




**Sussex Yacht Club**

**Sailing Section Meeting**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Committee members present:** Tim Cork - Sailing Captain (TC), Sam Lippett – Vice Sailing Captain (SL) [minutes], Adam Thompson – Race Secretary (AT)

**Apologies:** Ann Macey, Barbara Runnalls, Mark Yates-Smith, Dave Golding

Item	
1.	<p><b>Introduction to team</b></p> <p>Sailing Captain – Tim Cork Vice Sailing Captain – Sam Lippett Race Secretary – Adam Thompson Trophy Secretary – Lauren Willis Rally Secretary – Ann Macey Pursuit Racing – David Skinner</p> <p>Looking for Assistant Race Secretary and Assistant Rally Secretary – please discuss with sailing section if interested.</p>
2.	<p><b>Review of AGM Action Points</b></p>  <p>Sailing Section AGM - actions. Up-date for s</p> <p>Minutes available on website.</p>
3.	<p><b>Wavelength</b></p> <p>William Mills has taken over as editor. Request for articles to include in next edition to be published end April (deadline for submission in March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016).</p>
4.	<p><b>Safety up-date</b></p> <p>SL reported that the ISAF offshore regulations were up-dated in January 2016. Of particular reference is a change to life-jacket regulations; all should now be equipped with a lifting loop, have a sprayhood in accordance with ISO 12402-8, be clearly labelled with the boats or wearers name and a boat should carry at least one gas inflatable lifejacket spare cylinder and if appropriate a spare activation head.</p> <p>Steve Vyse queried whether carrying a spare life-jacket would suffice as carrying a spare gas cylinder. This was confirmed.</p>

5.	<p><b>Sussex Regatta</b></p> <p>Numbers dropping over previous years. Will now be combined with IRC regional championships and date moved from the traditional Easter weekend to 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June. Will be hosted by Brighton Marina Yacht Club and special rates on moorings in Brighton marina will be available. Alongside IRC championships there will also be an NHC and a white sail class with the possibility of passage races. Intention to be all encompassing. Robin Stevenson (RS) expressed concern that name may be off-putting for some non-IRC racers.</p> <p>In 2017, the Sussex Regatta will be part of the SYC 125 regatta at which we are aiming to attract ~70 keelboats to participate.</p> <p>Laurence Woodhams (LW) queried why there was no racing (except Pursuit race) or a rally over the Easter weekend. General opinion is that due to Easter being early this year then the weather is unlikely to be suitable for a rally.</p>
6.	<p><b>Moorings &amp; Maintenance</b></p> <p>Tim Leigh (TL) on behalf of Terry Kinch (TK) gave an overview of the new electrical distribution system, Metermacs, which is firstly being installed in the Shoreham boat-yard then Southwick. On March 14<sup>th</sup> the electrical pedestals will be switched off 3-4 at a time for approximately half a day. Please liaise with the office if power outage scheduled at a time when you are undertaking time critical work. There will be a presentation about Metermacs on March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm.</p> <p>TK reported that the mooring piles at Southwick are deteriorating. New moorings are going to be designed (likely floating). Some movement of boats will be necessary for replacement works.</p>
7.	<p><b>Office (TL)</b></p> <p>Laminated Rampion charts are available for collection (also included in Sailing Handbook)</p> <p>House Committee are condensing all noticeboards into the corridor outside the toilets. There will be a new standard form for crew looking for boats and vice versa. The details will be put on-line too.</p> <p>The printed fixture card will be produced and circulated imminently (delay due to changes in sailing calendar)</p>
8.	<p><b>Rallies</b></p> <p>TC summarised the planned rallies for 2016 (see Sailing Handbook). He confirmed that the Solent rally will consist of overnight stays in Haslar Marina, Cowes and Bembridge.</p>
9.	<p><b>Handicaps</b></p> <p>TC confirmed that the handicap systems will remain as SCCH and IRC for this year.</p> <p>RS invited members to the IRC seminar to be held on March 8<sup>th</sup></p>

	<p>AT has negotiated a 50% discount (then 25% in 2017) for 2016 IRC handicaps even if had one in the last year. Electronic applications should be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> to AT who will submit on behalf of the Club. Skippers will subsequently be invoiced by the Club. Unfortunately a refund is not possible if an application has already been made in the usual manner. Generally it takes two weeks from submission to receive a handicap.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Pursuit Racing</b></p> <p>David Skinner (DS) gave an overview of Pursuit racing for 2016. There will be three series each with six races (two discards if all races sailed). Bottle prize for all race winners and cups for series winners. David Nunn will be race officer for the first race on March 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>LW queried why Pursuit racing had been scheduled for the Easter weekend, Round the Island race and the Sussex Regatta. DS commented that there are two discards available in each series and that there were difficulties with tides in scheduling 18 races over the year.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>University Students</b></p> <p>Will be joining us again; offers to take racing appreciated. DS requested that the same students sail on the same boats where possible to ensure continuity with crew work.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Mast Raising</b></p> <p>Delayed until March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10am. Volunteers required (should only take 30 minutes)</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Race Officer Duty</b></p> <p>SL has the race officer list for 2017. Please come and volunteer to do a duty of your choice. Remaining slots will be allocated to boats that participated in SYC racing during 2015. List will be available on the website. The office will email the Skipper the week before to remind them of their up-coming duty.</p>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Race Marks</b></p> <p>SL has been liaising with Ben Coe (Boatswain); currently Mark West is in the boatyard but it is the intention that this will be in position before racing commences next weekend. Mark 1 is missing hence it is likely that this will be unavailable for some time. All offshore marks are due to be checked for position.</p>
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Safety Checks</b></p> <p>Unannounced safety checks will be made. It was confirmed that this will not be done by a chandlery.</p>
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sailing section e-mail has changed. Let TC know if do not receive an email this week and previously did so.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brian Thomas – fob not working at Southwick. Advised to see Office.</li><li>• Neil Prescott – suggested add length of course to standard courses in Sailing Handbook to allow Race Officer to set a course appropriate to wind strength. <b>Action:</b> Sailing Committee to complete</li><li>• SL confirmed she will check the race box prior to the first race.</li><li>• TL – asbestos due to be removed from Southwick Clubhouse. Please do not cross any barriers if in place.</li></ul>
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