

RS800 2014 AGM Minutes

Sat 23 Aug 14

Mount Batten Centre, Plymouth

Chair: Toby Wincer

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> None made.	
2	<u>Present:</u> 32 competitors attended (33 boats competing): Dan Allen, Seb Baucutt, Martin Boatman, Andy Brown, Matt Chapman, James Clapham, Will Crocker, Sarah Crossman, James Date, Laurie Fitzjohn-Sykes, James Green, Tom Halhead, David Hivey, Stuart Jagger, Tom Jeffcoate, Andy Jeffries, Allyson Jeffries, Richard Kennedy, Henry Nelson, Tim Palmer, Roger Phillips, Tim Saxton, Hugh Shone, Dave Steed, Lou Steed, Hannah Tattersall, James Trewick, Jane Turner, Joel Walker, John Warburton, Toby Wincer, Oli Woods.	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> The Chair Toby Wincer warmly welcomed everyone. He noted that it was the 15 th anniversary of the RS800. The fleet are looking forward to a strong future.	
4	<u>Matters arising from 2013 minutes:</u> a. <u>Class communications:</u> Toby has the original launch article on the RS800. He will speak to Pete Barton about doing a Y&Y comparison of the 29er and RS800. This would need to be actioned promptly so it could be released for the Dinghy Show Mar 15. b. <u>Daggerboard/rudder:</u> No change required. c. <u>Training:</u> Dave Hivey was thanked for his huge effort on the training and coaching front and for keep up the RS800 profile on Facebook. i) Dave suggested that top RS800 helms should offer joy rides to encourage new sailors to the class. The fleet discussed the matter and decided the following: that the 29er fleet should be targeted, a demo boat should go to a 29er event and to the BUSA fleet racing nationals. Seb Baucutt was keen to get involved in promoting the RS800 to the youth market. ii) The issue of the limited number of 2 nd hand RS800s was raised. The fleet complained that RS sold all the 2 nd hand boats abroad rather than releasing them to the UK market. It was agreed that the best way forward would be for 5 or 6 crews to get together and approach RS for a deal to upgrade to new boats and this would provide some 2 nd hand boats to get the RS800 market moving. iii) The fleet asked if RS could provide a demo boat. It would need to be correctly maintained. The Sec will investigate. d. <u>International development/events:</u> i) Andy Jeffries recommended Lac du Der as a great fun event. ii) He suggested Kiel Week too as ideal for showcasing the RS800 abroad. The fleet agreed unanimously to go to Kiel Week 20-28 June 15 rather than YC Carnac May 15. Andy offered to write to the French to explain the fleet's attendance at Kiel not Carnac. iii) The fleet unanimously voted to go to Torbole YC (on Lake Garda) for the 2016 Europeans not Travemunder. Andy Jeffries will take this idea forward. He will speak to Heather Chipperfield and then proceed with booking with his contacts in Torbole. The fleet agreed to extending the	Toby Wincer Dave Hivey, Seb Baucutt and other top helms Fleet Sec Sec to inform Heather Chipperfield Andy Jeffries Andy Jeffries

