

## Sailing Committee Minutes – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Present: Bob Joce, Andrew Craig, Tony Woods, Liz Pescod, Andy Draper, Paul Adams and Janet Hawkins.

### 1. Welcome to new members of Sailing Committee

Andy Draper was welcomed to his first meeting of Sailing Committee.

### 2. Matters arising

2.1 Arrangements (flags, courses, SIs) for 2 starts in Spring Series. Noted that RO Teams would need to know NOR and SIs have changed to reflect this. **Janet** to mention to RO Teams for Spring Series; Big notice on sign-in table and mention in next club newsletter.

2.2 Date for Rules Adviser Update. Noted that David Casale and Liz Pescod have signed up for the course on 16<sup>th</sup> March; otherwise no contact from Rules Advisers to Andrew in response to his recent email.

2.3 Insurance £2 million. Noted that the need for club members to renew with at least a£3 million liability would be publicised throughout the year, ready for April 2020. Noted also that all current year NOR and SIs would still state £2 million requirement.

### 3. Matters Arising from RO Update Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Noted that there was a lively discussion at the first of the two scheduled forums and that this feedback related only to the first meeting.

- a) Request for plastic tubing to hold recall flags to be fitted to stern port quarter of QM committee boats. **Paul** agreed to action this.
- b) Noted discussions on the courses different fleets liked to sail and comments from members' feedback relevant to this item. Discussion ranged across nature of courses and perceived advantages for different fleets. Agreed that it would be a good idea to canvas opinion on fleets' preferences with regard to courses and general handicap racing for 2<sup>nd</sup> start, as well as recording timings for the RS400 fleet. Agreed: **Bob** to devise a simple set of questions and **Janet** to email regular racers using Sailwave records from the past couple of years to identify them. To feedback to Sailing Committee at the next meeting with a view to revising courses depending on the outcome, for later in the year.
- c) Resources on the committee boat – noted that whiteboard markers and blank boards would be helpful.
- d) Noted that for June and July Wednesday evenings, planned 7.30pm starts would need to be checked with caterers, as well as incorporated into NOR and SIs and communicated to the racing community within the club, eg. via google racing calendar, website and FaceBook.

### 4. Race Officer Supply and Demand, Training

Noted that two more sailors had expressed an interest in training as RO Team, but couldn't make the advertised date. **Janet / Andrew** to liaise over revised date and contact the others interested with a view to another course in mid-late April.

Course laying training. Paul reported that he was still investigating but that there was apparently an RYA course. Paul was looking to run a course and was seeking advice from experienced ROs. Bob and Andrew both agreed to support.

Noted that all 2019 Open Meetings had RO teams in place and that until mid-March, there had been no need to put a call out for RO Teams to volunteer for duties, but this would start up again.

5. Open Meeting Status  
Noted that there was no further information relating to broadening the scope of the QM Youth Open / London Youth Sailing League in October.  
Noted that Charles Wand-Tetley had agreed to act as Liaison Race Officer for the London Youth Games, briefed by Andrew on the role.
6. Members' Survey Feedback (relating to Club Racing)
  - a) Late starts for club racing – noted that there might be several reasons for this, but that it would be helpful to have target schedule timings for Sundays and that delays between races where courses had to be adjusted often resulted from capsizes, tail-enders, etc. **Bob / Paul** agreed to devise a brief best-practice schedule and that **Janet** would circulate this to all RO teams as part of email communications and add to the RO page on the website.
  - b) Cats with spinnakers – noted comments from a couple of Cat sailors concerning spinnakers. **Andrew** agreed to research with cat sailors and report back.
7. Handicap Update  
Andrew reported on the changes suggested by the handicapping group, in the light of the RYA handicap update in early March. Sailing Committee ratified these few changes which would be incorporated into club racing handicaps from Spring Series 2019. Noted that there would be a more significant review after the Wednesday evening series, particularly with the changes to courses. Noted that discussions with Laser, RS200 and RS400 fleets would be picked up again after the Wednesday evening series.
8. Youth Racing  
Paul reported the racing development planned to run alongside the new Youth Group offerings: namely, first Sunday and last Wednesday within the club racing series, would see Youth Race Team and support briefing for a small charge.  
Paul also reported that as part of youth development, the QM Team were looking to train and involve youth group racing parents in helping to run the separate, informal racing and there would be prizes, etc. for this Sunday morning group.
9. BM 2020 Agenda Item  
This matter was not discussed, as there will be a BM policy meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
10. Date of Next Meeting  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May was proposed, subject to confirmation of availability of all SC members.
11. AOB  
Documentation update – noted that the annual update of the club race Risk Assessment will be ready for ROs to sign off ready for April 2019. **Paul / Janet** to liaise and Janet to get ROs to sign on arrival for duties.  
  
Request for e-foiling (electric motorised) board to be allowed to use the water – SC rejected this request.  
  
Noted that online booking has been set up for Open meetings and the first entry online has been received for the RS200 open meeting.  
Aero demo-day. Noted that Tony Bishop is in discussions with RS Sailing concerning an event to be held at QM and would communicate details as soon as this was finalised.