



Racing Committee: notes of meeting 6th January 2019

Attendees: Barry Wyatt Dave McNamee Dave Philpott
 Ian Rawet Jonathan Rickels Neil Klabe
 Peter Gee

Apologies: Joe Constable Neil Washington Ian Paterson

- 1) **Turnout:** A graph of the Wednesday evening racing turnout was presented
- 2) **The Club Racing format for February, March and April 2019 is to be as last year:**
 - a. **February to April Spring am series** for the morning racing runs for the 3 months, February through to the end of April. In February, this will be three back to back morning races and in March and April become two morning back to back races.
 - b. **March and April Spring pm Series** - the afternoon races in March and April will form the Spring **afternoon** series comprising of 2 back to back races.
 - c. **Wednesday evenings** run from mid-April through to September.
 - d. **Summer Sunday series** May to July with two am and two pm races.
 - e. **Autumn Series runs** August to October with two am and two pm races
 - f. the **Winter Series** with three back to back morning only for November through to January.
 - g. The warning signal for all morning racing will be at 10h57**
- 3) **Sunday racing SSI:** The option in the SSI for race officers to reduce the number of starts is causing confusion with the sailors. Although the principle is sound, the paragraph in the SSI is to be withdrawn. It will be possible for Race Officer to reduce the number of starts if they so wish to one start but that will require a special notice on the day. A one start option is most beneficial when the number of boats racing is less than 10. With a small number of sailors, it is easier to brief the change on the day.
- 4) **The special Sunday race events** should be included in the Club's calendar. **Ian Rawet to discuss with Council and Mark Rushton** the dates and format of the races in time for inclusion in the Club calendar. This calendar will be signed off at the February Council meeting.
- 5) Although Joe Constable could not attend, it was known that he had some concerns over the turnout on Wednesday evenings. In particular, the second start; mainly populated by FF15s. The turnout report indicated that the number of boats in both the first and second starts was very similar. **Ian Rawet is to ask Joe Constable and Ian Paterson** to discuss and agree if there should be any changes and report back in time for the publicity date for the Wednesday evening racing NoR (four weeks before the event starts). It was thought for example that non-trapezing two-man



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boats in the 2018 fast fleet may wish to compete in the same fleet as the second start (slow handicap in 2018).

- 6) Grafham Grand Prix: The Catamaran fleet asked if the organising group for the Grafham Grand Prix could consider an alternative course (triangles) rather than windward / leeward courses.
- 7) **The dates** of the next season's meetings: 31st March 2019, 30th June 2019, 6th October 2019, and 5th January 2020.

Ian Rawet,
Chair