

HLSC – Sailing Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Date: 15th Sept 2022

Present: Graham Knox (GK), Martin Watts (MW), Richard Whitehill (RW), Mike Smith (MS)

Apologies: Dave Smith (DS), Nick Brook (NB), Nick Hornsby (NH), Stuart Bates (SB)

Item		Action
1	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting 18.8.22:</p> <p>All ok except – item 2, RW commented that minimum age RIB crew became lost in discussion last month during discussions on minimum age of RIB driver. RW suggested lowering the minimum age of RIB crew to 14 to extend the range/number of members available for RIB duty. MS reported that that DS recommended that minimum age be left at 16 years as DS felt that some 14-year-olds aren't physically big enough to be of help & also maybe not mature enough to deal with a serious emergency. MW suggested that 14-year-old crew with an adult (over 21 years old) driver & possibility of a serious emergency is extremely rare. Majority decision to lower minimum age of RIB crew to 14 years as long as the driver is over 21</p>	
2	<p>2022 Club Racing, DF & RIB use, club rules:</p> <p>Racing turnouts still in the main lower than before Covid, good attendance by Duty teams</p> <p>All OOD's to please remember to send out timely reminders to Duty Teams</p> <p>MS commented that a week on Sunday is the Club Championship (25th Sept), 3 handicapped races – all 3 races to count. For last 2 years there hasn't been gold, silver, bronze fleets due to low turnout – probably same this year as well. There is only a Helm's Trophy, so glassware for 1st helm, 1st crew & 1st Junior – as with Founders Plate. RW suggested that if Novice helms take part maybe award a glass to highest placed Novice (ie a non-winner). MW commented that in past Merlin's, Fireflies, GP14's had Triers Trophies. GK commented that there is a GP14 Triers Trophy</p> <p>AMcG has said that recent racing results will be uploaded to website in next couple of weeks</p> <p>MS commented that he has approached Natasha Dourala to be Results Co-ordinator for 2023, he has a couple of other names on his list, RW suggested Julie Lomax be considered</p>	<p>ALL OOD's</p> <p>AMcG</p>
3	<p>Club Boats:</p> <p>MS reported that DS is taking Speed GP14 to Winders on 28th Sept for a pressure test & inspection/audit of the hull. Winders are to repair the leak & sort any other essential jobs. Training Committee will then make a proposal to Management regarding its future</p>	DS
4	<p>Mix 'n' Match Racing:</p> <p>Have now held all 5 planned sessions. MS said he had come to the conclusion that quite a few of our recent new members are only interested in leisure sailing, not racing. Mix'n'Match had taken a substantial amount of time to organise & recruit experienced helms – thanks to all who had volunteered. For 2023 MS proposed to continue with Mix'n'Match & only 4 or 5 sessions & none after mid-July but maybe only in club GP14's to reduce pressure on volunteer helms.</p> <p>MS suggested that only Carli from 2022 cohort be invited to 2023 sessions, Natasha looks like being a Merlin crew, Julie's skills have progressed above Novice level & Scarlett/Olivia now have a better understanding of our racing methods. MW encouraged the continuation of the initiative in 2023, RW suggested that the club Vision's also be considered for use if required</p>	
5	<p>Open meetings & special club events:</p> <p>NW Topper event on Sat 24th Sept, Rhiann has sorted race & RIB teams. The galley is only being open for tea/coffee – sailors are being made aware of this. Rhiann has contacted the manufacturers of Little Hawk wind indicators who are sending us a quantity free of charge for prizes.</p> <p>Club Championship on Sun 25th Sept – for details see item 2</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</p> <p>Engraved HLSC glassware for 1st helm, 1st crew, 2nd helm, 2nd crew, 3rd helm & 3rd crew is in cupboard in Committee Room</p> <p>Merlin Rocket Assoc is supplying bronze & silver fleet prizes for Felucca</p> <p>Entry fee to be £35 fee at request of Management Committee (excluding food)</p> <p>Nick Hornsby & Roger Mee to be contacted regarding RIB drivers & crews</p> <p>2021 winners to be contacted for returning the trophies</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>MW</p>

6	<p>Freezer Series Jan/Feb 2023 or 1-day Open Meeting:</p> <p>RW said Freezer racing is not without consequences – buoys out on lake all winter etc.</p> <p>MS stated that in his opinion the buoys, ground tackle & chains must come out of lake for inspection this winter, as recommended by MW last month. In order to avoid a mad rush to do this it would be useful not to have a series this winter. MW has previously suggested that if we ran a series on alternate years, we might get a better entry. There is also the situation of vastly increased energy costs this winter & the club's fragile finances.</p> <p>MS proposed a 1-day Open Meeting, 2 weeks before the start of our 2023 season (19th Feb). As it is an Open Meeting, we can charge all sailors an entry fee & so at the very least cover our costs. The event can also become part of the potential (P Robinson) Northern Winter Open Meeting Series. This was agreed, P Robinson to be informed of our plans</p> <p>This will keep us clear of the Dinghy Exhibition, which is the weekend before our season starts (25/26 Feb)</p>	MS
7	<p>Open Events for 2023:</p> <p>Since last meeting, MW has reported that the 2023 Felucca will be on 14/15 Oct, 1 week after Rochdale ½ Marathon (8th Oct)</p> <p>RD has been contacted by RYA NW Junior organisers & is trying to sort a date for May</p> <p>MW suggested that we should tell our various NW class reps when we want our Opens, not wait for them to ask</p> <p>GK would be ok with MS suggestion of a combined GP14/Solo Open, maybe in late April – Easter is 9th April. GK to suggest a date in late April</p> <p>MS said he has a request from DS for a Phantom Open combined with another class. DS thinks we could reasonably expect an entry of 10 Phantoms. MW suggested that it would be better to combine the Phantoms with GP14's as there is a bigger speed difference, so would help to avoid the fleets mix. This was agreed, DS to consider a date in late April</p> <p>RW hasn't any thoughts regarding date for Laser Open, but would be asking Ton Daniel to organise this</p> <p>MS said he would create a 2023 calendar & suggest possible Open Meeting dates to class captains</p>	<p>GK</p> <p>DS</p> <p>RW</p> <p>MS</p>
8	<p>AOB:</p> <p>None raised</p>	
9	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th Oct @19.30 Zoom invitation reqd (Mon 10 th Oct)	SB/MS