



Racing Committee: notes of meeting 16th July 2017

Attendees:

Catherine Joce Dave Philpott Ian Rawet Neil Washington

Apologies;

Andy Johnson Ian Paterson Neil Klabe Tim O'Brien
Dave McNamnee

- 1) Turn out:
 - a) The perception is that Wednesday evening appears buoyant, Saturday's are developing well, Sunday morning is good for some classes and poor for others. Sunday afternoon is poor and difficult to justify the resource demanded.
 - b) Dave Philpott will confirm the attendance numbers.
- 2) Feedback from RO and safety boat seminar – asymmetric courses. Carried forward from the last meeting in error.
- 3) Racing format during August, September and October:
 - a) Barts Bash 16/17 Sep will be excluded from the Autumn series results
 - b) DoE 24th Sep will be excluded from the Autumn Series results
 - c) The Handicap change point between fast and medium/slow to return to 1000.
 - d) The medium handicap experiment to be closed and start 5 will be slow handicap and the DZero class. The DZero results will not feature in the slow handicap results.
 - e) The separate windward mark for slow handicap on start 5 on Sunday morning will be withdrawn.
 - f) A change to three races back to back for the Autumn morning races was discussed. The intent is to consider for introduction in 2018. Members are to discuss with their fleets over the next few weeks:
 - i) Are three morning races back to back in the summer supported?
 - ii) Is the start time of 11h00 satisfactory or should an earlier time (say 10h30) be used?
 - iii) What should replace racing on Sunday afternoons? Race training or short course racing similar to Social Saturday are options i.e. two half hour races starting at 15h00. Introduce Social Sunday into the calendar?
 - iv) Move to a 3 minute starting sequence in November in order to reduce time between races.
- 4) Race Committee:
 - a) electronic aids, ongoing
 - b) Use the video recorder ongoing
- 5) Fleet Captains notification of new members: there have been no notifications to the Laser Fleet captain since the last meeting. Is it correct there have been no new Laser members?



**Grafham Water
Sailing Club**

- 6) Date of next meeting: 8th October. The dates of future meetings, taking place circa four weeks before the start of the next series, will be published on the web site calendar: 14th January 2018, 18th March 2018 and 20th May 2018.

Ian Rawet,
Chair