

## QMSC Sailing Committee Meeting Minutes – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Present:** Andrew Craig (Chair), Hilary Bristow, Andrew Cole, Julie Harrison, Liz Pescod, Ross Malloy, Tony Woods

**Apologies:** Andrew Cole, Matt Conner, Andrew Draper

Andrew Craig opened the meeting and welcomed members of the committee and Hilary Bristow, new Sailing Secretary. Actions from the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were reviewed below.

### **1. Outstanding actions from Sailing Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

- a. Honey Pot Trophy – It was agreed that this will be retained as a May Bank Holiday Pursuit race trophy, as per the Trophies page on the website even though we are not scheduling a pursuit race this May. We will include in the schedule for 2024
- b. Tillies Tiller to be award at Club Championships. **Action: HB to get it engraved.**
- c. Cut-outs for safety to use to set angles for each of the Wednesday evening courses have been made and well received. Wayne to produce a prototype for the RO to use from the committee boat to check the angles on one of the course shapes. Once tested and if useful, then make for all the courses. **Action: RM to speak to Wayne.**

### **2. Club and Open Meeting Wind Limits for Safety.**

RM raised that there had been injuries at an RTYC keelboat event and an RS Feva Open Meeting in strong, gusty off shore winds and asked for guidance on when racing might be cancelled for Club and Open Meeting racing and who would take the decision. For Club racing it was agreed that if the Club was open for any sailing then racing would be run since it was the competitors decision to launch and experience has been that only those capable of handling the conditions launch. For Open Meetings, as per our Risk Assessment, the Race Officer in conjunction with the Duty Officer take the decision to race, with the Duty Officer having the final say. RM mentioned that he had a points-based risk assessment tool to support this decision making. **Action: RM to circulate to Sailing Committee to review and decide if we adopt.**

(RTYC racing does not come under Sailing Committee, RM to review with TB, gain Council support as needed and communicate to RTYC).

### **3. Open Meeting policy for low attendance events.**

LP highlighted the low attendance at the recent Moth Open Meeting, below our policy threshold for cancelling. However the attendees enjoyed the racing and the Moth fleet have requested that they have an event in 2024. If we have a policy we should stick to it or amend it. Tony Bishop to review and invited to attend the next Sailing Committee meeting to present any modified proposal. **Action: HB to raise with TB.**

### **4. Rules adherence, dispute resolution and use of post race penalty**

**Rules Adviser training** – To be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Chris Simons to run the course with eight attendees signed up. **Action: TW to ask if any ILCA sailors would like to attend**  
Discussed alternative disputes – No advisory hearings and very few protests recently. Abusive language or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated – no such behaviour noted recently.

### **5. Race Officer training**

- a. **Next course and candidates, including keelboaters.** Date to be put in place when there are enough people interested. **Action: HB to invite Keelboat Club attendees via David Bithell. All to pass candidate names to HB.**
- b. **Developing those recently trained to ARO, and those who are AROs to ROs.** Several AROs working towards becoming a RO. **Action: AC working towards RO with Bernard Price. HB to encourage John Boyle to continue booking duties as ARO.**

6. **Sunday Afternoon Racing for adults – potential demand v RO supply.** Look at holding Sunday afternoon racing for adults where youth racers can join in. Run as a pilot and then once a month with the emphasis upon encouraging a more family vibe to the afternoon. Might take some getting used to but could encourage more people especially families to stay for lunch. RM noted it may have impact on kit and resources due to youth sessions being held in the afternoon.  
**Action: RM & LP to write a proposal and send to members to see if there is demand and who would support a self-run pilot (ie those who take part also act as RO)**
7. **First and last Wednesday evening race start time: 6:45 for better daylight?** Some sailors wouldn't be able to attend due to an earlier start than they would be able to get to club by.  
**Action: To keep the start time at 1900hrs.**
8. **August Bank Holiday Racing Options – Sprints or pursuit.** Low summer winds make a pursuit race the better option. **ACTION: HB to update calendar (Dropbox & google) plus NOR & SIs.**
9. **LWA Racing Extension to Wind / Wing Foiling Racing.** Foiling maybe possible to look at for a future event but not for the event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Too much information needs to be clarified regarding safety concerns. **Action: RM to ask LWA for a reference as to where this has already been run, and will look at safety concerns. Potential first event November.**
10. **Youth Racing – Sundays and Team / Match Racing opportunities.** No concrete proposal yet but will be experimented with over the summer. **Action: RM to cover at an Autumn meeting**
11. **Club Handicaps**
  - a. **Byte CII** – move in line with club ILCA 6 adjustment from the RYA PN next review
  - b. **Flying 15s** – all club boats may sail as Flying 15 Silver off 1036, v Flying 15 off 1021
  - c. **Handicap committee membership.** Chris Stanton has stepped down as he has left the area. AC has asked Andrew Cole to join the committee or nominate an RS400 rep.
12. **Date for next meeting:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 8pm by Zoom