

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

**Present:** Andrew Craig (Chair), Andrew Cole, Andrew Draper, Hilary Bristow, Julie Harrison, Liz Pescod, Steve Bell, Tony Woods and Tony Bishop (by invitation)

**Apologies:** Matt Conner, Ross Malloy

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Andrew Craig opened the meeting and welcomed Steve Bell, Assistant PRO to Sailing Committee.

Actions from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were reviewed below.

### 2. Outstanding actions from Sailing Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

- a. Club and Open Meeting Wind Limits for Safety – Risk Assessment Calculator:  
**Action:** RM to review with LP and AC how this can be used in practice
- b. Cut-outs for safety and committee boat to set and check the course – Safety team mark layers are using these now to good effect. Not of enough value over using a compass for ROs so no further action required
- c. Tilley's Tiller Engraved with winners – HB has the trophy and will get this engraved as soon as possible. **Action:** HB to get engraved and update the spreadsheet with location details
- d. Sunday Afternoon self run racing proposal – RM reported that lack of safety to cover this racing in addition to Youth Group on Sunday afternoon was a concern. Better to find a way to combine the two. Best timing would be once Youth Group racing was well established. **Action:** RM and LP to present proposal to Sailing Committee in 2024
- e. August Bank Holiday Pursuit will race for the Honey Pot trophy – Confirmed.
- f. Rules Advisors training and follow up – LP & SB confirmed it was an enjoyable course with five people in attendance. **Action:** HB to update list of Rules Advisors on Website and Noticeboard. AC to send Rules Forum link to SB. LP to offer fleets a Racing Rules Arbitration session after sailing one Sunday or on zoom.
- g. Racing Extension to Wind / Wing Foiling Racing – LWA no longer requesting this but potential for QM to run for members. **Action:** RM to make a proposal for 2024.
- h. Youth Racing – Sundays and Team / Match Racing opportunities. **Action:** RM to reply to this at the next meeting.

### 3. Open Meeting policy for 2024 – Draft from Tony Bishop was reviewed

- a. Open Meeting Policy for 2024 – To minimise financial loss, small and medium events to be held as one day events. If minimum numbers not met by advance cut off date then they will be offered standard Sunday club racing, plus a third race. Entries may be accepted on the day at additional cost  
**Action:** RM to establish how on day entries can be taken – or refused – based on booked safety cover  
**Action:** LP to review how these options can be included in the NOR and SIs to prevent last minute work.
- b. 2024 Open Meetings Calendar – Events confirmed and under consideration  
Bloody Mary 6<sup>th</sup> January - confirmed  
UKLA ILCA 4 Youth Open 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – confirmed  
Moth Open 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> April – confirmed.  
Hadron H2 – requested April or May – **Action:** HB to speak with Ross re dates (possibly Easter?). Then combine with another class or include with club racing plus a third race  
RS800 – **Action:** HB to suggest combining with another class eg RS700 or Musto Skiff, or include with club racing plus a further third race.  
Cadet class selection event – **Action:** HB to find out more to decide if we hold it.

Potential further events within policy include ILCA Thames Valley, ILCA Masters, RS200 and RS400 events.

4. Race Officer training and development
  - a. Next course and candidates – Previous course had five participants. Still 10 people who have not attended the course. **Action:** HB and LP to agree date of next course (in September) to suit the maximum number of potential attendees on the list
  - b. Developing those recently trained to ARO, and those who are AROs to ROs – AROs who can move to RO. **Action:** AC & LP to identify next candidates to move along. HB to invite ROs / AROs requesting to book Power Boat Level 2 from dates on offer
5. Rookie Racing Autumn Series – Suggested better to run a back to back three week series end of September/ Early October. **Action:** HB to check with RM new dates are OK. If so, AC to amend SIs and HB to update website and Duty Man
6. Bloody Mary Strategy Meeting – Topics and attendees
  - a. NOR & SIs are needed by the end of September for SailJuice Winter Series online booking opening in October. **Action:** TB to arrange Planning and Strategy meeting for end of August. LP to finalise draft NOR and SIs and review with strategy team
  - b. Bloody Mary RO development. **Action:** AC to approach the (few) candidates
7. Series results when changing boat or helm

An RS200 crew has asked to combine different helms into one result. The current position is unchanged from previous years that each helm / boat combination is a different entry, and LP has confirmed that this is the approach of other clubs. However introducing series sign on has made this less clear to competitors. **Action:** HB to reply to the RS200 crew on this confirmed position.

**Action:** AC, HB and LP to review reverting to competitors signing on in the clubhouse each day before racing. This helps the office know who is racing and also if there are any rig size changes amongst the ILCAs

It has been noted that in some boats the helm and crew swap roles between Sunday races and over the course of the Wednesday series. Currently, any positions gained or prizes won are only presented to the named helm and can include any number of crews. These crews can include non-members under the guest policy in the bye-laws but club racing as helm is a benefit of club members. Non members can join in club racing as helm on designated big Sunday / Gold fleet days by paying a day sailing fee. Overall policy to be reviewed including any updates to NOR / bye-laws etc and the whole presented to next Sailing Committee meeting.

**Action:** LP and AC to review NOR and bye-laws to check that this position is clear and consistent.
8. Any Other Business
  - a. TB asked that the very helpful assistance and mentoring from Janet Hawkins over the past year be recognised. Sailing Committee recorded their grateful appreciation to her.
  - b. JH noted that changing rooms need regular and proper cleaning on a Wednesday prior to the members arriving for evening racing. TB replied that it has been discussed with HB & RM – going forward this will be scheduled into the staff rota.
  - c. HB to email the Fleet Captains distribution reminding them to let Tony Bishop know of fleet successes when representing the Club at open meetings, inlands, nationals etc
9. Topics for next meeting
  - a. Autumn handicap changes
  - b. Racing fleet diversity – anything we can do to influence

10. **Date for next meeting:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 8pm by Zoom