

The New(ish) Team...

Following on from this year's hotly contested Noble Marine Nationals and our class AGM, we are very excited to share with you the makeup of the new RS800 committee. The Nationals was a timely reminder to all that competed of the fleet's fantastic camaraderie off the water and the adrenaline soaked action on it. As a team we are all hugely passionate and excited to continue to grow this by improving experiences for current sailors and showcasing the brilliant racing and atmosphere we have to offer to new and potential owners.

The Team:

- Co-Chair: Tom Morris - mozzysails@hotmail.co.uk
- Co-Chair: Hugh Shone - hughshone913@gmail.com
- Technical Rep: Luke McEwen
- European Rep: Gilles Peeters
- Training Officer: Anna Prescott
- Sailing Rep: Mark Oakey
- Youth Rep: Joe Bradley

The Vision:

We have a great boat and a great community of sailors past and present. We have done a lot right as a class but believe that we can improve. Here are some of the areas we are initially focussing on...

Event Value:

As a class we will strive to improve experiences for our sailors on and off the water. To do this we will be relooking at how we maximize the value of attending class events. From a heightened focus on training via race coaching at open meetings through to imaginative and inclusive socials we have a number of exciting plans already being discussed and being put into action. The overall drive being that we create maximum value and fun for those attending events with the overall ambition of boosting turnouts.

A Great Calendar:

Whilst we work to improve experiences at Championships and Rooster National Tour Open Meetings we are also looking at creating more opportunities to come together as a class through a richer and more engaging calendar. As well as Winter webinars focussing on boat setup and technique, we will be testing organised group sails to complement the racing circuit. We believe these will create opportunities to build confidence for beginners or fine tune for experts. Again, how this will be put into practice is already being discussed and we have our first date lined up for September.

Membership Value:

In the background we also recognise the need to improve value for our membership. One concept that we are looking at immediately is to build on the resource base available to members. By updating and adding to our online assets we hope to give members all the info they need to succeed in the boat and give them the edge.

Communication:

As I hope you can tell from this article, we are keen to communicate the exciting plans that we have in place and will of course continue to keep you all in the loop. Equally, we are eager to hear your thoughts and input as we look to roll out plans over the next days, months and years. Do not hesitate to talk to us.

What's Next:

Looking forward until the end of the year we have a number of exciting events in the calendar...

Organised Day Sail, 11th September @ Stokes Bay SC

The very first one! With a handful of boats already guaranteed, come and join in! Whether you are keen to consolidate learnings after the Nationals or just want some fish and chips you are very welcome. **Please email hughshone913@gmail.com or WhatsApp me on 07810453112 if you are interested in attending. You will be added to the new class WhatsApp group to be kept informed of exact timings for this day and future organised sailing days.**

The Inland Championships, 1st and 2nd October @ Grafham Water SC

Always a good turnout and with an excellent race team this is not one to miss. We also guarantee a slightly mad and whacky social to keep you all on your toes so come and join the mayhem on and off the water!

The End Of Seasons, 5th and 6th of November @ Rutland SC

We wrap up the Rooster National Tour at Rutland. With plans to offer a tips and technique session should the weather go awry, some more organised fun for the daring and the final prize giving of the tour this is your last chance to catch up with the fleet before the arctic winds roll in.

It is also not too early to put the key Championship dates for next year in your diary...

- Europeans, 29th May to 2nd June @ Circolo vela Torbole, Italy
- Noble Marine Nationals, 7th to 10th September @ Brightlingsea SC

So lots to look forward to in the short term. How can you help us I hear you ask?! Well, come and join in. By attending the events we put on, we all benefit from an additional boat on the race course and a friend in the bar. See you at Stokes!