	<p>invitation to the RS700s and RS500s.</p> <p>e. <u>UK Nationals/Circuit:</u></p> <p>i) The fleet agreed that effort should be made to include the major RS800 clubs: Oxford, Eastbourne and Itchenor when programming events.</p> <p>ii) The fleet requested pre-entry for as many events as possible with a big push for usage of the intend to race button at the bottom of the event page on the website. It was suggested that clubs could offer a beer token for pre-entry or intend to race to encourage usage.</p> <p>iii) The combination of buddy system with boat parking allocation was thought to be an excellent idea. The fleet asked if the same could be done at CCSC for the 2015 Nationals.</p> <p>f. <u>Chair:</u> The fleet unanimously voted in favour of Hannah Tattersall's appointment as the new Chair and so Toby Wincer stood down as Chair. The fleet applauded Toby loudly and gave their great thanks to Toby for his smashing work as Chair. Toby asked the fleet to give their full support to Hannah as the new Chair. Hannah took over Chair of the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Fleet</p>
5	<p><u>Fleet communication:</u></p> <p>a. The fleet agreed to drop yahoo groups from usage and to promote the forum. The Sec will investigate if the number of subject areas can be reduced, the menu simplified and old material removed so usage is more straightforward.</p> <p>b. Usage of the RS800 page on Facebook is encouraged. Toby will join Hannah up as an RS800 Facebook administrator.</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>Toby Wincer</p>
6	<p><u>Rule changes:</u></p> <p>a. It was agreed that there was no need for rule change discussion however there was unease about rule compliance, especially at European events.</p> <p>b. It was agreed that there must be checking of boats to ensure that the various 1x, and 2x systems are being applied in accordance with the rules. Andy Jeffries offered to make up a simple powerpoint slide to explain how to correctly set up the weight equalisation with photos of where the racks need to go and so on.</p> <p>c. The Sec explained that a copy was going to be made of the plank by RS and a second set of scales purchased so that both the RS700 and RS800 fleets could have their own measuring equipment set to look after and take to events. Richard Kennedy will take the plank and scales back to RS after the Nationals. Andy Jeffries will take the laptop home with him.</p>	<p>Andy Jeffries</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Richard Kennedy Andy Jeffries</p>
7	<p><u>New sails:</u></p> <p>a. The new sails have the Union flag painted on them but they do not all come with the required GBR sticker. The Sec will speak to RS.</p> <p>b. It was noted that it is possible to get a discount if a few sails are ordered together.</p> <p>c. Dave Hivey is putting together the setting guide for the new sail.</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>Fleet</p> <p>Dave Hivey</p>
8	<p><u>Training:</u> Dave Hivey will organise a taster session at Oxford SC. It is requested that a clear programme for the day is advertised early. Dave asked for help from other coaches such as Tim Saxton and Will Crocker. Dave will look to run something at Rutland WSC too. The Sec suggested that this could tie in with the RS coaching deal. The fleet agreed that there should be one training session for those new to the boat and one targeting a more advanced audience.</p>	<p>Dave Hivey</p> <p>Tim Saxton Will Crocker Sec</p>
9	<p><u>Review of 2014 season:</u></p> <p>The fleet asked for fireworks at the End of Seasons party at Dorney Lake. Dave Hivey will look into the possibility of remote controlled boat racing.</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>Dave Hivey</p>
10	<p><u>Preview of 2015 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. The Sec explained how half the events would be inland and half on the sea. The calendar would therefore fully support the fleet's intention to</p>	

	<p>develop its new and intermediate members (who may be unable to launch off difficult beaches and twin wire on waves, yet) while also offering high quality racing for the more advanced end of the fleet. One event per month has been booked with attempts made to suitably space events.</p> <p>b. The fleet wondered if Eastbourne SSC's Open 9-10 May could be moved by 2 or 3 weeks.</p> <p>c. Dave Hivey and the Sec will organise the Castle Cove SC training weekend 16-17 May 15. The aim of this weekend is to tempt newcomers and intermediate sailors to the CCSC Nationals by giving them a weekend of excellent training and happy racing. The fleet asked if the weekend could be opened up for some advanced coaching too. Dave suggested that the coach could run Sunday racing for those attending rather than joining in with club racing. He would try and book a drone for the training. It was noted that booking and payment would need to be made in advance. The fleet supported the Sec's idea of a first Nationals discount for those who had done the training weekend.</p> <p>d. There was opinion that Beer SC Open 11-12 Jul 15 may need to be shifted to the end of July to give space from Kiel Week 20-28 June 15.</p> <p>e. QMSC had been booked for the Inlands 3-4 Oct in accordance with the intentions expressed by the fleet at the 2013 AGM. The Sec will investigate the viability of moving it back to Grafham WSC.</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>Sec Dave Hivey and Sec</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p>
11	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>a. Boat changes: Kite bags - why are some a different size? It was agreed that RS must show control of changes not just sell whatever the manufacturer chooses to make. The fleet were unhappy that such changes were being made without consulting the RS800 class. It is requested that RS catalogue the changes and keep spares for the different age parts. There was also general unhappiness about what was considered a poor level of spares stock. Richard Kennedy will take these points back to RS.</p> <p>b. RS van supporting the Nationals: The fleet gave a huge thanks to Richard Kennedy and Simon Letten at RS for bringing spares to the event and helping sort out broken boats.</p> <p>c. Special request was made to ensure that the RS800 Nationals does not clash with the RS200 Nationals ever again because it reduced attendance for both. Afternote: RS200 Nationals at SCYC (ie Abersoch) 2-6 Aug 15, RS400 Nationals at Tenby SC 9-13 Aug 15, RS800 Nationals at CCSC 20-23 Aug 15.</p> <p>d. Offer was made to host a multi-fleet event at Torquay.</p>	<p>Rich Kennedy</p> <p>Sec</p>

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