

**Draft Notes of UK 29er Class Committee Meeting
on 21/05/2014 at 8pm by telephone conference call**

Present: Clive Grummett (CG) - Chair, Charlie Stowe (CS) - Sailing Secretary (and interim Safety Officer), Sally Budden (SB) – Treasurer, Andy Hill (AH) -Training Officer, Nick James (NJ) – Marketing Officer, Cameron Murray (CM) – Scottish Representative, Duncan Hepplewhite (DH) – Boatbuilder representative, Sally Thomas (ST) - Class Administrator.

Main points discussed:

1. Safety Officer Update

CG welcomed members to the meeting and confirmed that as Adrian Ward had stood down as Safety Officer, there is a need to find a replacement. It was explained that Barry Jobson had previously expressed an interest in this role and he has been approached in the first instance. Barry is considering taking on this role, but would not be available until the 'Nationals'. In the interim, Charlie Stowe has taken on an additional role as Safety Officer.

2. RYA Financial Agreement

CG confirmed that as part of the RYA Financial Agreement, £4,500 would be available for open training, £3,500 for class administration and no funds would be made available for a class judge, although the RYA would still expect the class to one.

3. Grafham Grand Prix Update

CS updated members on arrangements for the Grafham Grand Prix including event entries and volunteer support (ribs, committee boat and results). ST confirmed that volunteers had also signed up to help with registration and prizes. A conversation took place around who could be involved in a protest committee and it was agreed to follow up outside the meeting. NJ offered to tweet at the event and provide an event report.

4. Training Update

Open Training

AH explained that he had circulated a spreadsheet outlining planned training and associated costs (where known). AH went on to highlight the newcomers skills weekend planned for the 28-29 June with a proposed fee of £100 per boat for the weekend.

AH then explained that the overall plan is based on 24 boats participating in the three open/RYA transitional training weekends and 16 boats for the subsequent open training weekends. AH went on to propose a payment option whereby the cost of each open training weekend would be £110 per boat, with a discount applying if participants book five or more class open training weekends by mid December. This would amount to each weekend costing £90 per boat. A discussion ensued about when the discount would apply and what would happen if pairings broke up. It was agreed that these matters could be considered outside the meeting. Members present unanimously agreed that the principle of charging £110 per boat per weekend with a discount (amounting to £20 per weekend training session) to those booking five or more sessions should be taken forward. Members present also agreed the £100 fee per boat for the newcomers skills weekend. It was further agreed that the number of events detailed in the spreadsheet was appropriate.

There was a discussion around the cost of hiring private ribs at Weymouth. It was clarified that Nathan Bachelor's ribs can be hired for £80 + fuel per day and Tom Peel will match this at £80 per day + fuel + VAT (if only his ribs are used) for the first two ribs and thereafter ribs are hired at £120 incl VAT + fuel per day.

Class Youth Squad Training

AH referred to a previously circulated spreadsheet and explained that the plan is to run four class youth squad training weekends in tandem with open training. Based on the coach ratio assumptions in the spreadsheet, the class contribution towards the cost of the class squad winter training would be £1200. This is based on 12 boats paying £480 per boat for four weekends over the winter. If the squad comprises of eight boats, the class contribution would need to increase to £2800. These costs include credit card fees and are non residential. It was highlighted that Matt Thomas is being considered as Head Coach and this could increase travel costs.

AH indicated that he is considering including a squad requirement to attend certain Grand Prix events.

A subsequent discussion took place around how many sailors may apply to join the class youth squad, once those selected for the RYA youth squad and transitional squad were taken out of the total.

AH agreed to consider the numbers and selection criteria.

All members present agreed that the proposed dates for the class youth squad are appropriate.

