

Fleet AGM 9 Sept Zoom call

Attendees, Ian Paterson, Peter Curtis, James Curtis, Fran Howell, John Reynolds, David Maclay

Apologies Simon and Abi Kitchen, Carol Paterson

Agenda

1 Fleet report - Ian Paterson

Purpose of meeting - election of new fleet Captain and having AGM to access and claim annual fleet fund precept.

Fleet Funds

Admin now by club, so do we need a Treasurer? Originally required when we administered a fleet bank account.

Funds held at 31 //10/ 18 £692.99 need to check current status with office. Funds have been used in previous years for subsidising training, fleet trophy purchase and engraving.

Racing Committee feedback

Races format morning 3 back to back now settled but looking for ideas for afternoon series for summer series in future.

Ongoing issues (progress since 2007)

Duties

Ongoing issues of filling slots, but DutyMan improved since fleets were required to organise ourselves. Suggestions of returning to Fleet organising to cover particular dates in Dutyman. Some fleets happy to organise themselves in this way, pushed back on Asymmetrics (ie fleet captain) agreeing to do for our fleet.

Safety of asymmetric course

Issue recognised now as priority by RC although still issue of RO's of not laying Leeward marks often due to mark layer shortage.

Fleet trophies

We agreed to provide 2 trophies for Doe for 1st GWSC Asymmetric and first asymmetric from the clubs unused trophy collection. Unclear if this was implemented. A fleet regatta trophy was purchased and awarded annually until 2019.

Regatta

Fleet regatta trophy awarded 14 Oct 2018 to Matt Reynolds. 2019 cancelled due to my unavailability, 2020 Covid.

Decision on this year?

Training date was agreed for Autumn 2019 but cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

2 Election of Fleet representatives

Nomination Peter Curtis proposed Mark Rushton seconded Ian Paterson.
Election approved by the meeting.

Fleet Treasurer not taken forwards

3 AoB

None tabled.

4 General Discussion

Following the formal business of the AGM Peter Curtis took the chair. He thanked Ian Paterson for all the good work he had done for the fleet in his 14 year tenure as fleet captain. He stated that he would be trying to talk to as many of the fleet as possible to get their views on what they want to see from the club and the fleet. He had made a list of topics to cover, but they had all been covered to some degree by Ian in his report.

Peter stated that he would not be seeking to formally organise anything on the water this autumn, but to get opinions and try to build interest for something next spring. In the meantime it was suggested that the RS800 WhatsApp group could be expanded to all the asymmetric fleet as a way of informally organising ourselves and building momentum.

During the discussion it was suggested that we should talk to the catamaran asymmetric fleet to understand their views and issues, as they shared a start line with us. There was also a question whether the start line needed to be an obstruction, as this was a potential safety hazard for asymmetrics going downwind to a common leeward mark. There were a number of aspects to this question, which did not have an easy answer; Peter promised to talk to Race Committee about it.