



Sussex Yacht Club

Sailing Section Committee Meeting

9th June 2016

Committee members present: Sam Lippett (SL) [minutes], Adam Thompson (AT), Steve Vyse (SV), Dave Ramus (DR), Steve Thomas (ST), Tim Pumfrey (TP), David Skinner (DS), Rob Reeves (RR)

Apologies: None

Item	
1.	<p>Summer Regatta</p> <p>Difficulties with tides, various options discussed including moving date. Agreed race start time of 14.00 on Saturday 9th July & 08.00 on Sunday 10th July. Committee boat – awaiting confirmation from John Pryke to use Grizabella; alternative is Grand Alliance. Summer party – ideally casual format with BBQ. Await confirmation of details and ticket price from Ian Bush / House Committee. Prizes – retention prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place from both classes (IRC & SCCH). Three ‘fun’ prizes to be awarded - ?order Dark Star beer presentation packs.</p> <p>Actions: SL to contact Ian Bush re. confirmation of party details SL to order fun prizes and thank-you’s with Jon (Steward) SL to up-date NOR & SI’s SV send details of regatta to local clubs SV to design and order retention prizes</p>
2.	<p>Littlehampton Rally</p> <p>Tides unfavourable 9th / 10th September. Agreed to move date to 17th/18th September. Littlehampton race on Saturday 17th can be used as qualifying Bart’s Bash race. 9th/10th September to be left free to accommodate any previous not-run races or alternatively a stand-alone race to be organised.</p> <p>Actions: RR to contact Arun Yacht Club to ensure SYC can be accommodated on 17th September.</p>
3.	<p>Review of Race Start Times / Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sovereign Race – may need to change course given tidal difficulties; decision to be made when weather forecast available.• Round Rampion Race – course to be changed due to restrictions whilst

	<p>construction underway. Course to be decided when weather forecast available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Diamond – Move to 12.00 start from 11.00 • Channel Race – Move to 11.00 start from 10.00 <p>Actions: Changes to be communicated once sailing section email up and running. SL to up-date website</p>
4.	<p>Review of Rallies</p> <p>RR requested dates of remaining rallies. General format of rallies discussed.</p> <p>Actions: RR to discuss berthings and logistics of BBQ on Saturday June 25th at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.</p>
5.	<p>Sailing Section e-mail</p> <p>No current committee members have access to sailing section email and a distribution list (neither is this held by the office). The importance of email being monitored by the office was agreed so that members' queries can be acknowledged and answered by the most appropriate person. It was also agreed that committee members should be able to access the sailing section email from home and not be reliant on attendance at the SYC office.</p> <p>Once established, the sailing section should be sending out up-dates and notices at least monthly with information being distributed at least a week before an event.</p> <p>SL requested that the race officer list be e-mailed out as a matter of priority as we are entering a period when many duties have been allocated.</p> <p>Actions: SV to arrange email access for SL and AT. SV to retrieve and collate sailing section distribution list. SL to draft email regarding race officer duty for SV to distribute.</p>
6.	<p>Fleet Size</p> <p>Brian Thomas (Tyke) has requested that consideration be given to only two boats being needed to constitute a race as two races have been cancelled this season due to lack of interest (Solent Race and Fecamp Return Race). SL has checked the ISAF guidance and there is no formal directive on this matter. The committee agreed that it should remain as three boats being required to constitute a race and efforts should be focused on improving numbers of boats racing.</p>
7.	<p>Mark Status Update</p> <p>SL provided an up-date on mark status following liaison with Ben Coe (Bosun). Mark 1 is still off station although Ben is aiming to rectify this next week. Mark 5 is also off station; negotiations are in process between Southern Water and Trinity House. SL</p>

	<p>ensures that the website is kept up-to-date with regards to mark status.</p> <p>ST commented that Mark 6 has extensive seaweed growth that could compromise its ability to stay on position.</p> <p>Actions: SL to alert Ben as to the problems with Mark 6.</p>
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Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th July, 7pm @ Shoreham Clubhouse