

The Yachting World Dayboat Association

Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting

Held at 4 pm on Wednesday 28th June 2023

At Rock Sailing and Waterski Club

Committee members in attendance:

David Macfarlane	DM	Honorary Chairman
Bob Davis	BD	Honorary Treasurer
Kath Davis	KD	Membership Secretary
Dave Allen	DA	
Tim Wilcock	TW	
Annette Wilson	AW	
Steve Wilson	SW	
Julie Bowden	JB	

35 members of the Association attended.

1. Apologies for Absence
Alastair Seaton Hon. Sec.
Jacqui Seaton
Mark and Shirley Stanton
John Davis-Mullen
2. Minutes of the 66th AGM:
As there were no comments, DM requested that the minutes be accepted.
Proposed by Simon Veysey,
Seconded by Bruce Garrett.
Motion carried unanimously.
3. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
4. Chairmans Report 2023
I would like to start by running through some of the highlights of the year to date. DayBoat Week 2022 was held at Brixham and the host club laid on a fabulous weeks racing and socialising. We had an entry of 22 boats. One very encouraging aspect was that three of the boats: James Hewitt, Simon Bullingham and Matt Straker were all crewed by young sons and daughters which brought the average of the fleet tumbling down!

Dinghy Show

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

This was the second year at the new venue and all aspects of the show were busier than the inaugural year with a real buzz about the place.

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.

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, given the expenditure involved, we will only go ahead with the support of the membership and there is the opportunity for a discussion later in the agenda.

Open meetings

This year's Open meeting circuit kicked off at Bosham on the 20th & 21st May. The event attracted a 13 boat entry including a very encouraging 6 visiting boats. On the water there was a titanic struggle between last year's winners Nigel and Isabelle Russell and Mark & Shirley Stanton, which could only be decided on count back in favour of Nigel & Isabelle.

Avon SC was the next Open meeting on the 3rd & 4th June. From reports I received this was a huge success with 11 boats entered which necessitated racing in flights. Michael Hewitt & Steve Creasy won a very tightly contested Cup final, with Matt Straker & Freddie Gent winning the Bowl series. The Sunday race was a little more relaxed with a very scenic 2 mile course up to a local hostelry for lunch!

The other three meetings on this year's calendar are: Thornbury on the 8th & 9th July, Poole on the 22nd & 23rd July and finally Gravesend over the weekend of the 19th & 20th August.

I should also like to mention that the DB's will very prominent at this year's Salcombe Town Regatta starting on the 29th July. Currently 13 boats have entered which is sufficient to give the fleet a dedicated start.

Can I encourage all the Club class captains to write up their event and get it posted on Yachts and Yachting on-Line. It's very effective and free PR for the class.

Committee Matters

This year Alastair Seaton is stepping down as Hon Secretary and I would very much like to thank him for all his work over the past 4 years.

At the AGM next year in Torquay, our very long standing Treasurer Bob Davis and Membership Secretary Kath Davis are stepping down.

I am also planning to stand down as Chairman next year.

To help maintain the continuity of these roles, I am very keen that we identify potential candidates for these roles as soon as possible so that they have the opportunity to shadow the present incumbents during their last year in office.

I would therefore, very much like to hear from anyone who might be interested in taking on these important but not overly demanding roles.

We also have an immediate need is to find a replacement for Kath Davis who will relinquishing her DayBoats Notes editorial role after the 30th edition is published in July this year.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to Julie Bowden for her work in refreshing our website.

5. Treasurer's and membership Secretary's Report
(Appendix 1)

It was noted by BD that most of the work is completed by KD.

BD commented that income is a little lower due to a progressive decline in subscriptions and that we should encourage as many YWDB sailors to become members.

BD reported a £16 surplus from DB week 2023.

DM thanked Steve Creasy for storing the YWDB moulds.

Tim Parkinson asked if we need to be a member of the Association to apply for a race certificate. KD responded that both run hand in hand, so yes and vice versa.

Fiona Macfarlane questioned if the funds at bank could be better invested to provide some growth. BD agreed that he had been thinking of this but may be difficult due to type of account but would investigate.

There were no further questions or comments.

6. Propositions received. – None

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Retiring Committee:

Honorary Secretary	Alastair Seaton
Treasurer	Bob Davis (AGM 2024)
Membership Secretary	Kath Davis (AGM 2024)
Chairman	David Macfarlane (2024 AGM)

Committee	Pete Hewitt (PYC), John Davis- Mullen (GSC), Dave Allen TSC) Tim Wilcock (BSC), Steve Wilson (PYC), Annette Wilson (PYC), Julie Bowden (TSC)
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DM proposed that there would be no replacement of Hon Secretary for a year. TW agreed to assist with related tasks.

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

Proposed by Nigel Russell

Seconded by Simon Veysey

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Election of Auditor/Examiner

BD Advised that Anita Habgood has agreed to continue as the Examiner for The Dayboat Association.

Proposed by Colin Blewitt

Seconded by Tim Parkinson

Motion carried unanimously.

9. RYA Dinghy Show 2024

PH thoughts were that this was the one chance we have to show off the Class so it is worth doing even though there were no measurable direct return for the investment.

