

The Uk 29er Class Association

Committee Meeting Paignton Sailing Club Date 2nd August 2005

Present: Mark Collingwood, Andrew Martin, Dave Hall, Stuart Humphreys, Barbara Walker, Peter Cooper.

1. Centres of Excellence

In order to encourage bigger fleets the class would promote training and club racing on certain dates at key regional clubs. Those to be initially approached are:

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| ■ Hayling Island | PC |
| ■ Queen Mary | AM |
| ■ Grafham | BW |
| ■ Leigh and Lowton | SH |

2. Training 2006

Key suggestion: Use the RYA grant to retain a head coach that would manage the coaching programme and do most of the training. It was suggested that the coach could:

- ④ Work with the committee to produce a programme of 10-12 days training events for the year;
- ④ Draw up a training syllabus for the year;
- ④ Liaise with the training venue to ensure that the required facilities will be available.
- ④ Ensure there are sufficient RIBs for the event;
- ④ Coach on the day or appoint an agreed deputy,
- ④ Produce a written risk assessment prior to the event;
- ④ Ensure there are clear targets set prior to the event and useful contingency activities for no wind;
- ④ Collect monies at the event if not pre booked; (If was felt that pre-booking should be re-introduced)
- ④ After the training event coach to complete set of pro formas to cover: who attended, comment on individual performance; what was covered and key points for the next session.

We need to find out exactly what the RYA grants or for prior to fleshing out the training plan in too much detail.

MC/SH

Dave Hall clarified that the RYA recognised coaches carry insurance for the training sessions which they provide. He also stressed the need for the coaches to have credibility with the sailors. Also suggested that we try and appoint two coaches - one for the North and one the South.

3. Remaining OT for 2005

MC to check what has been arranged so far.

MC

4. Recruitment into 29er Association

Agreed that we appoint representatives for the 29er for each of the feeder boats.

Agree that we have regional contacts that will put a sailor who wishes to try a 29er in touch with a sailor prepared to provide a trial sail. The regional contacts would have to gently vet to ensure that only those competent were allowed forward. The 29er owner would not be expected to let potential pairings out together on their own.

Agreed that we produce a "Sailors Guide to the 29er"- could be used by reps, put on the website, given out to Junior class coaches and at try-out days. Contents might include: list of squad members, transitional squad members, routes into the 29er, training programme, thumbnail sketches of recent successful 29er sailors, photographs, quotes from sailors, why the boat is so fantastic, prices of 2nd hand boats and new boats, specific dates for try out sails linked to specific events in the 29er calendar.

SH

5. 29er RIB

It was reported that the RIB had failed again. Whatever the future of the RIB it was agreed that it needed to be in serviceable condition.

It was being taken to Draycote and BW agreed to investigate whether a deal can be struck with the club so that it is used and maintained on a regular basis.

BW

It is also understood that an application has already been made to the Eric Twiname Trust for a replacement and that we are now on their RIB waiting list. It was agreed that the desirability of having a RIB should be ascertained before taking title of a replacement.

6. Open Meeting Planning

Dave Hall usually starts planning in Sept/Oct.

DH

We need to supply dates when exams etc. are likely to clash with open meetings/training.

AM

7. Sailor Reps

It was agreed that Nick Hollis and Sophie White should be invited to be sailor reps.

MC

8. CRB Check

CRB check needed for committee members.

ALL

9. Date of Next Meeting

Stuart to arrange a conference call for Thursday 8th Sept 2005

SH