

THE YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 27th July 2022

At 16:00 Hours at the Brixham Yacht Club

The following members of the Committee were present:

David Macfarlane	DM	Honorary Chairman
Bob Davis	BD	Honorary Treasurer
Alastair Seaton	AS	Honorary Secretary
Kath Davis	KD	Membership Secretary
Dave Allen	DA	
Pete Hewitt	PH	
Tim Wilcock	TW	
Annette Wilson	AW	
Steve Wilson	SW	

24 members of the Association also attended.

1. Apologies for absence:

Julie Bowden

2. Minutes of the 65th AGM:

There were no comments on the Minutes of the 65th AGM.

DM requested that the minutes be accepted. Proposed by Barry Colgate, Seconded by Tim Parkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the 65th AGM

4. Chairman's Report:

Who would have thought, here we are in Brixham enjoying all the delights of a 'normal' DB Week!

If you recall 12 months ago at Falmouth, whilst we managed to run very successful sailing programme, almost all of the important social aspects of the week fell foul to Covid.

I would now like to run through some of the highlights of the year so far.

Dinghy Show

In February your Association took a stand at the RYA Dinghy show at its new Farnborough venue.

A big thank you to Michael Hewitt for lending his immaculately prepared boat for the stand.

Thanks also to Bob and Kath Davis for organising all the presentation boards and to the committee and Association members who gave their time to man the stand over the weekend.

Whilst we didn't achieve a new boat sale, the stand was very busy over the two days and our presence undoubtedly maintained our position amongst the active UK dinghy classes.

In terms of next year, whilst we have provisionally booked a stand for the 2023 show, given the expenditure involved, we will only go ahead with the support of the membership and there is the opportunity to discuss later in the agenda.

Open meetings

To date, three of the scheduled Open Meetings have taken place. The season started off at an inaugural event at Avon SC which gave the 7 entrants a great opportunity to hone their river sailing skills. Michael Hewitt & Steve Creasy won a very hotly contested 4 race series. The whole event was masterminded by Simon Bullingham and by all accounts, was highly successful with all the visitors given a very warm welcome by the home club members.

I very much hope that the event will become a regular fixture on our programme.

The following week Bosham held their Open meeting which attracted a strong 16 boat entry. On the water, one crew dominated the racing. Nigel and Isabelle Russell only took delivery of their first DB at the beginning of the week but went on to win all 4 races in convincing style.

Poole held their Open over the weekend of the 18th & 19th June.

According to reports the second round the island race on the Saturday was particularly exciting! On the Sunday the wind had lost some of its venom but still provided some exhilarating off wind legs. Tim Wilcock & David Macfarlane from Bosham sailed very well in the conditions to take the overall prize.

The final two meetings are due to take place at Gravesend over the weekend of the 13th & 14th August and then Thornbury on the 3rd & 4th September.

The Future

As I am sure you are all well aware, your Association has been fortunate to have enjoyed the services of some very long standing committee members. In particular, Bob and Kath Davis and Peter Hewitt have provided a massive contribution in their respective treasurer, membership and technical roles over many years.

However, all good things come to an end, and as you will have seen in the recent DB Notes Kath Davis is looking to step down from her editorial role after the 30th edition next July and they would both like to hand over the Treasurer/membership responsibilities within the next two years.

In addition, Alastair and I are proposing to stand down at the next AGM in Rock.

So, with the reality of some big committee changes coming up in the next two years, I believe it is timely to review the current structure of the Association to ensure that, going forward, it continues to fully support the needs of both the active DB sailors in the principal clubs and the general membership.

I will therefore be asking the committee members to consult and get the views of their club members, which we will discuss at our next committee meeting in the Autumn.

In the meantime, I would be delighted to hear from anyone who is keen and willing to join the committee at the next AGM particularly if they are interested in taking on an executive role.

5. Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's Report:

These are attached as an Appendix. .

Barry Colgate noted that the donations represented a significant percentage of the class association income and in view of the predictions in the Treasurer's Report (if the Association continues to attend the Dinghy Show) it appears that we would operate at a loss without these additional payments, which are optional. BD responded that the annual subscriptions may need to be raised

for 2024 although any increase in subscription income could be offset by a fall in membership and a reduction in donations.

