

RS300 2020 AGM Minutes

Wed 2 Dec 20

Online via Zoom

Chair: Paul Watson

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Nil	
2	<u>Present:</u> Glyn, Dave Acres, Chris Arnell, Declan Clamp, Graham Cooper, James Cowlshaw, Peter Curtis, Sam Davy, Clive Everest, Rob Ford, Thomas Goodman, Ben Heppenstall, Mark Henman, Richard le Mare, Peter Mackin, Chris Massey, Gary Morris, Mark Newton, Steve Sallis, Matt Sargent, Paul Watson, Alastair Wood, Cheryl Wood.	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Chair Paul Watson (PW) warmly welcomed everyone.	
4	<u>Matters arising from 2019 minutes:</u> Richard le Mare proposed to accept the minutes. Ben Heppenstall seconded. Carried.	
5	<u>Committee:</u> a. Chair: Paul Watson offered to stand for one more year. Alastair Wood proposed. Dave Acres seconded. Carried. b. Technical Rep: Richard le Mare (RLM) offered to stand for one more year. Peter Mackin proposed. Ben Heppenstall seconded. Carried. c. Dave Acres offered to stand for one more year. Name of role to be changed from training rep to committee member to reflect broad role Dave takes. Paul Watson proposed Dave and role name change. Richard le Mare seconded. Carried. <u>Afternote:</u> RS300 website contact list amended with new role name.	
6	<u>Fleet communication:</u> Members content with current comms: website, fast news and facebook. Best communication is members meeting at events and chatting there. Event WhatsApp is good but need to be careful not to miss anybody out. CS to speak to clubs to add WhatsApp to club info request.	CS
7	<u>Class promotion and how to grow the class, 2021 t-shirt, demo boat:</u> a. Jonathan Adams (non-member) has looked after the boat in 2020. The aim will be to take the boat to an event to get a new sailor to race in it. The boat will then be left at the club after the event before being taken to the next event. The demo boat does not have a road base. PW will examine how this plan and the logistics can be put into action. When a plan is formed a button can be put on the website. Click the button and an email window appears to contact the demo boat organiser to book. Suggested fee of £15 to use boat at an event. Peter Mackin raised branding of the demo boat so that it raises awareness of its availability and promotes the class, especially at handicap events. The floor supported this idea. First event Whitefriars SC 13-14 March 2021. PW will work with Clare Sargent (CS) to put this plan into action. A column can be added onto the RS300 website event calendar to show the demo boat's location. b. Richard le Mare is investigating RS300 hoody and t-shirt. He will put a poll out on facebook. c. Supply of second-hand boats: Please look in the dinghy park and encourage those not using their boats to use or sell them. d. Boat register: Peter Mackin noted that the website club register was not working. <u>Afternote:</u> Peter sent CS a screen shot of the error message. Webmaster Chunky has corrected the error. CS will contact members asking them to update the boat register and the club register.	PW, CS, Peter Mackin RLM All CS

	<p>e. Membership: CS explained how 2020 had been a tough year for the RS Class Association. Many sailors had not renewed their membership during the pandemic. RS300 membership down by 17 sailors. Members were asked to renew promptly and spread the word to ask their friends to join up. Volvo has announced that it is pulling out of sailing sponsorship. Any sponsor suggestions will be gratefully accepted. The continued support of Noble Marine and Rooster as sponsors is greatly appreciated. Members were asked to vote in the RS Class Association membership vote on whether crews had to be members.</p>	
8	<p><u>Review of 2020 season:</u></p> <p>a. 2020 not as expected. All very happy to get RS300 sailing in at Paignton and Burghfield. Thank you to the clubs for hosting in such difficult times.</p> <p>b. The Paignton format of five shorter races, each 25-30 mins, went down very well with the members. Whitefriars will investigate this format for their open.</p>	
9	<p><u>Preview of 2021 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. 2021 events up on website event calendar here: https://www.rs300.org/index.asp?Fleet=RS300&selection=Events 13-14 March: Whitefriars SC Open 24-25 April: RS Sprints at Rutland SC 8-9 May: POSH at Paignton SC 29-30 May: Inland Championship at Pennine SC 26-27 June: RS Summer Regatta at Royal Torbay YC 3-4 July: Weymouth Dinghy Regatta at Castle Cove SC – members voted for this over Lymington Regatta by an online poll during the AGM, <u>Afternote:</u> added to calendar 9-12 Sept: Noble Marine National Championship at Brixham YC 2-3 Oct: Stokes Bay SC Open 6-7 Nov: RS End of Seasons Regatta at Rutland SC The above events will form the RS300 Rooster National Tour with five to count.</p> <p>b. RYA looking to run online Dinghy Show in early March. Peter Mackin and PW offered to help. No information available yet.</p> <p>c. Members to contact PW and CS with ideas for Northern events. Perhaps big Northern handicap events eg Lord Birkett, Filey Regatta. Thomas Goodman to investigate. Clashes with RS300 calendar events to be avoided. Thomas to send information to CS about Northern and Scottish single hander series.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CS, Peter Mackin, PW Thomas Goodman, CS</p>
10	<p><u>Builder/Technical:</u></p> <p>a. Don't worry. Boat Yard at Beer has gone into liquidation (builder and spares supplier). They will relaunch. Kevin Driver still wants to build RS300s. One off build RS300s will cost more, around £10,000. There will be no price benefit from economies of scale of building more than one boat at a time. The moulds and the building rights are still owned by RS Sailing. The plug location is known. A call out to the class was made to order new boats.</p> <p>b. There is concern about the BYatBeer website not enabling click and buy for spares.</p> <p>c. There is a big problem with availability of masts, spares and sails. Superspars make the masts. The mandrell is with CST in New Zealand. The carbon tube is shipped by sea freight. Superspars turn the tube into the mast. Perhaps the mandrell could be shipped to UK for full manufacture here? Members were asked would they be prepared to look at building a new mast locally even if it was slightly different. The fleet would need to believe that the new mast is the same without performance enhancement. The online poll result was 99% yes. Options need to be explored to copy the RS300 mast and build locally. RLM offered to talk to Superspars and CST. <u>Afternote:</u> RLM action on hold while RS Sailing explore the issue of RS300 masts.</p> <p>d. Sails are ordered from Hyde by BYatBeer.</p> <p>e. Booms are made by Selden.</p>	

	f. CS will keep the RS300 Class Association up to date about progress in the BYatBeer situation.	CS
	g. RLM is making T foils available to buy. The T foil will be discussed at the 2021 AGM. Please note the T foil is not currently class legal and therefore cannot be used at RS Class Association events. The RS Class Association rule change procedure could be used to make the T foil class legal.	CS
11	<u>AOB:</u> a. James Cowlshaw offered to help with BYatBeer website if needed. b. It was noted that BYatBeer would not be able to help fund RS300 at Dinghy Show. Suggestion to offer a good looking RS300 to a rope manufacturer for stand display. Perhaps run a stand with the RS600 fleet. Perhaps set-up an RS300 lottery/100 club to raise funds for RS300 Dinghy Show.	All
12	<u>Date of next meeting:</u> At 2021 Nationals 9-12 Sept 2021 at Brixham YC.	All

Clare Sargent

RS300 Class Association Secretary