Tim Parkinson agreed and said that it was important to keep a presence as a class.

DM said that the presence at Salcombe Town Regatta week would help.

Steve Creasy said that published write ups of events are important.

Isabelle Russell asked how else we promote the Class?

Nigel Russell asked how much the Dinghy Show cost.

KD stated that there was quite a lot of work involved.

DM said the venue and our stand location was excellent.

DM also expressed thanks to Julie and Paul Bowden who had been a great help at this year's show with the knock down and stand clearance.

From the views expressed from the members at the meeting there was a strong consensus in favour of taking a stand in 2024.

10. Dayboat week 2024

DM stated that this will be hosted by The Royal Torbay YC in the last week of July 2024. This will be the first week of the school summer holidays and therefore offer an opportunity for those Association members with young families to attend.

11. Dayboat Week 2025

DM mentioned that there is a strong possibility the Royal Cornwall YC, Falmouth would be prepared to host the event. This was met with general approval. Confirmation is awaited.

12. AOB

DM discussed the proposal to run Dayboat week during the school holidays to encourage all to attend. He also raised the possibility that we could return to Rock every three or four years as it is such a great venue, however this would need to be outside school holidays.

DM asked Alan Davies for some reflections on the week. Alan said that he hugely enjoyed the week in an area he knows.

KD asked for more material so she can produce her last edition of "Dayboat Notes" which is due to be published in July.

Meeting closed at 16:38 hrs

Appendix 1

YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION

Income & Expenditure Account 2022

INCOME	2022 £	2021 £
Subscriptions	1438	1473
Race Certificates	320	325
Registration Fee/mould levy/plans	0	0
Donations	252	662
Sale of Dayboat	0	0
DB Week	5495	3570
Miscellaneous	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	7505	6030
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	241	303
Committee expenses	0	0
Dayboat Week	4650	3711
Gifts/Advertising	0	45
Loan repayments	0	0
Misc/Advertising/website	187	336
New Boat	0	0
Moulds	300	300
Measurement Jig	0	0
RYA Exhibition	568	444
RYA Subs	140	130
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6086	5269
TRADING PROFIT/LOSS	1419	761
Balance Sheet		
	2022	2021
OPENING ASSETS 1/1/22		
Current Account	8322	7531
no 2 account	0	0
Petty Cash Account	0	30
Uncleared cheques	0	0
TOTAL	8322	7561
CLOSING ASSETS 31/12/22		
TSB Current Account	9741	8322
Petty Cash Account	0	0
Uncleared cheques	0	0
TOTAL	9741	8322
Closing Balance minus Opening Balance	1419	761
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	9741	8322

Bob Davis
Hon. Treasurer.

Examined:
Anita Habgood

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Membership Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for 2022

Membership

Membership numbers were slightly down compared with 2021 (see below). There has been a gradual small decline in membership over the last few years. This has continued in 2023 although a few 'late renewals' are expected and we usually have a small number of new applications in the second half of the year.

	2023 (to date)	2022	2021	2020
Family members	43	44	43	47
Full members	35	38	43	46
Honorary/life members	4	4	4	4
Junior members	0	1	-	-
Race certificates issued	61	64	67	68

Notes on the Accounts (Summary overleaf)

1. The accounts show an overall surplus for the year 2022 of £1419. The increase over 2021 was largely due to a surplus of over £800 on Dayboat Week. The Association aims to break even on Dayboat Week, although this is not straightforward because the entry fee has to be fixed before the number of entries is known, and the host club's charges per boat are dependent on numbers. In the event, Brixham YC's charges were lower than expected, for a number of reasons. The decision was made to retain the surplus in the Association's funds, rather than offer refunds, in anticipation of significant cost increases in future years, when it might be decided to hold down entry fees and run the Week at a modest deficit if necessary.
2. Funds available at 31 December 2022 were £9741. Corresponding figures for 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were £8322, £7561, £6012 and £5915 respectively.
3. Our annual 'base' costs (admin, website, RYA affiliation fee, mould storage) over the last few years have amounted to approximately £950. Income from subscriptions, race certificates and donations has been around £2000 with a membership of about 90. The Association again took a stand at the RYA Dinghy Show in 2023 at the Farnborough venue: the cost was approximately £550 - a reduction on previous years since the carpet for the stand was provided at no cost (previously about £180). Assuming an increase in costs in 2023 of 10%, and a potential small loss on Dayboat Week, we can reasonably expect to generate a modest surplus of £300 -400 this year.
4. A decision has still to be made on attendance at the 2024 Dinghy Show, which is obviously the largest single item of potential expenditure. Also, we need to resolve the question of storage of the moulds, which are currently stored at Steve Creasey's premises for a nominal charge. In the absence of prospective orders for new boats this

is clearly not a satisfactory situation. This is under discussion and further expenditure is likely to be involved.

5. The Association is in a sound position - a reasonably stable membership income and substantial funds in hand, and the Committee has not proposed any increase in member subscription for 2024. The next Committee will obviously review the need to increase subscriptions for the following years to ensure that the Association's accounts do not run into deficit in the future.

Kath Davis, Membership Secretary

Bob Davis, Treasurer