

MINUTES OF THE YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON SATURDAY 9th MARCH 2019 AT 10:30AM AT THE HOLT, UPPER TIMSBURY,
ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

Present

Peter Hewitt, Sally Hewitt, John Lokier, Geoff Honey, Bob Davis, Kath Davis, David McFarlane, Alastair Seaton, Dave Allen, and Tim Parkinson.

1. Apologies

Phil Lokier

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 10th November 2018

The minutes from the previous meeting had been distributed to all committee members prior to the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

KD confirmed that all members were informed with their 2019 membership renewal of the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

4. Treasurer's Report

Financial Position

BD distributed copies of the Draft Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 2018. The account showed a surplus for the period of £864 (previous year £41 deficit) after accounting for a £1,000 advance payment on the current new boat build. Funds in the bank at the end of the period were £5,915 (previous year £5,051). Annual subscriptions have been mostly received leaving a few stragglers to be chased. BD reported that in a normal year without RYA Dinghy Show costs, the annual surplus could be expected to be in the region of £2,000.

BD also distributed draft details of cash movements from 31st December 2018 to 8th March 2019. These movements showed that the funds in the bank had reduced to £2,842 after accounting for a further £3,000 advance payment on the current new boat build, a one-off payment to the builder for mould enhancements of £565, one-off hull cradle costs of £575, and an advance deposit of £550 for a new Selden Mast. BD indicated that a further £1500-£2,000* advance payment would be expected to complete the current new boat build to a bare boat stage ready for fitting out.

BD produced an estimate identifying the requirement for loans to fund a fully fitted-out and rigged boat. After discussion the Meeting agreed that the Association would fund the current new build to the bare boat stage only, excluding fitting out, until a buyer comes forward. The buyer would purchase the bare boat from the Association and would then fund the fitting-out to his/her specification.

*(Following the meeting, BD revised this estimate to £3000 - £3500 to include the cost of rig and centreplate – see item 6. This cost could be met from Association funds plus a short-term loan, to be repaid when the boat is sold, already offered by a Committee member. There would be no requirement to seek loans from others).

Proposal from TP

TP put forward a proposal to offer Honorary Life Membership to Barry Leat, a long standing Thornbury Dayboat sailor and previous Association Chairman, whose contribution to the class TP considered had not previously been adequately recognised. Barry's work (with his brother) in developing the hull measurement rules was particularly mentioned. The meeting approved the proposal and KD agreed to provide a suitable certificate which will be awarded to Barry.

5. Alexandra Palace Dinghy Show 2019 and beyond

The association did not participate in the 2019 Dinghy Show held at the beginning of March and agreed to review future participation at our next meeting in the autumn. The meeting agreed to distribute any findings as to how the 2019 Dinghy Show went, e.g. attendance.

6. New Builder and New Boat

PH gave the meeting an update on progress on the new build and invited all present to visit Steve Creasey's workshop after the meeting. Items discussed were:

- Completion date of bare boat ready for fitting out is expected to be end of March 2019.
- A supplier of centre plates has been identified and BD/PH agreed to obtain costs and delivery times by the end of March 2019.
- A schedule of fitting out items had already been circulated to the committee to which the meeting referred. DM has made contact with a fitting out specialist (Peter Hankey) who is interested in this work and is estimating the costs for fit out. Again, this should be available by the end of March 2019.
- Preferred suppliers for other items such as masts, sails, and trailers have already been identified by PH and DM, so we should be in a position to have a schedule of costs for a new Dayboat to various stages of completion (from bare hull to 'ready to sail' boat with cover and trailer) in April 2019.
- As mentioned in the Treasurer's Report, a deposit has been paid for a Selden mast due to long delivery times.
- DM had already circulated to members a suggested process to be followed when a buyer places an order for a Dayboat, detailing stage payments and the sequence in which items are to be ordered. The meeting agreed that this process should be adopted.

7. New Boat Promotion

It had previously been agreed that in lieu of not attending the 2019 Dinghy Show, the Association would promote a new Dayboat at club Opens and be vigilant for any other opportunities that may arise. The agenda contained all of the Open dates and JL confirmed that all dates are now listed on the Association website and on the Association Facebook page. Depending on the availability of the new boat (i.e. on the willingness of the new owner) there could be opportunities to show it at Dayboat Clubs or other venues.

Dayboat Week 2019: Rock 22nd June to 27th June 2019

JL had already distributed the provisional sailing and social program which was discussed at the meeting and he confirmed that detailed discussions with Rock Sailing Club were progressing well.

The meeting discussed the Opportunity Race and in particular, the three categories (Ladies, Crews, and Cadets). It was agreed that any competitor could effectively be entered into more than one category but that he/she could only be awarded one trophy: the trophies to be awarded in the event that a competitor placed first in more than one category would be decided by the Committee. This was in the interests of distributing trophies more widely. It was agreed that appropriate wording will be included on the race entry form.

