whom are racing members although there are a few new cruising members. Question regarding the reason for members dropping / joining this year. It is not a fastnet year. Italian multihulls are no longer using the MOCRA system for their ratings.

Some members did not receive their magazine demonstrating that members need to keep us up to date with their contact details.

Proposed Brendan Seward. Seconded Bruce Sutherland.

9. To receive the Cruising Secretaries Report

Suggestions from Oriel and Will Rogers regarding the cruising membership going forward. To be discussed at the next EC meeting.

Proposed by Melanie Holder, seconded Neil Boughton.

10. To receive the Racing Secretaries Report

Successful year racing. 15 boats competed in the Nationals which was a round the cans followed by the RWYC triangle.

20 in RTI. Forecast was dreadful and put people off but actually wasn't so bad.

Fastnet 33 multis. 22 were MOCRA and the rest were larger.

Many weather interruptions to racing later in the season.

Nationals in the Solent in 2026. Possible clash with the DREAM cup. Will take place week before RTI. Discussion: there are a number of Multihull WhatsApps local to areas which are useful. Perhaps we could have a general MOCRA WhatsApp group? Neil to look into this

Proposed Luca Stonehouse and Seconded Andreas Hofmaier

11. To receive the Rating Officers Report

86 ratings have been issued this year which is fewer than in previous years. Italians been using the Multi 2000 system. The MOCRA formula been used for 30/40 years. It is a simple system which gets criticised by some who see it as unfair when rated against boats such as ALLEGRA. It needs updating. MOCRA is to adopt a new rule powered by ORC. Simon Forbes has been preparing this over 4 years and preparing shadow rating certificates with the certificates ready to go for next year. There will be the same procedures for users to follow as since 2010. To use this system ORC database and software there is a levy payable. Prices for MOCRA members has been discussed and the executive committee has come up with the 3 tiered system. For boats under 12m £35, 12- 15m £50 and over 15m £75. There has been no fee increases since 2010 so an increase is not unexpected.

Using the ORC system has additional benefits.

On the certificate are speeds of the boat at different wind strength and angles plus other software to link to weather routing. There could be certificates specifically for windward Leeward races.

The system uses predicted performance not a formula to create the certificate.

It is not a perfect system. If you want better handicapping you need to amend certificates on the wind and weather performances at each race.

MOCRA will deal with club certificates which does not require hull scans. It is helpful if there are data files from the manufacturer. For a full international certificate a laser scan and measuring the freeboards under the bridge deck is the method. This can be done on a bigger boat which cannot be weighed quickly at an event. Boats needing and international certificate are in races such as the Maxi association races.

Concerns from the floor regarding politics between ORC and IRC, and lack of conversation between RORC and MOCRA.

Also concerns that 8m trimarans will be unassailable. This will be reviewed.

Certificates will initially arrive with a single number. Hopefully race organisers may begin to amend the handicaps according to the conditions that were sailed in.

Request to see the results of the new certificates against the old one.

These will be in place from the start of 2026.

Proposed Matt Baker. Seconded James Holder

12. Ratings Secretary to explain the revised MOCRA ratings system

Covered

13. To receive the Scottish Region Report

Covered on cruising

14. Executive Committee Resolutions

There were none

15. Members Resolutions

There were none

16. Election of Commodore and Executive Committee

Enora Pichon nominated by Tim Wilson for Treasurer

Tim nominated. Seconded by Rupert

Simon Forbes wishes to step down as Safety officer.

Douglas Reid has stepped in. Suggested he joins RORC safety

Re-election of the committee proposed by Bruce Sutherland. Seconded James Holder.

17. Any Other Business.

Off shore races. Can we look at perhaps arranging some new races. RNSA are looking at a few. RORC stuff is available to those in the Solent. Andy Sinclair looking into one organised by St Malo. Discussion on week vs weekend racing. RORC races are relatively short as they can then be taken up by people who can't take too much time out. Boats on both sides of the channel which could look at something alternate to Fastnet and encourages French and UK. MOCRA in France / MOCRA European championship event. Perhaps a

conversation for a wider WhatsApp group. Nominate 4/5 events through the season for a MOCRA season.
Tricky with people placed in different places.