

RS300 – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

10 July 2015, Aberdovey

Attendees – Mike Bees, Dave Acres, Stuart Hopson, Chris Arnell, Luke Ridout, Richard Le Mare (RLM), Alastair Wood, Chris Gandy, Dave Sinclair, James Ruddiman (JR), Thomas Whitehead, Gary Morris, Tim Keen (TK), Ian Hopkins, Ben Green, Steve Sallis, Andy Bayliss, Luke Pepper, Mark Taylor, Alistair McLaughlin, Matt Sargent, Pete Ellis (PE), Steve Bolland (SB).

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. <u>Election of Class Reps</u></p> <p>Pete Ellis and Steve Bolland offered themselves for re-election as joint class reps; this was unanimously accepted by the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Specific RS300 Roles</u></p> <p>PE explained that due to work pressures he and SB required volunteers to fulfil certain roles as below – unfortunately, if they are not filled the tasks will not be done in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotional DVD – organising content/editing/distribution • Dinghy show – organising boat & stand/arranging volunteers/liasing with RS • Merchandise – organising T-shirts <p>Richard Le Mare and Dave Acres agreed to continue on the Technical Committee.</p>	All
<p>3. <u>Fleet Communication</u></p> <p>Facebook continues to work well but there have been many similar questions asked recently. A FAQs section would be helpful to potential new owners. Also needed on the website.</p> <p>It was thought useful to carry on with the yahoo groups forum for the benefit of the few people who do not use FB. (Official announcements go on both FB and yahoo).</p> <p>Tim Keen offered to take on the running of the class twitter feed which has not been used recently. SB to hand over administration details.</p> <p>Results of the class survey need to be distributed within the class and also to Yachts & Yachting for marketing purposes.</p> <p>Generally there is a good relationship between the class and the RS Association. There have been some minor issues this year, predominantly regarding the R300s' place within multi-class events at Rutland and Carnac (courses, length of races etc) but these have been resolved, mainly by PE. The 300 is seen as a growing class within the Association.</p>	<p>SB to include on FB site and to liaise with Clare Sargent to ensure uploaded onto website</p> <p>SB & TK - complete</p> <p>SB</p>
<p>4. <u>Review of the 2015 season & preview of the 2016 calendar including Europeans</u></p> <p>Overall, entries to class events have held up well this year. A question was raised about whether we had thought about doing class events as part of open regattas and winter events. This has not been ruled out, it is potentially good for class publicity, but it also has to be right for the class in terms of getting good racing. There's a need to be careful in light of the RS multi-class events as noted above.</p> <p>To boost numbers the 300 members at Haversham and Milton Keynes will be encouraged to come to the Winters this year as it's relatively local.</p> <p>In 2016 it would be good to see some of the growing fleet at Warsash at the Southern in Lymington in June. Also in 2016 Prestwick would like an event, potentially over the late May bank holiday weekend, and Hykeham volunteered to run the Inlands following a very successful Winters in 2015.</p> <p>Other events so far pencilled in are at Stewartby (Winters), Rutland (Sprints), Bristol Corinthian (Slaloms), Lymington (Southern) and Exe (Nationals). A Northern double-header was also mooted, potentially at Sheffield Viking and Glossop.</p> <p>The Class will also be invited to the Eurocup in 2016 which will be hosted during Travemunde Woche which is supposed to be a stunning event. As for the 2015 Eurocup in Carnac there will be a minimum entry requirement (normally 8 boats required to pre-enter). Those wanting to go should get the facebook chat going.</p>	<p>SB/PE to liaise with Prestwick/Hykeham about possible dates</p> <p>SB/PE to liaise with TK & JR</p> <p>All</p>

<p>With regard to the Nationals this year there was quite a lot of concern from the host club about the number of entries anticipated as (nearly) everyone entered so late. Everyone was urged to get their entries in earlier in the future as it really helps the host club to plan. There are also internal learnings – the entry system needs to be open earlier (there were delays this year due to ongoing negotiations with Dovey) and also to have different deadlines (entry cut-off and when we give entry numbers to the club).</p> <p>Coaching. A question was raised about having more class training. We probably cannot do a day before the Nationals start at Exe. However, SB said he would do some informal training on the Sunday after the Slaloms as he did this year. The RS Association has also agreed to fund a 300-specific training DVD to be produced by Mark Rushall.</p>	<p>SB/PE to discuss with Clare Sargent</p> <p>SB</p>
<p>5. <u>Builder</u></p> <p>A view was expressed that it is actually quite difficult to buy kit from The Boatyard at Beer. It would be helpful if they would produce a price list for the 300 – complete boat and extras (sails etc).</p> <p>The carbon boom still has a different geometry to the old alloy ones. The manufacturer needs to be told exactly where to put the gnav pivot hole.</p> <p>A new gnav roller is now available and can be purchased from BYAB.</p> <p>Masts. A number of older masts have snapped this year. Apparently Superspars has 2 in stock in the UK at present. The problem generally is that they are manufactured in New Zealand so there is a long lead time and BYAB is unwilling to hold any in reserve due to cost and low stock turnover. SB said he would talk to Aardspars (UK-based company that produces carbon spars for OKs/Moths etc) about the possibility of being able to produce a mast to match the bend characteristics of the current mast (for information only at present regarding feasibility). [Additional information – with several new boats being built by BYAB in the autumn, Ian Teasdale will be asked whether he will consider buying an extra mast to keep in stock].</p> <p>Sails. The bulk purchase of sails this year nearly arrived too late for the Nationals. This needs to be better organised in future. There will be a further bulk purchase within the next 6 months.</p>	<p>RLM to raise with BYAB</p> <p>RLM to raise with BYAB</p> <p>SB to talk to Terry Cooke at Aardspars</p> <p>SB to raise with BYAB</p> <p>SB/PE to raise with BYAB</p>
<p>6. <u>Dinghy Show 5-6 March 2016</u></p> <p>See 2 above.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Ela Miller, Sarah Heaven and Becki Brickwood for their help with the launching and the recovery of trollies, especially as only one person from the club was on hand on Friday. This needs to be raised with clubs in the future.</p>	<p>SB/PE to liaise with Clare Sargent</p>