6. Propositions Received:

None

7. Election of Officers and Committee:

DM noted that Geoff Honey was stepping down from the committee and thanks were expressed for all his help and support over many years to both the Gravesend fleet and DB main committee. John Davies-Mullen has been proposed and seconded as a new member of the committee representing Gravesend SC.

DM advised that the remaining members of the committee were standing for re-election in their current positions and had all been proposed and seconded.

DM called for a block vote for all in favour of the election of the committee. The motion was proposed by Fiona Macfarlane and seconded by Harriet Davies-Mullen. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Election of Auditor/Examiner:

BD advised Anita Habgood has agreed to continue as the Examiner for the Dayboat Association. Proposed by Peter Hewitt and seconded by Wendy Davies. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. RYA Dinghy Show 2023:

DM opened the discussion by recording that the 2022 show had generating a lot of interest on the stand although to date no new members or orders for new boats. He then asked the meeting for comments.

Pete Hewitt considered it was an opportunity for the class to represent itself outside of the existing clubs where the boat is sailed.

Jacqui Seaton felt that growth of the class would most likely come from within the existing clubs.

Mark Stanton asked if it might be possible to share a stand with another class to reduce costs, for example the Devon Yawl.

DM noted the stands are typically not big enough to display 2 boats and that we were alongside the Devon Yawl stand at this year's show.

Harriet D-M liked the banners being displayed on some boats in the Dinghy Park and suggested they should be used more to promote the Dayboat's USP (unique selling proposition) which she suggested was the strong community that the class has.

Simon Bullingham noted that other Avon SC members that visited the show had particularly commented on the DB stand.

Matt Straker observed that from a marketing perspective the goal has to be to attract people onto the stand, to do this you need space, then to sell the class USP's.

Tim Wilcock thought that organic growth from within the existing clubs was the most likely route, and that we should try and assess the outcome from the show.

Michael Hewitt commented that this was very difficult to do.

Sue Clayton suggested that we should review how new members had found out about the class.

DM asked new member Nigel Russell for his commented. Nigel stated that a combination of good social activity and leet racing was the attraction for him. He also commented that he had no knowledge of the class before joining Bosham SC.

Jan Colgate suggested we should have a promotional leaflet about the class and iys USP's.

Steve Wilson suggested clubs should offer demonstration sails to promote more organic growth.

Phil Lokier suggested a "try a Dayboat day" could be promoted on Facebook.

Tim Parkinson suggested a 2 prong approach through the clubs and the show, noy to be seen at the show might be seen as the class is not active.

Kath Davis noted that although there are 4 main clubs, and now Avon SC where the class is active there are also other clubs where Dayboats are sailed.

John Davies-Mullen noted that Harriet D-M was actively involved "Discover Sailing" which was another opportunity to encourage people into the class.

Isabelle Russell questioned if potential growth was restricted by boat availability. Bob Davis replied that there could be a number of boats becoming available from Poole YC in the near future although it was hoped that these would be sold within the club..

Jack Young advised that DB 665 Woodworm was currently for sail.

Richard Twyman asked if we need to attend the show every year.

DM noted that he thought that the Farnborough Exhibition Centre has a lot of potential particularly due to the accessibility of the location.

Pete H noted that we had a very good location this year, DM noted that we had a reservation on the same stand this year which gave us a 10% discount.

DM called for a vote and there was a clear majority in favour of attending again in 2023.

10. Dayboat Week 2023:

DM confirmed that Rock Sailing and Waterski Club is booked for the week 24th-29th June 2023.

Chris Creek will again be our PRO and he has advised that racing will most likely be in Daymar Bay due to the shifting sands directly in front of the club.

DM asked for any comments:

Harriet D-M noted that searching for available properties to rent that most were only available

Thursday – Thursday. Bob D suggested that if this was found to be generally the case then it might be possible to move the event forward a day so that racing was Saturday- Wednesday.

Post Meeting Note: DM that he will contact Rock SC as soon as possible to see whether they are able to accommodate an earlier start date.

11. Dayboat Week 2024:

DM stated that he was currently talking to Torbay with the possibility of Dayboat Week 2024 being the week 27/7 – 1/8.

12. Any Other business:

Bob D raised the question of the current class strategy to alternate each year between school holidays and term time Dayboat weeks. Was the term time event excluding some potential entries?

Tim P suggested perhaps it should always be in school holidays to attract the maximum number of entries, although the comment was made that some host clubs may not be able to accommodate us during school holidays.

