

## **QMSC Sailing Committee Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

**Apologies:** Andrew Draper

1. Welcome and apologies

Liz Pescod opened the meeting and extended apologies for those unable to attend the meeting. Actions from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were reviewed below.

2. LP appointed to take on Chairperson's appointment for Sailing Committee. Sailing Committee were both very supportive and extremely grateful to Liz for taking on the role as Sailing Committee Chair.

3. Outstanding actions from Sailing Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

- a. Club and Open Meeting Wind Limits for Safety – Risk Assessment Calculator:  
**Action:** RM to review with SB.
- b. 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. (Youth Group attendance is growing.) **Action:** RM and SB to present proposal to Sailing Committee in 2024
- c. 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.
- d. 2024 Open Meetings Calendar – Events confirmed and under consideration.  
Hadron H2 – 18 May plus join club race on 19 May – **Action:** HB to follow up.
- e. Cadet class selection event – **Action:** HB to follow up & confirm date with class. UKLA ILCA4 **Action:** HB/SB to progress with NOR/SIs early as possible. Also to look at accommodating RS 800s, RS700s (MC), RS200 (Andrew Wishart) and Moths.
- f. Race Officer training and development - Next course and candidates – Only two people attended course on 18<sup>th</sup> November, **Action:** HB to discuss with SB and offer further dates for RO training for outstanding 7 people. HB to send their details so SB can contact them directly to encourage them to join the course.
- g. Developing those recently trained to ARO, and those who are AROs to ROs – AROs who can move to RO. Quite a lot of interest in PB2 training from ROs, AROs and parents **Action:** HB follow up on PB2 training as required – to discuss with RM and offer three dates early 2024.
- h. Rookie Racing – new dates for 2024 to be added. **Action:** HB to confer with Bernard Price.
- i. Bloody Mary Strategy Meeting held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Volunteers discussed – competitors can help volunteer in the morning and then race. More volunteers required to sign up. **Action:** HB to sign more volunteers up.

4. Series entry eligibility: Rules for changing helms, crews or boats.

- a. Discussion about whether to go back to weekly sign-on sheets to deal with changes happening during the course of a series. Agreed that it should be sufficient to have sheet on front desk to declare a change on a weekly basis but people need to be reminded to fill this in if appropriate. ILCAs need to declare if they change from a ILCA6 to 7. SB suggested visible information for ROs in committee box to show difference in ILCA 6 and ILCA7 sail shapes – it was agreed that it should be left to the ILCA fleet to notify Sailing Secretary of any changes to their boats. **Actions:** TW to issue reminder to ILCA fleet.

5. Race Officer training and development
  - a. Next course and candidates. **Action:** As above – 3e & 3f – dates for early 2024 for RO training and PO2 training.
6. Topics Raised
  - a. Bank holiday pursuit races – Agreed that Easter B/H to be RNLI Pursuit Race- 1<sup>st</sup> April, Club Champs – 6<sup>th</sup> May, Spring B/H Honeypot Pursuit Race 27<sup>th</sup> May, August B/H (two Sunday style races as part of Autumn Series) – 26<sup>th</sup> August. **Action:** HB to update Club race calendar.
  - b. Using whole water now available for racing. There still needs to be a review of the bund area/exclusion zone with better mapping of the exclusion zone including clearly defined shape with larger buoys on outermost area so ROs can see. Still to check buoy colours for Club and BM SIs. **Action:** RM to organise buoys and report back.
  - c. Further discussion about early finishing of racing. RM confirmed that it is usually possible to continue beyond 12.15. If ROs need to extend race time after 12:15 they should always ask Duty Officer. **Action:** SB to remind RO team.
  - d. Wrapping committee boat mast in orange tape to increase visibility. **Action:** RM to follow up.
  - e. Sunday Club Racing – Discussions regarding club race dates and alternative ideas. One further club race (agreed as 6a). Wednesday evening last race to be 4<sup>th</sup> September – RM queries sunset time for last race – agreed to have that date as last one but a shortened race (as per 1<sup>st</sup> race on 3<sup>rd</sup> April – JH noted). Request from TW to send him club dates, JH noted avoid big events. **Action:** HB to send calendar out to all once finalised.
7. Any Other Business
  - a. Saturday Club/Rookie Racing to get a member on sailing committee. SB offered to do it for Saturday Club and suggested Bernard Price for Rookie Racing. **Action:** SB to speak to BP.
  - b. New membership and new classes. RM has been asked at Council Meeting by James Baxter to ask Sailing Committee for ideas to attract more classes and/or build on existing classes.  
 Suggestions: liaising with class representatives; stand or rep at Dinghy Show; talk to members from other clubs; publicise existence of QMSC and which classes are sailed here; discounted membership to Bloody Mary entrants; discounted membership to class associations; engage with local community grant/membership discount for local people/ local schools; publicise lower membership costs for younger people. RM noted club difficult to get to due to poor transport links. MC suggested dual membership with other clubs, winter memberships with coastal/ river clubs for competitive racers. LP - Day events with other clubs. **Action:** RM to feed suggestions back to committee to promote KB membership for those not wanting to sail dinghies in the winter.
  - c. ILCA4 Starting/ Sunday racing. HB query from member re. why ILCA4 should not start with the ILCA6/7 fleet so they get start practice. TW suggested starting with ILCA6/7 but doing 1 lap less, may encourage them to get to know other sailors in fleet. LP stated this will reduce Slow H/Cap fleet if removed. RM stated Regular training for youths and they would like the opportunity to start with the ILCAs. Make streamers available to differentiate from the ILCA6/7s. **Action:** To trail this idea in Frostbite Series. HB/SB/LP Amend NORs for Frostbite Series. HB Give out streamers so ROs know which course they are sailing. HB/SB/ TW publicise to ROs & ILCAs.
8. Topics for next meeting.
  - a. Rookie Racing format.
  - b. Wednesday evening format to be reviewed.

9. Date for next meeting: Provisionally Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 8pm by Zoom