

HLSC – Sailing Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Date: 13th Oct 2022

Present: Richard Whitehill (RW), Dave Smith (DS), Nick Hornsby (NH), Stuart Bates (SB), Mike Smith (MS)

Apologies: Graham Knox (GK), Martin Watts (MW), Rana Din (RD), Nick Brook (NB), Adam McGovern (AMcG)

Item		Action
1	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting 15.9.22:</p> <p>Proposed revised Byelaw 66A has been received from Hon Secretary, this was slightly revised by meeting attendees & agreed as ready for inclusion in club regulations:</p> <p>No members under the age of 14 may crew in a patrol boat.</p> <p>The driver of said patrol boat must be over the age of 21 and be suitably qualified.</p> <p>No members under the age of sixteen shall drive a patrol boat unless on a supervised course.</p>	Hon Sec
2	<p>2022 Club Racing, DF & RIB:</p> <p>MS commented that numbers turning out for club racing are still low, maybe not too surprising given water level over previous weeks. But the tide is now coming in due to very recent rain, distance between waters edge & harbour mouth is much shorter so hopefully we might have a late surge as the end of season approaches. Thankfully the turnout by Race & RIB teams seems good</p>	
3	<p>Open meetings & special club events for 2022:</p> <p>There was a very successful Junior Single-handed Team Race event on Sat 1st Oct at Burton SC Thanks due to Rana & Jill Din for helping/liasing with the Lancashire Schools teams that our youngsters were part of, Lancs B came 2nd. John Foster's coaching at the practice event a couple of weeks earlier was obviously put to good use</p> <p>The Topper Open Meeting on Sat 24th Sept was a great success, with 19 young sailors from all over the north taking part. Huge thanks to Rhiann for organising the event, liaising with local Topper representatives & sourcing the prizes generously provided by Craftinsure & Hawk (wind indicators). Two parents, Luke Shaw (Budworth) & Fiona Spence (Ripon) provided much help after the racing dealing with a surprising number of protests. Jasper Bramwell was the overall winner</p> <p>Club Championship was held on Sun 25th Sept. As there were only 5 boats racing that day, only the trophy (no glassware) was presented to the winner Jasper Bramwell</p> <p>Felucca on Sat 22nd/Sun 23rd Oct – Nick Hornsby is RO, Roger Mee is ARO, Viv & Jackie Groves doing food on Sat, outside caterers Sat eve via Richard Hodgson & Kath Ayres doing food on Sun Engraved HLSC glassware for 1st helm, 1st crew, 2nd helm, 2nd crew, 3rd helm & 3rd crew are in cupboard in Committee Room & will be put on top of safe in bar store</p> <p>Merlin Rocket Assoc is supplying bronze & silver fleet prizes for Felucca</p> <p>Nick Hornsby to recruit RIB drivers & crews, Martin Brennan has volunteered for RIB duty, during the meeting RW Emailed NH current list of qualified RIB drivers</p> <p>2021 winners to be contacted for returning the trophies</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>NH</p> <p>MW</p>
4	<p>Freezer Series Jan/Feb 2023 or 1-day Open Meeting:</p> <p>MS reported that there is no further news relating to the proposed Freezer Open Meeting on Sunday 19th Feb 2023. P Robinson has been informed of our plans & that we are willing for our event to be part of the proposed Northern Winter Open Meeting Series</p> <p>Race & RIB teams will need to be recruited, advertising to rest of Northern clubs will be required</p> <p>P Bramwell was suggested as maybe having an appropriate winter photo for event poster</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
5	<p>Sailing Calendar, Open Meetings & Special Club Events for 2023:</p> <p>Following suggestion by MW at the last meeting, MS created & circulated draft copy of 2023 Sailing Calendar & suggested potential dates for Open meetings to all class captains</p> <p>GK has contacted GP14 North rep, DS has done same with Phantom</p> <p>RW had agreed date for Laser Open on Sun 7th May. MS commented that the Coronation is being the day before & had seen suggestions that the weekend is likely to become a National Holiday</p> <p>During the meeting RW contacted NW Laser rep, date now changed to Sun 14th May</p> <p>RD has been contacted by RYA NW Junior organisers & has agreed a date of Sat 13th May</p> <p>MS said Solo Open is very likely to be Sun 18th June</p>	

	<p>MS reported he has suggested to Rhiann & Peter that they consider whether HLSC should have our own Topper Open & has 2 possible dates in Sept reserved for this (Sat 16th or Sat 23rd) as we aren't likely to be given an event in NW Topper series next year (12 clubs to host 6 events)</p> <p>MW reported last month that Felucca will be on 14/15 Oct</p> <p>MS will circulate updated draft copy of calendar (v)2 with these minutes</p>	MS
6	<p>Mix 'n' Match Racing:</p> <p>MS reported that he has now planned 5 sessions mainly 2 weeks apart, from mid-May to early July. NH asked if these sessions are white sails only, MS replied that this was the idea so that the novice helms didn't have to deal with a spinnaker & also likely that the experienced helm wouldn't be greatly experienced with handling a spinnaker</p>	
7	<p>Sailing Committee for 2023:</p> <p>Sailing Sec: Mike Smith</p> <p>GP14: Nichola Thomason has agreed to take over from NH</p> <p>Solo: Nigel Davey has agreed to take over from MS</p> <p>Laser: RW has agreed to continue</p> <p>Merlin Rocket: MW has agreed to continue</p> <p>Junior/Youth Liaison: RD has agreed to continue</p> <p>Training Liaison: to be advised by Training Committee (DS retiring)</p> <p>Race Results Co-ordinator: Natasha Dourala has kindly agreed to take over from AMcG, training for both Natasha & MS to be arranged</p>	AMcG/MS
8	<p>AOB:</p> <p>NH commented that there will be a brand new Northern Solo demo boat & he is willing to help with HLSC hosting the boat during 2023 & promoting the use of the boat, maybe Nigel Davey might also be willing to help with this</p> <p>RW commented about request from RD to store a trailer of 6 Lancashire Schools Toppers in our dinghy park. MS had asked RD to contact RW regarding this. RW is ok with this as long as HLSC can use the boats, but there would still be the problem of storing the foils & rigs. However, these extra boats would be useful addition to the HLSC fleet of 3 Toppers</p> <p>MS commented that he wanted to leave the repair of Speed GP14 to the Training Committee & is aware that DS hasn't been at his best recently, hence boat hasn't gone to Winders as previously arranged. DS said he needs to contact Winders & re-book. SB suggested that maybe Dave Winder might be able to take boat away after Felucca</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>RW/RD</p> <p>DS</p>
9	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th Nov @19.30 Zoom invitation reqd (Mon 7 th Nov)	SB/MS