

# 29er Class Association Meeting 23rd September 2017

## Minutes of the meeting

### Present:

#### Committee members and secretary:

Sue Ormerod, Tim James, Peter Gordon, Guy Gribbin, Jo Harris, Ian Jamieson, Dan Fox, Michael Black, Lisa Black

#### Sailor representatives

Freya Black, James Hollis, Anna Sturrock, Bella Fellows, Anna Rowe, James Hall, James Hammett

### Apologies:

David Ibbottson, Bear Sturrock, Petrina Blomley, Barry Jobson

## Agenda items

1. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed
2. Membership of the committee and members' roles were discussed
3. Class Strategy
  - a. Principles were described (SO)
  - b. KPI of membership discussed (TJ). Full details of analysis will be presented at the next meeting but there is a concern that the class is losing more senior sailors than in previous years. Fewer entries for GP1 2017 than in 2016; reasons not clear. Are transitional boats not ready, many crews have altered after the summer, have changes in A-levels meant that year 13 school pupils are less able to participate. There was consensus that the loss of the RYA Transitional Squad has been detrimental
  - c. Transition from junior and/or single-handed classes (SO). What options may improve this? Try a 29er at junior events? Matching new sailors with experienced sailors? Consider buying a class boat to allow newcomers to try before buying their own boat. Consider paying experienced sailors to take novice sailors out in their boats as introductory training. Ensure that any outreach to junior classes includes the Cadet class (AS). Provide feedback to junior classes regarding how their sailors have progressed after transition to 29er (IJ, FB)
4. Feedback from 2017 Nationals
  - a. Entertainment. Felt to have been a success, plans for 2018 unveiled

- b. Gala Dinner. Discussion of class vs. parental responsibility for teenagers drinking alcohol. Aim to expand parental invitation but sailors keen that parents aren't in the way.
  - c. PRO to be included in Nationals WhatsApp group
- 5. Events (SO & TJ)
- 6. Sprint racing is being arranged regionally.
- 7. There are now 6 GP's with Winter and Inlands separate from GP series but counting towards rolling ranking
- 8. The timing of 2018 Nationals and Europeans means there is potentially a long gap over the summer between events. Options considered included participating in the Royal Torbay Yacht Club regatta or holding GP1 in August +/- combining it with a Euro Cup event. The option of including transitional training with an August GP1 was also discussed
- 9. Training (GG). Numbers of entrants for OT1 and OT2 discussed
- 10. Feedback from Europeans
  - a. Concerns about poor race management and safety have been taken forward to International Class
  - b. Timetable for international events 2018-2020 unveiled
  - c. The class has submitted a bid to host Worlds at WPNSA in 2020
- 11. Finance (PG)
  - a. Summary presented; loss of £2000 last year but c. £75000 in the bank. As such the class is able to fund additional opportunities. PG was asked to make proposal of how the money might best be spent
- 12. Constitution & Safety (MB)
  - a. Update constitution will be uploaded to the website
  - b. The International Class fee is a problem - SO to discuss with MB
  - c. Membership categories are overly complex. MB will take forward in small group with DF, LB & PG
  - d. A volunteer portal that allows people to put themselves forward for safety duties needs to be created in the website
- 13. U17 training mentioned and needs to be part of the transition training group (SO)
- 14. General Data Protection Regulation. Comes into force in May 2018. Class requirements may be met within class but needs a dedicated working group including Clive Grummett, LB, JH and the RYA. CG will be asked to lead and if that is not realistic the task may need to be out sourced
- 15. AOB
  - a. PG; Social events at each GP to help reduce cliques
  - b. JH; should there be a lay day in Nationals - this has been previously discussed and discounted
  - c. SO; sailor reps encourage to garner their peers' opinion and make suggestions to the committee