



**Sussex Yacht Club**

**Sailing Section Committee Meeting**

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Committee members present:** Sam Lippett (SL) [minutes], Steve Thomas (ST), Tim Pumfrey (TP), David Skinner (DS), Rob Reeves (RR)

**Apologies:** Steve Vyse

**Minutes of last meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016:** Agreed as correct

Item	
1.	<p><b>Summer Regatta</b></p> <p>The regatta was cancelled at the beginning of the week due to only one entry. Potential to move to weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> September if enough interest. RYA race officer has expressed interest in supporting this event and also our 125 regatta next year. A discussion was had as to how to improve entry numbers in the future – publicity well in advance with monthly reminders alongside encouraging Skippers to enter at beginning of the season. SI's and NoR to also be available at the beginning of the season.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> To seek opinions of Skippers as to potential participation in re-arranged regatta.</p>
2.	<p><b>Pactolas Supper, Rally &amp; Race</b></p> <p>DS gave an overview of plans for the Pactolas supper, rally and race. 5 – 6 yachts from SRF are planning to join us in Shoreham for the Pactolas supper and race back to Fecamp. A traditional English two course supper has been arranged for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm for £12.50 per person. The rally and supper can be booked via the SYC shop.</p> <p>The course for the race will need to be amended as Mark 1 is still off-station. Highland Daughter is scheduled to be race officer but if unable SL volunteered to do this instead. Moonlight Saunter will collate finish times and results in Fecamp.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> SV to include information provided by DS in the next edition of Sailing News.</p>
3.	<p><b>St Valery Rally</b></p> <p>No contact made with CNV as yet. RR requested support in establishing contacts – it was advised to ask Alan Saunders for help.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SL to contact Alan Saunders to request contact details for CNV.</p>

4.	<p><b>Littlehampton Rally</b></p> <p>RR still to confirm proposed date change with Arun Yacht Club  <i>AYC have subsequently confirmed that this is feasible.</i></p>
5.	<p><b>SCCH handicaps</b></p> <p>SL reported that five yachts have had their SCCH handicaps changed since the beginning of the season. It is unclear as to exact dates that this occurred. ST described how handicap review is a continuous process so difficult to define review dates. It was agreed that the SCCH website should be checked at the beginning of each series / stand-alone race and then that handicap used for the entire series even if it changes midway. It is possible that a yacht could be competing concurrently in two different series with two different handicaps. The website and race officer box need to be clear as to which handicap to use; it will be the responsibility of the race secretary to manage this throughout the year. The five yachts that have had amendments to their SCCH will not have results amended retrospectively. All changes will be active from the start of the next series which is the Autumn Series. The Crew's race will also need to take the changes into consideration as this is a stand-alone club race.</p> <p>ST also advised that the sailing committee should not enter into any discussion with Skipper's about their SCCH and that there is no duty for the sailing committee to notify Skippers of any changes.</p> <p>SL queried with ST that there is no SCCH for Clipper &amp; Vagabond on the SCCH website despite applications being made and handicaps assigned.</p>
6.	<p><b>Mark Status Update</b></p> <p>Mark 1 is still off-station. Ben Coe is awaiting a weather window. A discussion was had as to whether the previous location of Mark 1 is still desirable – it was suggested that it could be moved to a position South of Mark 2 to allow flexibility for longer legs within races.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Committee members to seek the opinion of regular racing Skippers and crews regarding position of Mark 1.</p> <p>Mark 6 has been reported to be slightly off-station. SL has amended the website with the new co-ordinates. To re-site to the previous position would cost in the vicinity of £500 which was deemed not an appropriate use of funds. The racing chart still contains the old position. Ben Coe has been informed of the need to clear weed from Mark 6.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> ST to up-date race chart.</p>
7.	<p><b>RYA Race Officer Mentorship Scheme</b></p> <p>Mike Foster who was the National RYA race officer booked for the summer regatta has offered to support SYC with the RYA race officer mentorship scheme. This would involve shore-based teaching alongside practical experience. The aim is to build a cohort of competent club race officers who can then progress to regional level.</p>

	<b>Action:</b> SL to liaise with Mike Foster about running shore-based teaching over the Winter period.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Bart's Bash</b>  SL has registered SYC for the 2016 Bart's Bash.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Sailing Section AGM</b>  SL has booked this for October 29 <sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Shoreham clubhouse. This is the first date in the Autumn that does not clash with scheduled racing or a function. DS stated that nominations need to be circulated in advance for various committee positions and current members' intentions known. The committee structure was agreed as follows:-  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sailing Captain (vacant – temporary steering group in place)</li> <li>• Vice Sailing Captain – Samantha Lippett (position not considered necessary long-term)</li> <li>• Race Secretary (Adam Thompson has subsequently stepped down effective from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016)</li> <li>• Rally Secretary – Rob Reeves</li> <li>• Trophy Secretary – Lauren Willis (SL to confirm with Lauren her intentions)</li> <li>• Pursuit Lead – David Skinner</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Round the Island Team Trophy Results</b>  ISC team – 8 <sup>th</sup> position (11 entries) [Aquila 15 <sup>th</sup> /113 ISC 6, Busy B 36 <sup>th</sup> /131 ISC 5, The Italian Job DNC]  IRC team – joint 24 <sup>th</sup> position (25 entries) [Arwen 93 <sup>rd</sup> /146 IRC 3, Tyke 121 <sup>st</sup> /146 IRC 2, Maverick 94 <sup>th</sup> /146 IRC 2]
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOB</b>  TP has reviewed all race start times; in addition to those mentioned previous meeting the start time of the Christmas Cracker 4 needs to change to 12.00 from 11.00.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm @ Shoreham Clubhouse

Lauren Willis to be invited to give Trophy up-date.