Demo Boats/Try a boat

A query was raised around the possibility of enabling potential newcomers to try a 29er before investing in a boat, possibly alongside the newcomer skills weekend. DH explained that Ovington Boats do not currently have any demonstration boats available, but after the ISAF event, they anticipate having a 'demo-boat'. The possibility of borrowing member boats was discussed and CG highlighted that the class would need to be mindful of any insurance implications.

ACTION: AH to provide draft class youth squad selection criteria and consider numbers over the next four weeks

5. 29er UK National Championships Update

ST explained that Debbie Darling (DD) had been working on a number of areas associated with the nationals. In particular, the notice of race has been published and it had been agreed that there would not be a practice race for the race officials, some raffle prizes are being donated and wristbands purchased.

The club (ELYC) is organising a ceilidh, SB has booked the hog roast at £10 per head with a minimum take-up of 130 and ST is liaising with the Marine Hotel regarding the prizegiving meal. ST informed the group that the cost is £15 per head for two courses, £210 for the disco and the hotel require the class to book security at £250 due to the numbers and ages. The minimum booking is 150. There was some discussion around the cost of security and it was agreed that ST should query this charge with the hotel.

DD has sourced a towel which would cost around £5 including embroidery as a potential gift. However, there have already been some discussions with the event

sponsor (Zhik) around gifts and it was agreed that NJ should liaise with Zhik before we agree to purchase the towel.

ST confirmed that the webpage is open to entries and that it is possible to add an option for volunteers to sign up for a duty. CS asked that ST liaise with him beforehand to establish what if any additional support is required on the water.

ST confirmed that we do not yet have any accommodation for the race officer. It was agreed that we should ask the club if any members can provide accommodation.

ACTIONS:

ST to query the cost of security for the prizegiving meal.

NJ to liaise with Zhik around options for competitor gifts.

ST to liaise with CS regarding the volunteer duty roster.

ST to liaise with the Club and DD regarding accommodation for the Race Officer.

6. World Council Meeting and resolutions

CG confirmed that SB would attend the meeting. There were no suggestions for resolutions to be proposed, but CG agreed to check what is required when proposing a resolution and the type of resolution that would be considered.

ACTIONS:

SB to attend the World Council meeting

CG to find out more about the nature and requirement of any resolutions proposed.

7. AOB

CG noted that the RYA will be considering an alternative 29er female boat entry for the Eurosaf competition at the Grafham Water Grand Prix.

Date of next meeting: 8pm, Wednesday 2 July. Dial in details to be confirmed

Actions from 13/04/2014:

- a) CS to check responsibilities for the Inland event with Ovington Boats.
- b) Committee Members to contact ST by Sunday 27 April with details of organisations that they will contact to obtain raffle prizes.
- ~~c) ST to liaise with DD regarding accommodation for the PRO for the National Championships. Accommodation offered by a club member~~
- ~~d) ST to seek accommodation for the measurer. Completed~~
- ~~e) AH to liaise with the RYA to clarify the timings of selector events. Completed~~
- f) CS to check the queries highlighted in 7.d. with The Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- g) ST to email membership to establish if any non-squad members are planning on attending the European Championships and respond to those attending with details of the rib offer. Posted on website, but not publicised further as rib may be required for newcomers training and rib engine stolen post meeting.
- h) CG to liaise with countries regarding attendance at the Atlantic Watersports Games.
- ~~i) CG to make contact with appropriate attendees to ascertain whether an accompanying parent is able to attend the World Council Meeting. Completed SB to attend.~~

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- a) AH to provide draft class youth squad selection criteria and consider numbers over the next four weeks.
- b) ST to query the cost of security for the prizegiving meal.
- c) NJ to liaise with Zhik around options for competitor gifts
- d) ST to liaise with CS regarding the volunteer duty roster
- e) ~~ST to liaise with the Club and DD regarding accommodation for the Race Officer.~~
Completed. ELYC member has offered to provide accommodation (cost a case of wine).
- f) SB to attend the World Council meeting
- g) CG to find out more about the nature and requirement of any resolutions proposed.