

# Minutes of Sailing Committee Meeting

on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Present: Andrew Craig, Bob Joce, Paul Schroeder, Julie Harrison, Ben Sharp

Apologies: Vicki Thurston, Josie Adams

## 1. Review of Previous Minutes

RYA Zone Champs will **not** be coming to QMSC in 2017.

All other actions from the November minutes have been addressed or will be discussed within the agenda.

## 2. RO Training

2 dates have been set for RO training: 25<sup>th</sup> March & 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Tony Woods can only make 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Adam Wickenden and Stephan Von Posern are both available for 25<sup>th</sup> March. Ben Sharp also came forward for the course during the meeting.

**Julie** will see if we can get everyone to do the course together on 15<sup>th</sup> April and do some more advertising to increase course numbers. Approaching the class captains should also be tried.

## 3. RO Points

From the start of the 2017 Frostbite series RO points are being awarded based on:

“Average of sum of points for Non-DNC races”

(Previously, they were calculated on the average of sum of points for non-discarded races, which may have included DNCs)

## 4. Open Meetings

### 4.1 D-One Open

Tim Garvin has requested that QM host an Open meeting for D-Ones this year.

Combining with Cherubs on 28/29 May has been offered but clashes with a European event. As numbers are small, we have now suggested same type of Open within club racing on 30<sup>th</sup> April/ 1<sup>st</sup> May. No response to date.

### 4.2 ROs for Open Meetings

- RO is required for 2.4 Open on 8/9 April. Post meeting note: Mike and Josie Adams have volunteered.

- Youth Open

Paul Schroeder volunteered for this event. **Julie** to add to Dutyman

- RS End of Seasons

Paul and Karen have already agreed to assist with this event but there is more than 1 race course to cover plus a Pursuit race on Sunday. **Bob** will approach Liz and Roger to help and Paul Schroeder has also offered. Pricing and details will need discussing in due course.

#### 4.3 RS700 Class captain

Matt Conner has been approached and agreed to take on captaincy of the RS700 fleet now Hamish Griffiths has left the club.

### 5. Survey Feedback

Feedback relating to racing from the club survey:

- *“Any chance of a distance/ marathon/ 12-hour job?”*  
Programme is already set for 2017 with additional Sprints at members’ request. Consider this maybe for 2018.
- *“Lasers sometimes have to wait a long time in between races while the other fleets sail an extra lap...”*  
This does sometimes occur. RO consistency is needed, also regarding starting on time and number of laps. **Bob** will put together some “Tips for ROs” to include these issues.
- *“Maybe there needs to be a spring or summer race series which is welcoming to new entrants”*  
Bob has only just distributed the racing update newsletter to all members with information about how to get started in racing at QM.
- *“...how about a sprint Sunday in each season with 4 short races?...”*  
Sprints were very popular last year so we have introduced a second day of Sprints in 2017 (4<sup>th</sup> June & 20<sup>th</sup> August)  
**Sailing committee** will consider introducing 4 short races instead of the current 2 race format for the first 4 weeks of the Autumn series- to be known as Short Races as opposed to Sprints as the 3 usual fleet starts will be retained. This decision will be made after the Sprints on 4<sup>th</sup> June. **Bob** will discuss the proposal with the fleet captains.
- *“the club now consists of only two very self-absorbed fleets. There is no diversity of classes...”*  
Wednesday evenings caters for all in Handicap racing.  
There will be an RS Aero demo day - refer to item 8.3 below  
RS200 members have requested that RS400 fleet is timed on Sundays. RS200s start with RS400s so will then be able to compare their racing against the corrected timings which will appear under RS400 class results. This only entails timing an additional 10 or so boats per week and should help provide an incentive within the W/L fleet. Timing will start from the Spring Series.  
**Bob** to add the RS400 timing reminder to the RO Tips message.  
**Julie** to amend the Sailwave duty reminder to incorporate this.  
Last year we filmed Wednesday evening racing for 4 weeks. This was then edited and Chris Simon came along to discuss the rules implications of various scenarios.  
**Julie** to diarise to organise this again this summer.

## 6. **BM lessons applicable to race management**

A meeting has been organised for those involved at 13:45 after sailing on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March to discuss all the issues arising from and relating to the Bloody Mary.

The need to request RYA affiliated club or class association details on our open meeting entry forms was discussed but was not thought to be a general issue.

## 7. **Risk Assessments**

Open meeting and club racing Risk Assessments are due to be reviewed by the end of next March. Vicki does not feel a revision is required so **Julie** is to send the current risk assessments to Paul Schroeder to confirm.

**Bob** will prompt ROs to sign the revisions at the office in his Tips message.

## 8. **AOB**

### 8.1 RO Duties

Aside from the Open meeting cover already mentioned above, cover for duties is short from March/ April. In particular, 5th March has no ARO. Neil O'Leary was paired with Chris Perry so **Julie** to contact Chris to see if he can assist Neil on that duty.

Subsequently an email request will go out to all ROs requesting them to sign up for their 2017 duties.

8.2 RYA PY adjustments will take place at the beginning of March. As there is no further meeting till August, **Andrew** will review the changes, adopt them and send to Julie for our March revision unless there is any good reason not to.

8.3 RS Aero demo day. RS Sailing has will come to QMSC with 2 RS Aeros and offer members a trial 1 hour slot throughout a day. Date agreed is Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, which is Push the Boat Out week, Super Saturday, Saturday club and Laser Open Meeting. Poster has gone up in the clubhouse and it will be included in the next newsletter.

8.4 2016 Open Meeting pricing with breakdown of all events was reviewed. No pricing change for 2017.

8.5 The list of Rules Advisers need to be reviewed. **Julie** to circulate the current list for comment.

8.6 The number of prizes awarded to the Laser fleet was raised.

“Prizes will be awarded to the lesser of the first 3 places or the integer of the square root of the number of qualifiers” as stated in the NORs was considered to be sufficient and fair for all classes.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017