

Sailing Committee Meeting Minutes 26/02/26 – Start 20:05

**Present:** (Via Teams) Liz Pescod, Julie Harrison, Andrew Draper. Tony Woods, Ross Malloy, Connor Matthews, Andrew Cole

Apologies: Steve Bell, Bernard Price

Minutes of Last meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

- Agreed that items from previous meeting to be discussed under individual headings below

### **ILCA 6 List**

- TW says Alison Stevens suggested separate ILCA 6 results list.
- LM and TW say ILCA 6 list is going well. ILCA 6 turnout has increased.
- LP mentions the ILCA 6 report that has started up

### **Club Race Schedule**

- TW mentions informal twilight racing on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Gate starts.
- RM says he hopes to get it staffed, will need time to organise.
- TW mentions Twilight race on September 9<sup>th</sup> too.
- RM will also need to organize staffing for this. TW estimates 15 boats.
- RM will post an off-water time on the noticeboard which ILCAs will need to be aware of
  
- May 4<sup>th</sup> decided as sprint series – so three sets of sprints on three bank holidays
- TW request to consider having early May bank holiday as part of Spring Series next year.
- 5 races each date and 8 races to count so need to attend at least 2 days out of the three.
- JH – need to publicise as soon as possible, in fact publicise all Club racing dates.
- LM to add to club racing calendar dates to the website
  
- AC suggesting changing the 400 gold series to winter season
- AC and LM to discuss new dates for the 400 gold series.

### **Handicaps update**

- AC says new PY came out last weekend. He will circulate new proposal soon.

### **OOD points when nobody races**

- Agreed by committee that race officers racing in a fleet should still receive OOD points based on average of races to count when they run racing but no one from their fleet races.
- LM raised point that if they weren't managing the race, they would most likely be racing themselves and AD pointed out that if they were racing alone they would get two firsts so average points is minimum they should be allowed.

### **Race officers with PBL2s – Refreshers every 3 years**

- RM explains that there has been an increase in handling errors noted among club race officers driving powerboats. Safety management issue.

- Proposes a minimally invasive, 3 yearly, PB refresher for driving tasks related to Race officer driving jobs. E.g. coming alongside pontoon, picking up a mooring, anchoring etc.
- Managed by LM, RM and Chief Powerboat.
- AD agrees and recalls observing incidents.

### **Fleet Focus**

- ILCAs
  - o TW says got 26 ILCAS out last week.
  - o Looking at mid-20s consistent turnout
- RS200
  - o JH comments on dwindling numbers in the 200s; 8 gone from boat-park
  - o Training day happening on April 11<sup>th</sup> with funding from RS.
- RS400
  - o AD mentions 5 400s out in one weekend of racing recently. Hoping for 3-4 consistently
- RS700
  - o MC 6 or 7 700s/Musto Skiffs in the boat park
  - o Class often combines with other skiffs for training and general sailing.
  - o 4 skiffs out a couple weeks ago for some informal training.

### **Youth Groups**

- RM reports the winter months having lower turnout, which is expected
- Jake Elsbury Pathway club talk happened February 18th
- RM explains the RYA's new approach to junior/youth racing is to give the clubs a lot more responsibility for development and growth.
- RM says to develop our team, we are running RCL2 in March, Chief Dinghy is attending a Race coach level 3 and windsurf race coaching development day is set up.
- QM is hosting three junior opens, one of which will be a pursuit race.

### **Open Meeting Calendar**

- Date for ILCA Open confirmed between LM and TW, 28<sup>th</sup> June
- JH suggests flier at front desk about upcoming events at the club. Says members are unaware of the weekly ongoing events.
- Suggested that Open Meeting Schedule as well as Club Schedule should be published on website

### **Race Officers and Assistant Race Officers – report**

- RO training coming up in March/April
- LM reiterates PB refresher mentioned by RM.
- LM looking expand the pool of Race officers that do open events.

### **AOB**

- TW mentions Virtual Regatta
  - o Next regatta March 4th
  - o LM will continue to advertise it

**Next meeting**

The next meeting was agreed to happen in the month of October. LM and LP to propose some dates.

**End of Meeting 21:11**