

Minutes of 29er Conference call 8.09.09

Welcome

John welcomed new members and confirmed everyone's role:

John –chair

Steve-vice chair

Dave – racing secretary

Nigel-assistant racing secretary

Barbara-class secretary

Ken- principle race officer

Arthur-measurer

Fiona – website

Graham –safety officer

Lucy secretary

Jane –membership secretary

Sailor reps – Jilly and Lilly

Apologies received from Barbara

Updates

World Council – Major dates have already been set for next 2 years so these will be difficult to change. The nationals in Pwhelli to be open nationals and we are aiming to promote this event to sailors in Europe. Fiona offered to create a mini website linked to our own which has practical information about travel, campsites etc to encourage sailors to plan early and commit to coming. Dave will contact Pwhelli sailing club/Championship officer to ensure that they are aware that this is an event which we are hoping will attract European sailors.

Please let John know if anyone is attending the Worlds in Bahamas in January, there has been concern expressed that no-one will be attending from UK, but it was felt this could be due to cost and exam timetables.

Working with other classes

Steve is in contact with northern rep ?name

Website

No real changes to report, Fiona has requested that results are sent to her ASAP and it was suggested that the sailor reps should let Fiona know if any links did not work and also canvas other sailors to what they would like to see on the website and write articles/reports if they wished.

Events 2010

Dates are in the calendar for next year, some are still provisional but probably unlikely to change. There are some 1 day events planned and it was felt that these were popular and well supported especially around May/June time.

Safety

Graham is looking at a draft document from the toppers. We are looking to produce a document which outlines our class expectations of an event and the specifics of safety, race and rescue management. It was suggested that a laminated hints and tips sheet could be taken to each event.

Could the class ribs be taken to major events next year?

Sponsorship

John has written to Harken to seek possible funding for next years events on the back of a successful series this year. Similarly to Zhik to sponsor the nationals. If anyone has any further potential sponsorship contacts, please contact John.

Finance

RYA funding has arrived.

Changes next season

- Social events have been much better attended this year when camping was available on site; bear this in mind when planning events.
- Nationals – should we have an opening ceremony?
- ? Build in a social night for parents at the Nationals

AOB

1. Committee members to send own personal details to Fiona with agreement of own responsibilities to update website.
2. Europeans website is open; there will be a link from our website.
3. Sailors want turnbuckles to be accepted. The plan is to hold an Extraordinary AGM at the inlands to put this to a vote, if carried then this will need to be put forward to the World Council. A notice will be posted to have a meeting 1 hour after racing finishes at the Inlands in November.
4. Arthur went on a 3 day measurer's course, in the future sailors may self certify using serial numbers on equipment and spot checks will be carried out throughout an event.