

## QMSC Sailing Committee Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Present** (via Zoom): Liz Pescod (Chair), Andrew Cole, Bernard Price, Julie Harrison, Hilary Bristow, Matt Conner, Ross Malloy and Tony Woods

**Apologies:** Andrew Draper and Steve Bell

1. Welcome and apologies

Liz Pescod opened the meeting and extended apologies for those unable to attend the meeting. Actions from the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were reviewed below.

2. Welcome to Bernard Price, who will be representing Saturday Club, Select Members and Rookie Racing going forwards.

3. Outstanding actions from Sailing Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- a. Series entry eligibility: use of weekly “change” sheets for changing helms, crews or boats. HB and TW confirmed that there has been a more active response with this in the Frostbite series. Newsletter reminder to be issued before start of each new series.
- b. Water available for racing. Reorganisation of buoys around exclusion zones. TW confirmed that ILCA sailors were happy with a larger expanse for racing. RM confirmed that the area around dredger/ bund should be a clear buoy exclusion zone now. When dredger is moved it will be good sailing space but no idea when this will happen.
- c. Early finishing of Sunday racing. **Action for SB** - update to ROs & remind them to check with DOs re. time extension/ shortened course.
- d. Wrapping committee boat mast in orange tape to increase visibility. RM confirmed that it had been done on one committee boat but wasn't sure if it happened to both. **Action: RM to check.**
- e. Sunday Afternoon self-run racing proposal. RM stated on the list to do later in the year. **Action for later 2024: RM and SB**
- f. Racing Extension to Wind / Wing Foiling Racing. RM confirmed that this is work in progress, Jerome Schmitt (Chief Windsurf Instructor) on his list for this year. Casual at first/ instructor lead and review if there is a demand. **Action for 2024: JS**

4. RM mentioned that Safety Teams feel they can add more in terms of course setting – e.g viewing from a different angle, looking at optimum course length etc. Suggesting more communication between RO and safety teams when course is being laid or changed. **Action: SB** - ROs to be reminded (including during initial training) of ability to use Safety as a resource in this way.

5. Review of Final Club Racing Calendar for 2024. All finalised, no further action.

6. ILCA 4 start changes – Frostbite Series. Encourages ILCA4s to get involved with racing with the other ILCAs. Agreed to carry through to Spring Series. RM - Youth groups still focusing on training rather than club racing but aim is gradually to encourage them to participate in racing.

7. Format for Wednesday Evening racing. Discussion regarding the large amount of ILCAs who are in the top 10 and top 5 during the series. Agreed that the same format (separate ILCA start) would continue for 2024 and review again in November after the October handicap changes.

8. Rookie Racing format. BP explained the format for Rookie Racing. He suggested that people on Start Racing courses be directed to Rookie Racing as an immediate follow-up. RM confirmed this is already done. Also suggested that experienced racing sailors could come to the Rookie Racing meetings to help, advice and ‘follow the leader’ sessions so those sailors new to racing would benefit from those more experienced. **Action: TW to try to get some ILCA Sunday club racers to attend Rookie Racing and/or Intro to Club Racing sessions. RM to**

- put up some Club Race Intro sessions after each Rookie Racing session & check with BP re. dates.** Safety Team for Rookie Racing to also help out with advice on the water.
9. Review of Open Meeting Calendar for 2024. All is now up to date. Feedback from UKLA ILCA Youth event 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February – great event. Feedback from club members – ILCA entourage didn't move or help to avoid areas to be used also by club members. **Action: RM to review this for future events.**
  10. Club and Open Meeting Wind Limits for Safety – Risk Assessment Calculator. **Action: RM/LP/SB to discuss.**
  11. ROs and AROs filling spaces as required but still need more.
  12. Race Officer sign-up, training and development (SB/HB)
    - a. Next course is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and candidates have been invited. Action: HB to send out invite in newsletter for anyone interested and would like to come along to find out what it entails.
    - b. HB working on finding dates for PBL2 course
  13. Any Other Business  
None
  14. Date for next meeting: Provisionally Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 8pm by Zoom