

The UK 29er Class Association Annual General Meeting

1st August 2005 Paignton Sailing Club

Present: Mike Jones, Tim Fillmore, Dave Hall,

Chairman's Report 2004/2005

The Chairman, Mike Jones, regretted that due to unanticipated work commitments he could no longer devote sufficient time to the 29er class. Nevertheless, he was buoyed up by the fact that there were supportive parents with young offspring coming through.

Looking back on the year there was both good and bad news.

He referred to Mark Asquith's accident and said how good it was to see him on the road to recovery.

The death of Dave Ovington in March whilst pursuing his passion was a great loss - Ovington Boats had transformed two hander sailing with the 29er ,49er and 59er.

Mentioned the memorial race to be held at Grafham on 5th November and urged as many to attend as possible.

The good news was that the 29er Championships are to be held in Weymouth in 2006 plus the decision to choose the 29er as the ISAF boat in 2007 in USA and 2008 in Denmark. He expected that the RYA will give much more support to the boat.

He praised the achievements of Tristan Jacques and Alan Sign (European Champions 2004) and Hannah Stoddle and Helen Lucas (Inland Champions 2004)

Issues for the New Committee.

The importance of maintaining a regular dialogue with RYA- Duncan Truswell , Simon Wergan, John Derbyshire, Roger Wilson , David Campbell Jones (civilians on the RYA -both very pro 420). Important to join the stakeholders conference in November (Hamble)

Advocated more try out regattas for 29er. Sailors need to really support this. Duncan could be helpful in getting other classes to attend. Thanked 29er sailors who helped with these sessions. Need to keep in mind the 29er is not just a youth class boat but a fantastic boat for adults & it's important to promote the boat at club level.

News letter needs re establishing Graham Crocker did a fantastic job.

Web site- Andrew Fielder had improved it immensely.

Secretary's Report (Not available)

Treasurer's Report (Tim Fillmore)

Surplus last year	£531
Cumulative surplus	£4280.61
Surplus	£820 on training

2004 £820 spent on RIB

The Eric Twiname Trust may allocate new rib shortly

Purchased camcorder to help with training

Shortfall on training this year
Slight loss on Nationals last year & possibly this year
Independent examiner of the accounts needed- Neil Cook nominated for next year
The accounts were accepted as a true representation

Measurers Report

There was no report but the work done by Arthur Allen on behalf of the class was paid tribute to

Sailing and Training Programme Report (Dave Hall)

Grant from RYA will continue –need to work on good venues, better times and better turnouts.
Problems with attendance in run up to exams was discussed
UK fixtures- if other clubs are interested do let Dave know
Worlds at Weymouth -£50K including 49ers- No money for social side –need a £20K sponsor
Nationals – hold before The Worlds to get more sailors
Ovington Boats – difficult times, management team plus another company may take over. Dave still heading up the 29er.
29er XX bigger rig, Danes want a twin hander for girls-90% ready to go.

New committee members welcomed:

Chairman	Mark Collingwood
Vice Chairman	Andrew Martin
Secretary	Stuart Humphreys
Membership Secretary	Nigel Sign
Treasurer	Barbara Walker
Web site	Andy fielder
Measurer	Arthur Allen

Peter Cooper
Sailor Reps: Huw Humphreys, Max Todd, Nick Hollis, Sophie White

Membership fees -3% increase to £33 and £23

Next meeting will be at the 2006 National Championships

AOB

Develop stronger links with 405
RS Fever recognised junior class
Zone championships worth considering
29er rep at each of the junior classes
Preference for an event before the worlds, and for 5days racing
Discussion of RIB suggestion – keep hiring generally supported
Measurement: clearer instructions/guidance needed for sailors, more efficient system required, sailors at the event could help, simplify system-performance enhancement the key measurement.

Stuart Humphries
1st August 2005