

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

**Present:** Andrew Craig (Chair), Andrew Cole, Andrew Wishart (standing in for Julie Harrison), Hilary Bristow, Liz Pescod, Ross Malloy, Steve Bell and Tony Woods.

**Apologies:** Julie Harrison, Andrew Draper and Matt Conner.

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Andrew Craig opened the meeting and extended apologies for those unable to attend the meeting and welcomed Andrew Wishart. Actions from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were reviewed below.

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

- a. Club and Open Meeting Wind Limits for Safety – Risk Assessment Calculator:

**Action:** RM to review with SB

- b. Tilley's Tiller Engraved with winners – HB has the trophy and will get this engraved as soon as possible. **Completed, no further action.**
- c. 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 SB to present proposal to Sailing Committee in 2024
- d. Rules Advisors training and follow up – LP & SB confirmed it was an enjoyable course with six people in attendance. **Action:** HB to update list of Rules Advisors on Website and Noticeboard.
- e. 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.  
Ongoing
- f. Youth Racing – Sundays and Team / Match Racing opportunities. RM – QM have a strong youth culture but are not transforming into free racing on their own and not dependent upon QM Team, but QM will continue to build the weekend youth squads and not focus on Sunday afternoon youth racing.
- g. Open Meeting Policy for 2024 – Entries may be accepted on the day at additional cost. RM stated that on the day entries should be dependent upon safety cover on the day and when cut off for entries is in place to establish how much safety cover is required for the event. He mentioned that up to 45 boats is generally OK but above that number will require additional resources which may not be possible to organise at short notice.  
LP suggested that the NOR should always allow for the decision about on the day entries to be at the discretion of the race committee ensuring correct safety ratio. Open Meeting NOR Template already includes this wording. Class reps should be informed of this in advance.
- h. 2024 Open Meetings Calendar – Events confirmed and under consideration.  
Hadron H2 – requested April or May – **Action:** HB to follow up.  
Cadet class selection event – **Action:** HB to follow up.
- i. Race Officer training and development - Next course and candidates – Still 10 people who have not attended the course. Dates for October and November have been suggested to candidates and a few have replied **Action:** HB to contact those still outstanding with a view to getting a date on the calendar.
- j. Developing those recently trained to ARO, and those who are AROs to ROs – AROs who can move to RO. **Action:** HB follow up on PB2 training as required.
- k. Rookie Racing Autumn Series – 30<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> October. To sign up before they attend.
- l. Bloody Mary Strategy Meeting – LP has produced NOR and it will be sent to Sailracer. Planning and Strategy meeting was held. Bloody Mary RO development. AC asked Bryan Ormond but he wants to sail so can't do it. RO Neil O'Leary / ARO SB.

- m. Fleet Captain distribution list of fleet successes at events – HB acknowledged that this information and photos have been forthcoming.
- 3. Handicap Changes – The handicap committee has analysed the 2023 Wednesday Evening Series data and there is a new handicap list from October to be included in the Winter Series NOR and on Club Racing Handicaps website. **Action:** HB to update
- 4. Series entry eligibility: Rules for changing helms, crews or boats
  - a. Agreed general principle is that in Club racing boats should be helmed by Club members. (Minor exception for potential new members having a “tryout” race.) A series entry consists of a boat class and a named helm who must be a full member and must be in the boat each time the boat races. A change of boat class; or an occasion when the boat enters a race but not with the named helm aboard is a separate entry. Sign on sheet on front desk to declare a change on a weekly basis. TW noted that the ILCAs need to declare if they change from a ILCA6 to 7 (& vice versa). Actions: LP will draft reminder for Winter Series. Club NOR plus day sail and guest documents to be reviewed in case need to be amended. **Action:** LP/SB
- 5. Race Officer training and development
  - a. Next course and candidates – HB checking with ten candidates when is most suitable (offered 14 Oct, 4 Nov, 18 Nov or 25 Nov). **Action:** HB to follow up and chase the candidates.
  - b. Developing those recently trained as ARO, and those who are ARO to ROs. Need to ensure the correctly experienced people are in the right places so racing runs smoothly and to a high standard.
- 6. Topics Raised by Members
  - a. Bank holiday pursuit races – Include as part of the then-ongoing Sunday Series? Decision regarding which bank holiday/s pursuit race/s are to be held for 2024. Trophies (Honeypot and Hadfield) when to be awarded. AC suggested including the first Bank Holiday race in the relevant Sunday series. (one race or two?) TBD when preparing calendar and documents for next year. **Action:** SB.
  - b. Using whole water now available for racing. RM stated that the west side and SE corner of the reservoir has a good opportunity to be used. There needs to be a review of the bund area/exclusion zone with better mapping of the exclusion zone. **Action:** RM to rationalize buoys then need to make sure that ROs & mark layers are aware of the possibilities.
  - c. Why racing had to end 1pm on 10<sup>th</sup> September. RM stated that there is often youth race training on during the whole day and therefore, the safety team and instructors need to have a lunch break. However, on 10<sup>th</sup> September there was no need to finish early. Important for RO to check with DO. TW mentioned no anchor on the committee boat and shortened race – they expect two decent 50 minutes races on Sunday morning. **Action:** RM to review with TB.
  - d. Moving marks during average lap handicap racing – implications. SIs allow it to be done at the discretion of the RO. Need to consider impact on handicapping - however TW & AWishart suggested moving marks to get a better race would generally be the better option.
  - e. Equipping mark layers to measure the length of course legs. RM queried reason for measuring the course? Understand with Barts Bash. Instructors have Strava on phones so can take a measurement if needed. Should be enough. **Action:** RM to use trained person (Hannah) if needed, but not for club racing.
  - f. ILCAs second start on Sundays and 3-2-1-Go all series. **No Action:** Keep it as it is.
  - g. Wrapping committee boat mast in orange tape to increase visibility. **Action:** Agreed.

- h. Handicap Racing fleet – suggestion that we should be looking for greater fleet diversity – however general view was that we should be focusing on getting more participation from existing fleets.
- 7. Sailing Committee Roles  
AC standing down as Chair of Sailing Committee after AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024. AC asked who would like to take on the position, no one committed themselves. LP standing down as PRO after AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> October. SB has agreed to take on the role.
- 8. Any Other Business
  - a. AWishart (on JH behalf) – winches and plans to replace. Andrew Cole QM requires bigger winches. **Action:** RM reported to Bosun – on agenda to get it fixed and to accelerate discussion about bigger winches.
  - b. HB noted that she has recently had a follow up for the 420 Autumn Champs 2023 on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October – this event had never been confirmed and no documentation exists. Discussion & agreement that QM will not hold this event. **Action:** HB to reply to let them know and offer to accommodate an event in 2024.
- 9. Topics for next meeting.
  - a. Club racing calendar.
- 10. Date for next meeting: Wednesday 29<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 8pm by Zoom