



Sussex Yacht Club

Sailing Section Committee Meeting

1st September 2016

Committee members present: Sam Lippett (SL) [minutes], Dave Ramus (DR), Tim Pumfrey

Apologies: Steve Thomas, Steve Vyse

Minutes of last meeting 4th August 2016: Agreed as correct.

Item	
1.	<p>Review of Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up-date to Race Chart – Awaiting response from Nigel Bachelor regarding original document. Laurence Woodhams has advised it is not possible to convert the PDF file on the website to an amendable file.• Trophy Secretary – Kate Leigh has volunteered to take on this role.• Life-jacket requirements – SL has provided ISAF regulations to DR
2.	<p>Littlehampton Rally</p> <p>Rally has been publicised in Sailing News email and date / start time adjustments displayed as posters around Shoreham clubhouse. In the absence of Rob Reeves, DR volunteered to confirm final details with Arun YC. SL is on holiday from 10th – 18th September and will not have internet connection to access the sailing section email account and rally bookings. DR will collate this information in SL's absence.</p> <p>Actions: DR to confirm with Arun YC deadline for confirming numbers of persons dining, booking of moorings & provision of free water-taxi.</p> <p>SL to request office to monitor sailing section email account in her absence and forward any emails relevant to Littlehampton rally to DR.</p>
3.	<p>Bart's Bash</p> <p>SL has registered SYC and set-up a Just Giving Page for donations to the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation. The Littlehampton race on Saturday 17th September will count as the SYC entry. We need to submit a course length to the organisers to enable entrants to have a 'global' result.</p> <p>Action: TP to measure course length of Littlehampton race.</p>

4.	<p>Channel race</p> <p>Need to set a course for this race of approx 60nM; various options were discussed including use of CS1, Nab Tower & Sovereign Weather Station.</p> <p>Action: TP to review tides & charts and propose a course.</p>
5.	<p>Sailing Section Calendar 2017</p> <p>SL presented version 1 of the 2017 fixture list for the keelboat section. All elements discussed at previous meeting were included in addition to an additional offshore race (Nab Tower race) bringing the series to six. Pursuit racing & Wednesday evening series are still to be scheduled. SL has included a fun 'Treasure Hunt' race on Easter Sunday - a style of racing used by Royal Southern Yacht Club. Marks are awarded points (more points if further away / to windward etc.) and boats have a fixed time (based on handicap) to round marks in which ever order they wish. The boat with the most points to pass through the finish line within their time allowance wins.</p> <p>Currently only three weekends between March & November have no sailing scheduled. DR suggested utilising one of these weekends to include a Beach Dreams Race which may help engage the public with yacht racing in the lead up to the 125 celebrations. The only two other weekends that are vacant are the weekend directly after the Royal Escape & the weekend of the 125 Gala event (also Cowes week). TP suggested the Lady Helm race be renamed Rose Bowl race. Arun YC have yet to publish their regatta event and SL is still awaiting a response as to the date of their rally to SYC when they wish to join us for a race.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL to schedule Wednesday evening series. • David Skinner to schedule Pursuit racing. • SL to confirm with dinghy section dates of Black Rock & Ferguson race. • TP to check tide times and race starts. • Rally secretary to liaise with various yacht clubs to explore feasibility of proposed rally schedule.
6.	<p>125 Regatta</p> <p>SL has secured Mike Foster (National RYA Race officer) to undertake the role of Race Officer for the 125 Regatta. Initial concept is to run windward / leeward courses for the IRC fleets and a 'Cruiser Class' using SCCH which will include a mixture of Pursuit racing & a 'Treasure Hunt' race. One large main committee vessel alongside a smaller one for the Cruiser Class, adequate inflatable marks, support ribs and volunteers to official will be required. TP volunteered to join the race official team.</p> <p>SL proposed publication of the NoR in the next couple of months to allow adequate publication & inclusion of the event in the racing calendar of local yacht clubs.</p> <p>Action: SL to write a formal proposal of plans & requirements for submission to the 125 steering committee.</p>

11.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rally Secretary - Rob Reeves has stepped down as Rally Secretary; request for volunteer sent out in this month's 'In The wind'.• Race Secretary – Peter Jenkins & Guy Stansell have both expressed interest in taking on the role of Race Secretary once the Steering Committee step aside.• Rampion Crew Delivery Vessel – SYC have had notice of the proposed route of the Rampion Crew Delivery Vessel into Shoreham Harbour. The proposed approach into Shoreham is 005 degrees which runs directly through our racing area. The sailing section committee feel that the usual approach of 355 degrees should be utilised by the Rampion Crew Delivery Vessel in order to consider the safety of small vessels sailing locally. A meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 14.00 in Brighton. No committee member present is able to attend. Action: SL to ask Tim Leigh to attend on behalf of SYC.
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Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th October, 7pm @ Shoreham Clubhouse