

## RS800 AGM 10/8/2013 - Minutes

### Election of Committee

#### Chair

Toby Wincer

#### Vice Chair

Laurie Fitzjohn - Sykes

#### Training Rep

Dave Hivey + James Date

#### Communications Rep

Dave Steed

#### Class Communications

Consider getting Y&Y to run test of "new" boat / sails in order to boost publicity – highlight numbers sailing 8's vs other fleets.

### Rule Changes

#### New Sails

Successful, good take up by fleet, AJ thanked RS/LDC for development effort – supported by fleet. Small issue with damage to second batten down – thought to be due to square battens. Aim to get training guide online once settings established for new main – action DH. Definitely achieved aim of making boat look better, battens easier to flick.

#### Daggerboard / Rudder

No news

#### Training

Look at finding one club for everyone to meet up at during winter and publicise. Support for warm up series in April, poss Weymouth. Could train sat / race sun. Need to target all levels for training, swap boats etc. Taster day at start of year – based in Weymouth. A-NS to look at setting up demo boat from LDC – use to get people into class. Ensure pull through from mid-fleet.

### International Development / Events

Jon Partridge trying to sell secondhand boats into Europe and get demo boat over there. Carnac low on numbers of continental boats and need to understand how to increase. Decision on venue for 2015 critical – try to support established fleets on continent, NC suggested supporting established continental event rather than organise own. Need to support events like France Open Skiff (Lac du Der) and Bruinnesse event in September. AJ & A-NS opinion that if we're seen to support continental events likely to see boats

travelling to UK Nats. DS suggested looking to make Euro events / UK Nats parts of Euro series.

#### UK Nationals / Circuit

RSCA said to want to rebrand circuit on more regional basis. Do we need to travel more widely to increase regional participation. Aim to keep Grand Prix circuit. Possibly use Rutland for winters / inlands to maximise national participation. Need to get pre-entry system working to build expectation of numbers at events – register interest at start of year. MW suggested having a class rep with a line into the committee at each major 800 club to try to push participation at events.

Plymouth apologised for cancellation of event. Mountbatten happy to organise Nationals for next year – probably end of August. TW suggested no event between Garda and Nationals. Castle Cove for 2015. Aug bank holiday pencilled in for both events. Run events Thurs / Fri / Sat / Sun with big party Sun night – leave Monday to head home.

Inlands at QMSC this year – Datchet double booked.

Run Buddy system throughout year – get people partnered up for Garda.

Venues suggested:

Castle Cove – Unanimously supported.

Hayling – 70% in favour. Possibly good event before Garda but give good gap beforehand.

Eastbourne – All in favour

Lymington – Supported – Regatta could be good place to pair up boats before Garda.

Grafham / Rutland – Alternate Inlands & Grand Prix events.

Draycote as potential inland venue.

Beer – All liked but would look at forecast before going – 50/50 support. Suggested going as part of multiple class RS event.

Stokes Bay – popular.

Torquay – Liked but concerns about traffic.

Debate on Lady Helm / Male Crew combinations being able to put crew on mainsheet. Vote taken – vote 90% in favour of maintaining situation as is.

AJ thanked TW for all efforts in Class Assoc chair role – supported by all in meeting.