

HLSC – Sailing Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Date: 14th March 2023

Present: Richard Whitehill (RW), Nichola Thomason (NT), Rana Din (RD), Martin Watts (MW), Stuart Bates (SB)
Nigel Davey (NiD), Mike Smith (MS)

Apologies: Nick Brook (NB), Rhiann Bramwell (RB), Natasha Dourala (NaD)

Item		Action
1	Matters arising from previous meeting 17.1.23 (Feb meeting was cancelled): None	
2	<p>2023 Club Racing:</p> <p>7 boats out for each of the first 2 Sundays. This last weekend Duty team was 1 person short, MS stated that in his opinion it's absolutely essential that a RIB is afloat & manned by 2 appropriately qualified members & so club line starts will have to be reluctantly used if we haven't enough people to run racing from Daisy Fish. RD/NiD agreed with this & commented that safety is of paramount importance</p> <p>MS asked all OOD's to send reminders to Race/RIB team at least week before their duty & to add comment that it's the duty person's job to sort swop & inform MS of the swop. MS to Email comment & link to website live Duty Rota to OOD's</p>	MS
3	<p>HLSC 2023 PY numbers:</p> <p>MS explained that the RYA has calculated HLSC numbers for GP14, Laser, Merlin Rocket, Solo & Topper, classes where we have substantial results - all other classes use National numbers</p> <p>We have a situation that needs discussing, namely that the RYA has calculated the Solo number as 1132, 10 numbers faster than the National one! Adam McGovern (AMcG) has recommended that we leave the Solo the same as GP14 at 1136 for another year until we have another year of data</p> <p>MW suggested we go with AMcG suggestion of Solo @ 1136</p> <p>RD said as figures come from RYA calculated why not just use them, ie no further adjustments</p> <p>MS said that in a conversation with AMcG, Adam said he was suggesting keeping the Solo number the same as GP14 as he thought the 1132 Solo number could be potentially controversial</p> <p>RD suggested that we should do whatever would encourage more sailors to race</p> <p>After much interesting discussion, it was decided to use the numbers provided by AMcG for 2023</p>	
4	<p>Freezer Open Meeting or Freezer Series:</p> <p>MS said that in 2022 we had a Freezer Series on 4 alternate Sundays in Jan/Feb. 1 day was lost to no wind, 1 to very high winds & arguably another day was sailed in very borderline high winds. 14 boats took part in the series. This year we hosted a 1 day Freezer Open meeting with 3 visitors & 8 HLSC boats taking part</p> <p>SB suggested that a 1 day event with more publicity was the best idea</p> <p>RW stated that it was advertised on Laser, Phantom, Solo, GP14 NW Facebook/WhatsApps groups, MS commented that he Emailed poster to as many NW clubs (15) that he could find a contact Email address</p> <p>NT/SD suggested that we contact more Yorkshire clubs in future, RD said that a couple of Junior sailors at Ripon had shown interest in the event</p> <p>MW suggested that we host a Freezer Open meeting in 2024, but maybe start our publicity campaign earlier</p> <p>RD suggested that maybe invite Lancashire Youth team to join in as an introduction to their season, NiD suggested that it takes a few years to get an event established, NT said that a series needs a lot more volunteers to run</p> <p>MS said that we made between £75-£100 profit from the event - depending on amount of RIB fuel used, whereas a series costs the club money</p> <p>Decision taken to host a 1 day Freezer Open meeting in 2024</p>	
5	<p>Sailing Calendar/Duty Rota, Open Meetings & Special Club Events:</p> <p>Apart from the Spring Pursuit Race there aren't any Open Meetings or special events in April</p> <p>MS asked RD about RYA NW Junior Traveller on 13th May, thanking him for the Email regarding their unbelievably complicated entry fee/repayment fee system. Fees proposed are ok for HLSC & we want to have entries on the day, but we don't need their help with Sailwave</p>	

	<p>RD has accepted an offer for help with galley. We will need a RIB from HOLWAC with Adam Din as driver, RW suggested that we have their RIB with a full tank of fuel & we will return it fully fuelled</p> <p>RW is being helped with Laser Open on 14th May by Tom Daniel as he did in 2023. Tom has already approached a potential RO</p> <p>MW offered an Open Meeting checklist, MS said he intended using the Nick Brook Google doc used in 2022 so hopefully the same few volunteers weren't being asked for all our events & would Email a link to this doc together with a copy of an Open Meeting check list that he has</p> <p>MS commented about 2 other events raised by RD recently:</p> <p>Southport 12hr race on 24th June, MS asked RD to have chat with Juniors (team of 6 in GP14) & then RD/MS to approach Management for approval of the entry fee. RD has asked Southport about entry fee, sailors have to be under 20 on day of the event. We will need a team manager as he is expecting to be on holiday at that time</p> <p>Singlehanded Team Racing practice on 3 Saturdays, 22nd April, 16th & 30th Sept. RD said this is not just for Juniors, adults to be encouraged to join in. RD is to ask John Foster if he is available, Tom Daniel has offered to help</p> <p>RD commented that he has 6 Lancashire Toppers ready to be brought from Preston, berthing space for them has been approved</p>	<p>MS/MW</p> <p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
6	<p>Mix 'n' Match Racing:</p> <p>MS reported that he has now planned 5 sessions mainly 2 weeks apart, from early May to early July. 1st & last are Weds, the other 3 are Sundays. Guidance will be appreciated from RW for likely entrants to invite to take part, after 5th April !</p> <p>MS is intending presenting the GP14 Triers Trophy at 2023 Prizegiving to a Mix'n'Match sailor</p>	RW/MS
7	<p>AOB:</p> <p>None this month</p>	
8	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th April @7.30pm Zoom invitation reqd (Thurs 6 th April)	SB/MS