

RS300 2014 AGM - Prestwick Sailing Club Sat 16th August 2014

Chairs: Steve Bolland & Pete Ellis

Attendees: Ian Teasdale (Builders Rep), RS300 class members (35 National's attendees: Dave Acres, Andy Bayliss, Neil Beveridge, Steve Bolland, Alasdair Cattanach, Malcolm Downie, Pete Ellis, Alan Henderson, Mark Henman, Ian Hopkins, Duncan Jenkins, Matt Jenkins, Tim Keen, Richard LeMare, David McCardel, Alistair McLaughlin, Harry McVicar, Peter Mackin, Tom Moore, Mark Newton, Jonathan Osgood, Luke Pepper, Eamonn Rankin, Ian Ross, Paul Rigg, Steve Sallis, Matt Sargent, Alan Sinclair, Dave Sinclair, Dan Skinner, Mark Taylor, Dan Treloar, Joe Watkins, Thomas Whitehead, John Wilson)

Agenda:

- 1. Election of Class Reps
- 2. Fleet Communication: Currently fast news, yahoo and Facebook.
- 3. Review of 2014 season
- 4. Preview of 2015 calendar incl Europeans and Coaching
- 5. New Builder
- 6. Dinghy Show
- 7. AOB
- 1 Pete and Steve happy to carry on with class rep position for another year. All agreed.
- Point made by Pete that Forum looks like it is not used to the outside world. Facebook group used much more than the other mediums. Some people have not used the Yahoo group. It is being used less now as Facebook is being used more. Social Media working well for the class for informal communications, one or two members not on Facebook and refuse to join. Posts onto Yachtandyachting.com etc should have a link to the various websites, RS & Facebook. Posts on the RS Association website are getting better since Clare took over.
 - Action to RS Forum should be removed from the website.
- 3 All events this year have gained momentum and attendance has increased.
 - Action Think about Northerns in the calendar for including Scotland
- 4 Show of hands for Carnac was positive. People keen to know costs.

 Action for Prestwick to look at dates for Scottish event, possibly over a bank holiday to make travelling more appealing.
 - Idea floated to allow average points for coaching, for example if Steve provides coaching during an event he would be given average points for the series.
- 5 BY@B to drop price from £7995 to £6995 per new boat.
 - BY@B are keen to get a batch of boats built this year.
 - Ian Teasdale keen to make some minor changes to the build of the boat to improve upon it. Rich LeMare, Dave Acres & Matt Sargent to liaise with Ian about the new changes as a technical committee.
 - Rich LeMare to be the technical liaison for design changes etc. It was agreed at the meeting that the appointed technical committee will have authority to agree changes with BY@B that improved on construction techniques and durability etc.
- Dinghy show was a great turnout but not a great success from membership or event turnouts. More volunteers will be required for next year to lessen the burden on Pete and Steve.

 Volunteers Luke Pepper to prepare an updated promo video. Dan Skinner & Tim Keen to organise 2015 t-shirts/hoodies keeping costs in mind. To be decided if it's a 2015 tour or 2015 nationals specific.
- 7 AOB Thanks to Pete and Steve for their organisation this year.