

Minutes of 29er conference call 31.3.10

1. Present: John, Charles, Lucy, Lilly, Dave, Graham, Arthur, Ken, Charles and Will
No apologies received.

2. Finances – Barbara unavailable.
3. Membership – At present Jane checks post event that sailors that have taken part are members of class association. Charles suggests that perhaps this could be checked beforehand in form of a membership number to be entered on entry forms (Graham will amend doc). NOR to be changed to include this (to be actioned by Dave). John to speak to Jane about a suggestion to move to online membership to be administered through the website. To be discussed at a later date by committee and at AGM.
4. Website – problem with email resolved. The International Committee have requested information of numbers of sailors interested /intending to sail in Europeans in Spain and worlds 2011 in Argentina. It is possible to enter for Europeans and pay at a later date and this would help organizers to plan. Sailor reps asked if they could spread this message at Weymouth next week. Charles would like to look at website later this year and examine the levels of return on sponsorship links. He suggested that if we have Google analytics, data could be obtained easily.
5. Sponsorship – Charles confirmed the additional spend on prizes and it was felt that sailors are happy to have the Harken brand associated with the class. A discussion was had about whether the sponsors felt they had a high enough profile on reports and write ups. Zeik – still awaiting specifics of their offer to sponsor Nationals. Charles is also putting out feelers about a sponsor for the Inlands as a whole event, rather than individual fleets.
6. Racing Programme – Nationals –John will contact Barbara about overall co-ordination of the event, Charles offered to be involved as he is already involved in the topper Nationals which take place in Pwhelli prior to the 29er Nationals. There will be strict regulations concerning motor homes and tents which entrants need to be aware of. Torquay have expressed an interest to host 2011 Nationals, event document to be sent to them for discussion and response. Arthur will be the measurer at the Youths for those that need this.
7. RIB – All sorted and is now travelling around south coast to wherever needed.
8. AOB – John will speak to Steve about the cost implication of trophies. It was felt that if the association retain control over the trophies then a better standard of prizes would be maintained, perhaps sponsors names could be included in the future on trophies (Subject raised by Charles).

Next call Wednesday 28th April 7.30