The meeting recognised that this year is the 70th anniversary of the Dayboat and agreed that some form of recognition should be made at Dayboat Week. JL/BD agreed to investigate appropriate sponsorship and/or memorabilia, ideally for each competitor, subject to cost. Suggestions from others were welcomed

A quick review of those present of potential entrants suggested that there could potentially be as many as 32 entrants. JL to check the seating capacity of the club house.

8. Future Dayboat Weeks

a) 2020: Brixham 25th July to 30th July 2020

JL stated that these dates are confirmed with Brixham YC.

b) 2021:

The meeting agreed to consider Salcombe, subject to suitable mooring arrangements - JL to make enquiries and report at next meeting. If Salcombe is not possible, Falmouth will be considered.

9. Smooth Hulled Boats

PH/BD confirmed that they had met with boat builder Paul Dewing (PD), a Bosham SC member who had announced his intention of building a new smooth GRP Dayboat. PD had suggested (in conversation with other Bosham members) that the hull shape could be 'optimised' whilst remaining within the measurement tolerances (which are quite generous) permitted in the Class Rules. (The minutes of the Committee Meeting on 10 November 2018 refer). During their meeting, they pointed out that the Class Rules stated that "The tolerances are.....not to give builders the opportunity to make different shaped boats" and that the Committee would wish to ensure that any new boat was built 'to the plans'. A copy of the appropriate drawing containing the table of offsets was loaned to PD, who agreed to ask his CAD 'expert' to calculate the hull sections at the key measurement stations to confirm that these corresponded with the values on the measurement form and to provide a copy to the Association. These

have not yet been provided. If these are provided, it may be appropriate to tighten the measurement tolerances for smooth GRP boats, taking account of limitations on building accuracy, to ensure that any new boat of this type is built 'to the plans'. PD stated that he only intended to build a boat for his own use, using a wooden plug rather than a mould, and that he had no intention of building further boats on a commercial basis.

It was agreed that if/when PD provides the CAD-derived hull sections the question of tolerances would be reviewed. No other action was required provided that PD built only one boat, for his own use,

Following the last Committee meeting on 10th November 2018, the minutes of that meeting together with Richard Cake's original correspondence and the report by Ian Howlett had been published on the Association's website. The December issue of Dayboat Notes referred to the correspondence and invited open discussion via the Discussion Board on the website. JL confirmed that as of 9th March 2019, no discussion item had been raised.

Since the last meeting, further correspondence has been received from Richard Cake, continuing to express his concerns about smooth hulled boats. All committee members had been circulated with the correspondence prior to this meeting. In particular, the meeting referred to two submissions by Richard Cake, one email dated 9th December 2018 and one email dated 8th March 2019. Both emails requested that the committee consider an immediate moratorium on new smooth hulled boats and to establish a means of 'equalising' the performance of smooth hulled boats, such as imposing a weight penalty.

The committee discussed both submissions in detail and at length and unanimously rejected Richard's proposals. Whilst there may be differences in boat speed, in some conditions, between boats of different forms of construction (including wooden and GRP clinker boats, as well as smooth boats), experience shows that these are minor compared with all other factors affecting overall performance. The Dayboat plans and Class Rules permit either hull form and the Committee considers that any action to discriminate between clinker and smooth boats was unnecessary, would be divisive, and contrary to the spirit of the Association. The Committee agreed to further endorse the conclusions of the 10th November 2018 minutes: "The committee does not intend to propose any change to the current position, as adopted in 1969, that smooth and clinker hulled boats race on equal terms at Open Meetings and National events. Individual clubs may adopt a different position and the committee has no wish to influence such decisions." JL agreed to send a reply to Richard Cake to notify him of the committee's decision.

10. Next Mailshot – Dayboat Notes

KD advised that articles (Club reports etc) need to be with her by 15 June, one week before the start of Dayboat Week. Reports on Dayboat Week would need to be provided by Monday 1 July to enable Dayboat Notes to be published in early July.

11. AOB

TP announced that he would like to donate a trophy, to be awarded for the best combined result in long distance races at Opens and Nationals. PH suggested that because few members travelled to other meetings, the competition for this trophy would not be well-supported. After some discussion, the meeting decided not to adopt this proposal. However, members were asked to consider other options for awarding a new trophy, since TP confirmed that he was interested in presenting one.

DA suggested that one way of promoting the Dayboat may be to attend Meetings (such as open handicap meetings) at Clubs where there were only one or two Dayboats, or clubs where conditions were particularly suitable for Dayboats, to introduce the boat to a wider audience. DA offered to send fliers to all association members to raise awareness and seek invitations.

DM informed the committee that the 2019 Bosham Dayboat Open (2 day event) will be part of the Bosham Masters (3 day event).

BD questioned whether the mould fee charged on all new boats from the Association mould should be reviewed. It was agreed to increase the fee to £375 (currently £350).

12. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting to be advised, but likely to be October/November 2019.

Meeting closed at 13.25pm to allow the committee to visit the workshop of Steve Creasey to see the new boat taking shape.