

SALCOMBE YAWL OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee discussion, 6pm, 19 September 2015, Salcombe Yacht Club

Attendees

Andrew Reed, Chairman (AR)
Allyson Lofts, Secretary (AL)
John Donovan, Measurer (JD)
Will Henderson (WH)
David Jayne (DJ)

Apologies

Andy Savell (AS)

Introduction

- n agenda was prepared and the Committee were happy to use this for discussion. A

The Harbour

- he new Harbour Master appears more flexible than in previous regimes. It was suggested that we counsel opinion from membership to ascertain any issues they have on moorings, dry sailing facilities, demand for floating pontoons. AR agreed to prepare a communication to members and to talk to Tris Stone. T
- R to contact Harbour Master to keep him aware of developments and suggest that the hire boat companies give briefings to clients about various sailing starts. A
- R to contact Harbour Master re. Yawl positions in car park, alternative hose points and launching trolley storage. This is becoming more sensitive now so many solos use the slip, rather than Smalls. A

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- R will communicate with SYC to ensure that we are informed when the duty rosta is available. AR will then communicate this to members and encourage them to participate. A
- e need to stamp out bad behaviour on the water and the Chairman needs to be made aware of anything untoward and have a quite word. W
- here was a general consensus that, if possible, red and blue Yawls should start together when numbers permit. SYC to be informed. T
- t is the Chairman's intention to move the September Open Meeting back to the Bank Holiday. AR will communicate this to SYC. The Barts Bash and Sea Race events taking place in September give opportunities for Yawls to extend the season. I
- R will ask SYC if they could add a quick link to the SYOA website. A

- It was felt that Ian McCormick's suggestion to reduce the 720° penalty to 360° penalty during YC Regatta week was a good one. AR will propose to SYC.

- There is an issue with the entry fees for Regatta, which are as much as one would pay for a National Championship. AR to request this is lowered. **AR**
- SYC to note that red Yawl fleet should start before the solo fleet. **AR**
- SYC and SYOA to collaborate more if any training sessions/functions. **AR**
- SYC to consider the dangers at Smalls and consider options, such as moveable beach transit. **AR**

Rule/Measurement Compliance

- Committee to be more stringent on completion of Buddy Check forms and on water surveillance for compliance. **All**
- Buddy Check forms to be available much earlier and for Chairman to communicate that these need to be completed. **AR**
- Need to come down hard on non-compliance, especially weight and safety equipment, but Committee need to make sure opportunities exist for weighing and scrutineering early in the season. Communication might be key here. **AR**
- There was a discussion about fixing of buoyancy bags, but it was decided not to interfere with the current set of rules.
- The scales are now fixed and will be kept in Allyson's garage. Dates will be publicised for weighing days, when Committee members can be present. **AR/AL**
- Weighing will be programmed in for before the first May Bank Holiday. **AL**
- We need to find out what people want in terms of fleet options. It mostly affects the top and tail of each fleet. AR will compile some questions for distribution to all members and will circulate to Committee beforehand for comment. **AR**

Growing the Fleet

- The cost of new Yawls is becoming prohibitive, but it is recognised that turnover and new Yawls is essential for the long term future of the fleet. Will Henderson will look into the implications and costs of fibreglass Yawls and report back. **WH**
- There was a discussion about the possibility of considering plywood and glue as materials for cheaper building.
- Currently, Yawls are precious and easily damaged. They are not readily loanable. This does not encourage people to 'have a go', but somehow it would be good to encourage more locals to sail Yawls, rather than solos.

Wet Sailing

- Not to be discussed again because of complications and expense of having dry sailing berth and wet sailing buoy. No dry sailed boat would go back on the water for reasons other than preference.

Saturday Racing

- It was agreed to continue with the mini-series. **AL**

Flight Racing

- The Harbour Master is amenable to large fleet starts and, therefore, flight sailing is not necessary. Town Week is extended from 5 to 6 days and next year this will clash with the 50th year extravaganza that might be held on the Saturday between Regattas.

Seeding	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will not be discussed further as all other measures should be explored before this. 	
Modern & Classic Handicapping	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This could be investigated further, but it arises out of a myth that the blue fleet is seen to be more genteel, sober, relaxed and easier. Somehow, this myth needs to be expelled to encourage less able yachters to sail in the red fleet. <p>The Committee need to think this through carefully and reassess the gold and green fleet options once we have counselled opinion (see before).</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
Socials	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can consider many options, but someone with an idea needs to organise it or at least help. AR will try to put forward ideas and communicate them to the membership. 	AR/AL
Membership of the Association	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We should encourage new associate members. It was agreed not to fiddle with the constitution, but AR might look at adding an entry fee for any free events for non-members. 	AR
Training	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training weekend was a great success and it was agreed to hold it again. We may have to limit numbers on the water, but other people need to be encouraged to join in the on shore activities. <p>It was agreed to contact Michael MacNamara as a suitable trainer.</p>	AL
Communication	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a key to our success, so regular emails are seen as a good thing. 	AR

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Stirling to be given every support to run the website. 	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on events communicated to outside world would also attract interest in the class. 	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR may run a photograph competition next year. 	AR
50th Anniversary of the AGM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGM dinner will be made a special event and, hopefully, encourage as many to attend as possible. 	

- The Saturday between Regattas might have a full fleet sail past/race with an open day on the lower lawn of Cliff House with marquee/tea/displays/Yawl on the slipway, etc. AR to arrange.

AR

Items to consider at next meeting

- Newsletter production/content.
- Directory of members (reference point for networking, work experience, etc.).
- Aluminium masts.
- Spinnakers.
- Advertising on sails.
- Dinghy show.
- Classic rig fleet.
- Look at fleet in 20 years.
- Consideration of handicapping red fleet Yawls with extra weight so they can sail in blue fleet.
- Social events, away weekends, etc.