Nigel R suggested that in the year that DB Week is in school term time year could there be a 2nd DB event where we joined an established event such as Falmouth or Salcombe Regattas or Chichester Federation Week. If there were a sufficient number of entries, it is possible that we would be able to secure our own class start.

Simon B suggested he would be in favour of Salcombe Regatta.

Sue Clayton noted that attending another regatta would be good promotion for the class.

Post Meeting Note: To progress the matter, DM will ask the club representatives on the committee to consult with their club members and see how much interest there would be to such an idea.

Kath D asked for any contributions to Dayboat Notes, particularly regarding Brixham DB Week to be prepared asap.

There being no other business the chairman declared the 65th Annual general meeting closed at 16:51 hrs.

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Membership Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

Membership

Subscription income in 2021 was slightly down compared with 2020, as a result of a fall in membership (see below). Income from Race Certificates (£5 per boat) was only marginally lower than in 2020. There has been a further decline in membership in 2022 to date, and in the number of Race Certificates issued, although historically we gain a few new members during the later part of the year (there have been 3 so far this year). A number of '2021' members have not renewed their subscriptions despite reminders. Experience suggests that a few of these will pay before the year end. There is no immediate cause for concern, but the situation will be kept under review.

	2022 (to 21 July)	2021	2020
Family members	41	43	47
Full members	36	43	46
Honorary/life members	4	4	4
Junior members	1	-	-
Race certificates issued	58	67	68

Notes on the 2021 Accounts (Summary overleaf)

1. As presented, there was a loss on Dayboat Week of £141. A loss was expected because of the low entry numbers although this was less than anticipated because of a generous cost reduction by RCYC and lower Association costs. However, members donated a total of £410 after the event by not taking all or part of the refunds offered because the scheduled meals at the Club were cancelled (Covid). These donations are shown in the 'Donations' row in the accounts and clearly more than offset the loss on the Week shown in the accounts.
2. The accounts show a surplus for the year 2021 of £761.
3. Funds available at 31 December totalled £8322 (corresponding figures for 2020, 2019 and 2018 were £7561, £6012 and £5915).
4. **Looking forward:** Our annual 'base' costs (admin, website, RYA affiliation fee, mould storage) amount to approximately £950. Income from subscriptions, race certificates and donations is typically around £2000 with a membership of about 90. The Association took a stand at the RYA Dinghy Show in 2022 at the new Farnborough venue: the cost was approximately £700. This suggests an annual surplus in 2022, and in 2023 if we attend the Dinghy Show, of around £350. This will be further eroded in future years by increased costs, even if membership numbers remain stable. We have significant reserves and no major expenditure is planned but it may be prudent to seek a modest increase in subscriptions at the 2023 AGM to ensure that the Association's accounts do not run into deficit in the future.

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Summary Income & Expenditure Account 2021

A copy of this summary, signed by the Treasurer and by Anita Habgood (the appointed Examiner) is available in the Association's records.

INCOME	2021	2020
Subscriptions	1473.00	1552.00
Race Certificates	325.00	345.00
Registration Fee/mould levy/plans	0.00	385.00
Donations	662.00	192.00
Sale of Dayboat	0.00	0.00
Dayboat Week	3570.00	2102.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	5.00
TOTAL INCOME	6030.00	4581.00
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	302.93	269.39
Committee expenses	0.00	0.00
Dayboat Week	3711.01	1380.00
Gifts/Advertising	45.00	0.00
Loan repayments	0.00	0.00
Misc/Advertising/website	335.68	194.21
New Boat	0.00	0.00
Mould storage and maintenance	300.00	1078.60
Measurement Jig	0.00	0.00
RYA Dinghy Show	443.98	0.00
RYA Affiliation fee	130.00	130.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5268.60	3052.20
PROFIT/LOSS	761.40	1528.80
BALANCE SHEET		
	2021	2020
OPENING ASSETS		
Current Account	7530.88	6,621.06
no 2 account	0.00	24.02
Petty Cash Account	30.00	115.00
Uncleared cheque	0.00	-728.00
TOTAL	7560.88	6,032.08
CLOSING ASSETS		
TSB Current Account	8322.28	7,530.88
TSB No 2a/c(closed 2020)	0.00	0
Petty Cash Account	0.00	30
uncleared cheques	0.00	0
TOTAL	8322.28	7560.88
Closing Balance minus Opening Balance	761.40	1528.80
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	8322.28	7560.88