



## Racing Committee: meeting notes 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Venue:** Top bar after racing but not before 16h30

**Attendees** Barry Wyatt Ian Rawet Jonathan Rickels  
Neil Washington

**Apologies** Dave Philpott David McNamee Joe Constable  
Mark Rushton Neil Klabe Peter Gee

- 1) **Quorate:** The number of required members attending to make a quorum is not known. The attendees agreed to proceed and if subsequently discovered to be insufficient the outcome would be referred to Council for clarification. (**Subsequent to the meeting:** a quorum for the Racing Committee is three [3]; one of whom should be a member of Council).
- 2) **Turnout:** Dave Philpott has not finalised his analysis.
- 3) **The special race events**
  - a) **Past Masters** Trophy 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - b) **RNLI** 30<sup>th</sup> June
  - c) **24<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to 26<sup>th</sup> August** (Bank Holiday Regatta from Saturday through to Monday with the Monday long distance event)
  - d) **29<sup>th</sup> September** Duke of Edinburgh Club championship.
- 4) **The Club Racing format for August, September and October 2019**
  - a. The proposal that sailors of boats mounting multiple size sails be scored as one entry when they vary the rig sailed in a series has been discussed at previous meetings. It is considered that the earlier decisions are still valid and there would be no change:
    - the handicaps allocated are averaged to allow for the various wind conditions
    - some classes of boat have different handicaps allocated to each sail thus making them a different class where-as others could have a different cut of sail but no change in handicap
    - some classes were finding that heavy weight sailors were downsizing their rigs under extreme weather conditions so giving them advantages
    - need to avoid cheque-book racing when multiple rigs would be required to compete
  - b. **Wednesday evening series run through to end of August with the final pursuit race in September.**  
A special Junior event, embedded in the Wednesday evening series, for the team Grafham racers to be held during school holidays.
  - c. **Autumn Sunday Series** runs August to October with two am and two pm races



- d. the **Winter Sunday Series** with three back to back morning only for November through to January.
- 5) **Courses set for Asymmetric boats:** the race officer guidance would be re-drafted to improve the courses on Wednesday evenings and Sundays. Members of Racing Committee are recommended to meet the ROs on a regular basis to consult on the courses being set. The areas where improvement could be made is where Club marks are used as reaching marks (poor angles for various spinnaker boats), and trapezoid courses. Windward – leeward could be a better alternative although a spacer buoy at the windward mark may be necessary.
- 6) **Asymmetric gate on Sundays.** It is noted that there have been occasions where asymmetric boats have aborted their race because of congestion at the leeward mark when the asymmetric gate is not in place. The RO guide is to recommend the provision of at least a suitable Dan buoy for an asymmetric leeward mark in the area of where the gate would otherwise be.
- 7) **Review number of starts on Sunday mornings.** The six starts currently used is probably the limit of practicability. Whilst not wishing to lose fleet racing from the portfolio, the number of boats at each start is sometimes thinly populated. As winter racing is often the worst-case, the view is to review the number of starts for trial during the coming winter months.
- 8) **The dates** of the next season's meetings: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Ian Rawet,  
Chair