

2017 RS300 CLASS AGM

Apologies: Pete Ellis

1. **Election of Chairs.** Richard Le Mare and Alastair Wood were re-elected as Co-Chairs. Both stressed that they felt that this was a two year term appointment.
2. **Communications.** No requirement to change current communications media. Promotion of the Class was also discussed: the appointment of a Communications representative having been unsuccessful it was felt that the best way forward was for all RS300 sailors and clubs to actively share activity and content, including links to, for example, Club websites. The use of WhatsApp had been successful at the Nationals and could be used again. It was recommended that mobile phone numbers were collected as part of entry data in order to enable this.
3. **Review of 2017.** Too much focus in the South (but predominately a Scottish/Northern view and recognised that this is in part addressed in the 2018 programme). Also too long a gap between the Southern and the Nationals without an event.
4. **2018 Programme.** 2018 programme accepted. Bowmoor SC Springs to move to 10-11 March 2018. Steve Bolland to approach BCYC for Slalom event. This cannot be confirmed until the RS200 calendar is published because RS200 sailors from BCYC will run the event. Medway preferred as a venue to Alton. Preferred dates 14-15 July 2018.
5. **Carnac.** RS300s can take part in RS event at Carnac if sufficient numbers (unspecified) commit. The Class requested until end September to finalise numbers. There was no opposition to providing a deposit if this is required.
6. **Nationals 2019.** East Coast to be considered. Suggestions included Thorpe Bay, Snettisham and Huntstanton (latter no longer viable). Filey also considered. The need to avoid Springs was noted, in order that there is a beach for boat storage. Perhaps consider ELYC from 2020 onwards?
7. **Nationals Format.** Continue with a 4 day Championship. Consideration to be given to a 'focus race' on the Saturday, with a longer duration and a special trophy. Saturday is the preferred day (in a Thurs-Sun Nationals). Also recommended that weekend racing is scored separately, in parallel, akin to this year's Scottish Championships. This may encourage weekend attendance.
8. **Builder.** Spares turn around much improved – 24 hours in some cases. SuperSpars can now match top and bottom sections of masts. A replacement mast had been provided within 2 weeks. Some boom jaws are still too tight. Richard le Mare to raise with BYatB. A build slot will be available in Dec 2017/Jan 2018.
9. **Demonstration Boat.** Robert Redman has offered to gift the CA his boat. Richard Le Mare will look after the boat, and will also write to Robert with the thanks of the Class. Chairs, Matt Sargent and Clare Sargent to devise and deliver publicity drive (linked to Dinghy Show) to maximise impact. Clare Sargent to approach Noble Marine Insurance for appropriate (sponsored) discount and the RS Class Association for funding. All active RS300 sailors need to support with spares as required.
10. **Dinghy Show.** Due to the cost the RS300 Class decided not to attend the Dinghy Show 2018. There was some concern that the Class might be considered 'dead'. However this is to be mitigated by an active media profile explaining that the Class is conducting alternative activity using the resources. Matt Sargent offered a training and racing event at the Army Inshore Sail Training Centre on either the Dinghy

Show weekend or an alternative date. Initially the preference was to run the event on the Dinghy Show weekend but the proximity of the (moved) Spring Champs was considered a potential issue. It was also suggested that Bowmoor might be an alternative venue. Matt Sargent will provide a more detailed proposal for the AISTC option.

11. **Thank yous.** To Clare Sargent for her continued excellent support. To RS Sailing for supporting RS300 at the Show for the first two years of BYatB building.

Minutes taken by Matt Sargent