



Datchet Water Sailing Club

SAILING COMMITTEE MEMBERS DRAFT MINUTES

23 November 2016 - 19.30 hrs.

Attendees

Mervyn Wright (MW) Vice Com & Start 2
 Tony Cooper (TC) Start 1
 Jon Senior (JS) Comm Sec & Start 4
 Jeremy Bennett (JB) Youth
 Mike Clapp (MC) Results / Docs
 Paul Robinson (PR) Laser Stand In

Apologies

Terry Rensch (TR) Radio Sailors
 Simon Etter (SE) Lasers

1.0	Apologies	ACTION
1.1	As Above	
2.0	Agree Minutes	
2.1	Done	
3.0	Outstanding Actions	
3.A	New Whiteboards on Lilibet – The Whiteboards team headed up by TC have fitted the new boards and all work well.	Completed
3.B&C	The Race Support Team – The concept is to have a group of experienced race officers to be on hand to help out on a Sunday morning and assist / guide the RO and Race team on Duty if required / as needed and to collect / share learnings. <i>Note</i> <i>MW shared a Race Team Support Process document drafted after the last SC meeting that he will send to Helen Beecham to forward to RO's</i>	ALL to suggest people to join the RST.
3.D	New fixed marks for committee boats – Unfortunately the local police dive team has been disbanded.	MC & MW to meet up to finalise how to move forwards. MW to suggest that club approached local dive clubs looking for a training location.
4.0	Sailing Calendar	
4.A	Boxing Day Race – Peter Morris has offered to cover safety, but we are in need of a RO . Offers of help would be great.	ALL to solicit offers of help.
4.B	NYD Race – Mervyn is the RO, but we are in need of Safety . Offers of help would be great.	ALL to solicit offers of help.
4.C	Provisional SC meeting dates – They have been added to the SC calendar.	ALL to make a note and dates to be added to the calendar.

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<p>4.D</p> <p>4.E</p>	<p>Racing Rules Night - MW suggested running an evening based around sailing rules for club members. There is a RYA rep that is prepared to run the evening. All thought it was a good idea and it will be progressed for a date in mid to late January.</p> <p>Club Racing Management Night – MW proposed a night at the club for all RO’s Race Teams and Safety Coxswains, so that the Race Support Team can feedback and discuss learnings / best practice from the new process.</p> <p>Date TBC but suggested early March.</p>	<p>MW to approach the RYA rules advisor.</p> <p>MW / MC / TC to prepare material and set date for the evening.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Club Work in Progress</p>	
<p>5.A</p> <p>5.B</p> <p>5.C</p> <p>5.D</p>	<p>Sailing Development Pathway – MW briefly discussed the draft plan.</p> <p>Super Laser Sunday – It has been suggested, that to try and concentrate the numbers of Lasers sailing at Datchet, they have a “Super Sunday” once a month where all club Laser sailors make the effort to get out on the water. Sailors from other fleets are able to use the club boats to join in.</p> <p>2 Person Trapeze Boat - The club is considering what would be the best option for a 2 person trapeze boat to fit the youth pathway and for “Pay & Play” at the club.</p> <p>20 to 30 Somethings – The club is keen to attract more 20 – 40 year old members. We need to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish why people of this age are not currently attracted to sailing? 2) If it is boat related, we need to identify and promote a boat that appeals to the demographic. 	<p>ALL feedback comments to MW.</p> <p>PR / SE discuss with Laser fleet and feedback to MW</p> <p>ALL speak to other sailors and feedback to MW</p> <p>ALL to solicit members and feedback at next meeting.</p> <p>JS / MW to speak to current & ex-students to see what the younger generations might be interested in sailing.</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p>	
<p>6.A</p>	<p>2016 / 2017 Fleet Championships –</p> <p>There was a mixed response with regards to the 2016 format. Some sailors like the fact that by using the results from the 3 best attended series the fleet champ would be decided.</p> <p>There were some sailors that did not like the new format and would like it to be a 1 day event like before. Unfortunately, the dwindling attendance of the old format does not make it viable.</p> <p>The overall feeling was that the fleet championships need to be a more “special” affair.</p> <p>Therefore, the suggested format for 2017 is to split the fleet champs</p>	<p>ALL fleet reps have</p>

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	<p>over 2 days consisting of 4 races per day. To be eligible to win, you would need to compete in 50 % of the races.</p> <p>It was suggested that the first day (part 1) should be held in March on the Sunday splitting the Winter and Spring Series – 12 March TBC.</p> <p>The suggestion for the second day (part 2) is for the Sunday splitting Spring and Summer series – 18 June TBC.</p> <p>6.B Series Split Specials – The SC decided that the “Specials” between series were important, but needed to be more special.</p> <p>There should be 4 “Specials in a sailing year. two of these potentially will be used for Fleet Champs in 2017, one will be for Bart’s Bash / Club Champs and the final one will be on the day of Xmas Lunch. Format TBC.</p> <p>6..C Prize Giving – We need to improve prize giving at the club. We need to find a way of getting more people to attend.</p> <p>The next prize giving at the club will be on the day of Xmas lunch. It will be for the 2016 Autumn Series and the 2016 Fleet Championships.</p> <p>6.D Sailing Series & “Specials” Dates - The dates for the sailing series and “specials” need to be reviewed.</p>	<p>until the 14th December to discuss this with their fleets if they wish. Any feedback to be sent JS to collate for MW. The final decision will be made prior to the Xmas lunch.</p> <p>The specials will be finalised, once the 2017 Fleet Champs format has been finalised.</p> <p>ALL Any ideas would be greatly received.</p> <p>JS / MC to draft something out for approval.</p>
7.0	AOB	
7.1	Open Meetings - Deferred to next meeting	
7.2	<p>Sunday Racing Briefings – Deferred to next meeting</p> <p><i>Note</i> <i>A request for RO’s to provide a briefing before Sunday am racing is included in Race Team Support Process discussed in 3.B&C</i></p>	
7.3	Winter Series SI’s – The SI’s need amending to show the revised winter starts. Suggestion for a briefing prior to racing on 27/11/2016.	MC to amend SI’s and provide briefing material for Sunday 27/11.

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