

29er Committee Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Grafham Water SC

**Those present:** Paul Hammett (PH), Sue Ormerod (SO), Andre Venis-Ozanne (AV-O), Orla Mitchell (OM), James Eales (JE), Nick Robbins (NR), Freya Black (FB), Jess Main (JM), Bobby Hewitt (BH), Ian Handley (IH), Steve Norbury (SN), Peter Gordon (PG), Chris Hewitt (CH), Fiona Ferguson (FF), Nathan Batchelor (NB), Barry Jobson (BJ)  
**Apologises:** Suzie Hammett (SH), Tim James (TJ)

### **1. Venues for 2017/18**

AV-O/PH Suggested that we retain the 5 core GP venues as previously agreed and to identify other potential sea venues as part of the 3 rotating venues. The following venues were suggested by the sailors/committee: Marconi, Torbay, Pwhelli.

Northern GP venues could be considered over bank holidays/summer holidays where it was felt there is more time to travel. There was also discussion about running North and South events on the same weekend. In particular, Largs July 2017 where a discussion took place whether to include Torquay as a GP at the same time. Both events would count in the series with no adjustment for fleet size and this potentially could help sailors improve their ranking position if they travelled to the less well attended event. **Action:** AV-O to investigate.

AV-O to also investigate whether there was an opportunity to re-instate the May Bank GP for 2017 or consider an alternative event to run on this weekend. **Action:** AV-O

### **2. Eurocup**

Discussions took place as to whether the UK 29er Class would wish to have any of our events included as a Eurocup Regatta. HISC GP was discussed as a potential event however after much consideration it was decided that 2017 was not an option for a variety of reasons. **Action:** PH Future dates and venues to be considered however PH to inform International Class that we cannot find a space in the 2017 calendar that suits the Eurocup schedule but keen to explore 2018 Nationals inclusion.

### **3. Future Nationals**

2017 Weymouth- confirmed

2018 Hayling Island SC – Confirmed

2019 Largs - Largs SC request we delay as they are hosting the Laser Nationals in 2019 to 2020

2020 Pwllheli- Change to 2019? – need to discuss with Pwllheli

### **4. Girl Sailors Update/ Sailor Rep Roles**

Discussion held on the creation of P3 RYA Squad, feedback is required from the current P3 sailors.

**Action:** P3 girls to pass feedback to Sue Ormerod for Sue to pass on to committee.

Sailor reps suggested that they should produce a sailor's guide for newcomers and create better links on the 29er website that make it easier for sailors to find the relevant information and create a better blog and better use of Facebook.

All agreed that the buddy system is still a good idea and ideally this should be in place before the next GP. Sailor reps would like the system changed that newcomers could tick a box if they would like a buddy for the event.

**Action:** SN, LB, SO, OM, NR

### **5. New hull mould:**

Nathan Batchelor from Ovington gave an update on the new 29er mould. 30 of these boats went to New Zealand for the ISAFs and 20-30 boats have now been sold. Nathan said that the factory was producing flat out right now to meet demand so resources were stretched. Prices for new masts and sails have increased due to inputs being purchased in US Dollars.

## 6. **Rib Expense Policy**

Discussion took place on the rib policy.

**Action:** PG,AV-O, BJ to finalise policy and circulate.

## 7. **A.O.B**

Sailor reps suggested that all races should only have 2 laps, committee explained that this is always preferred however lack of space on the water can cause the race to have 3 laps. PH/AVO looking at how we can deal with W Flag as there were issues at Inlands.

SO suggested that there should be a class hoodie for those sailors taking part in the Invitational Training. PH agreed to this.

**Action:** SO to liaise with TJ

Sprint Final - PH confirmed that Peter Saxton is appointed as PRO , 36 boats with all races umpired. Zhik and Noble Marine are sponsoring the event and the entry fee will be £60.

## 8. **Next Meeting**

Draycote SC - After racing at the club