

## 29er Committee Meeting Minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at Draycote Water

**Those present:** Sue Ormerod, Luke Gribbin, Emma James, Finn Armstrong, Mark James, David Ibbotson, Nia McCallum, Michael Black.

**Apologies:** Bear Sturrock, Petrina Blomeley, Pierce Harris, Ian Jameson, Chris Evans, Charlotte Ormerod, Sally Bristow

1. The Committee Meeting minutes from Grafham were formally signed off with the exception of the AOB point: whether having a coach or an adult in a boat constitutes coaching and how this impacts the awarding of prizes and the fairness aspect of youth racing (the 29er Class is an Open Class).

**Action:** Mark James waiting for feedback from the RYA (by 1/3/2019)

2. The feedback from the RYA Stakeholders' meeting was discussed and it was agreed that the UK 29er Class should trial some new formats however it was also recognised that the current calendar is very full.

**Action:** To be discussed at the next Committee Meeting for 2019/2020.

3. KPI Feedback:

- Progressive number of boats entering GPs or events **+10%** (TY/LY)
- Average number of boats entering GPs or events **47.4** (+10% TY/LY)
- Total number of boats attending training (CNS, Transition Squad and Academy) **+26%**
- A lot of regional training and private training is also taking place in Scotland, Paignton and HISC (difficult to evaluate these numbers).

Financial update: all core areas are within budget plans with the exception of Training which has currently exceeded its budget.

**Action:** Chris Evans and Peter Gordon are currently reviewing coach accommodation costs / travel costs, coach ratios and how much the 29er Class are charging for coaching in order to minimise costs and losses going forwards (it was also recognised that appropriate accommodation should be provided for the professional Head Coach wherever possible). By 16/2/2019

4. 29er National Championships, Pwllheli 2019.

The current break even is based on 50 boats attending the UK 29er Nationals 2019 although we anticipate more boats attending based on the SurveyMonkey data.

### **Actions:**

- Marquee vs atrium for the Gala Dinner (can the atrium be decorated to make it more attractive?) (David Ibbotson)
- Might Neil Pryde be able to fund a gift t shirt for the sailors? (Nia McCallum)
- Measurer and Safety Lead roles need to be filled. (Sue Ormerod)
- VR rib to be paid by Neil Pryde (Nia McCallum)
- Update at next Committee Meeting (David Ibbotson).

### 5. GP Events

Mark James updated the Committee on the 2019/20 events; he is waiting for confirmation for the following: date for Northern Championships, venue for Southern Sprints and venues for GP5 and GP6.

The final programme will be published as soon as these dates are confirmed.

It was agreed that the UK 29er Class would formally align itself with the new International Class RMGs.

These include the following points:

- Maximum wind – the international document has the same upper wind limit of winds averaging more than 25 knots or with gusts over 30 knots, but adds the caveat that the average should be reduced to 22 knots in rough sea conditions.
- Minimum wind – similarly the lower limit is increased to 6 knots in rough seas. Again, a recognition of the reality of sailing 29er in rough seas.
- Minimum age 12 years (advisory only, currently not an issue in the UK, any sailor under 12 years would have to get explicit permission from the UK 29er Committee to sail.)
- Leeward Gate Size – increase the gate size from 35-45 to 50m.
- Starting – slightly clearer guidance on the use of U / Black flags.
- Water depth – there is a new advisory guideline that racing should be in depths over 8m to avoid damaging masts in the event of a capsize.

**Action:** Mark James to update UK 29er Class MEIs (by 1/3/2019)

### 6. Support of UK sailors at 29er World Championships and European World Championships 2019.

- UK 29er Class to facilitate transport with Sailboat Deliveries; contracts and bookings will be direct with Sailboat Deliveries.
- Emsworth → Gydnia → Pwllheli £900 per boat (inc. VAT) 9 boats minimum
- Pwllheli → Arco → Emsworth £800 per boat (inc. VAT two potential trailers 9 boats and 10 boats.)

- Third option to be re-costed: Emsworth → Gydnia → Arco → Emsworth (**Action:** Sue Ormerod).
- Coach Support for 29er Class sailors for 29er Worlds and Europeans: £2000 subsidy across both events. The remaining costs must be covered by the sailors.

**Action:**

- Sue Ormerod and Peter Gordon to agree a minimum threshold (number of boats.)
  - Transportation and coaching update to be posted on line by 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
7. Marketing: there was a brief debate regarding 29er Class sponsors and it was agreed that any sponsorship for the 29er World Championships 2020 had to remain separate from any UK 29er Class sponsorship agreements.
8. AOB: Bear Sturrock submitted a proposal to the UK 29er Class for help with a transitioning initiative in Scotland at Loch Tummel during July 2019 - £580. The committee voted to support the initiative (actual value tbc) subject to approval by the Treasurer. **Action:** Sue Ormerod and Peter Gordon by 11/2/2019.

Sue Ormerod 4/2/2019