

## **RS300 AGM 2021**

### Attendees:

Mark Newton, Chris Brook, Peter Mackin (PM), Sam Davy, Martin Harrison, Harry McVicar, Dave Acres, Rob Ford, Cheryl Wood (CW), Steve Sallis, Richard LeMare (RLM), Tom Moore, Ben Heppenstall (BH), Alastair Wood (AW), Steve Bolland (SB), Paul Watson (PW – Chair)

1. Welcome – PW welcomes and thanks fleet for attending
2. Apologies – none
3. Matter Arising From 2020 – Minutes were signed off. Matter arising was to discuss T-Foil which is covered in AOB
4. Election of Committee – Peter Mackin kindly agreed to take on the role as fleet Chair – This was approved by all in attendance. BH has stepped in as a committee member alongside RLM who continues as Tech Rep and PW who has agreed to remain on the committee to help with the builder transition. PW thanked for his time as Chair and Dave Acres thanked for his many years of service on the committee
5. Chair's Report (PW)– Despite a difficult couple of years in terms of organising any events the fleet appears to be in a good place. New members and owners are active on the Class facebook page and a few new faces have been turning up at events. The key focus now will be putting together a strong series for 2022 and encouraging as much participation as possible through both the Class Association Facebook group, emails, as well as encouraging those who currently only sail at their home clubs to try attending events. Coaching (covered below) may be an important part of this and the fleet will be looking to do as much as it can to continue to encourage new members.
6. Builder's Rep Report – RLM was joined by Jim Hood (JNR) from RS to update the fleet about the ongoing discussion to secure a reliable builder for future boats and supply of spare parts.  
JNR and his team have produced exploded diagrams and images of the boat/boat parts to add to RS website to allow people to find and purchase spare parts – This was due to go live by end of September but seems to have slipped  
Once priced up (Price still unavailable) the boat will go back on RS website and will be marketed through them alongside their other classes  
The mould is still being stored safely with Kevin (BYAB) and will move onto new builder when new boats are requested by customers  
Masts will continue to be supplied by SuperSpars. They currently have stock and intend on holding stock going forward  
Sails – being back in the RS fold allows us to be part of the yearly pre-order deals. Supply should be available throughout the year but better deals available if pre-ordered when advertised  
SB expressed thanks to RS for taking the class back under its wing  
RLM and PW to continue to work alongside JNR to ensure the class 'goes live' on the RS store and website in a timely manner

## 7. 2022 Events

2-3 April – RS Sprints – Rutland

3-6 June – Eurocup – Carnac

23-26 July – Nationals – WPNSA as part of RS games

Other events tbc:Hykeham, Draycote, Stewartby and Whitefriars all suggested – PM and committee to chase and confirm

Suggestion to share some events with other classes mooted. Fleet keen if it allows access to better sailing locations.

Reintroduction of Scottish champs to encourage participation further North

8. Sponsorship – Overall series sponsor for 2022 was in the late stages of being confirmed so not reported  
Fleet were asked if they knew of anyone/business who could be interested in sponsoring an event, a series, a race at nationals or the Class Demo Boat to please get in touch
9. Demo Boat and Class Promotion – Fleet expressed thanks to Cheryl Wood and Tom Moore for putting in their time and effort in upgrading and repairing the demo boat over the course of the season. It is now ready to be used for the upcoming events. Where possible the boat will be transported between events in 2022 to allow maximum exposure
10. Coaching – With a number of new sailors in the fleet interest was expressed in running some training events alongside opens in 2022.  
Those in attendance preferred the option of a more informal sailor-led training as opposed to coach-led and to be run alongside some of the 2022 events – either the day before or morning/afternoon training racing split.  
Committee to look into dates and options when putting 2022 calendar together
11. AOB – RLM presented his T-Foil design – A bolt on T-foil sleeve that fit over existing rudder blade. RLM has been testing in various conditions since 2020  
Pros – Makes the boat more stable and therefore easier to sail in windy conditions and should allow lighter sailors to broaden the weather conditions that they can comfortably sail in  
Cons – Significant design change would mean that not all boats are identical  
AW has already been using the design at his club and is pleased with the outcome and has allowed him to sail when he previously may not have done.  
CW expressed concern that this is just doing what the A Rig should already do and wasn't sure it was the right direction for the class  
Fleet was asked to vote on a temporary rule change 'to allow the foil design to be tested while racing at club and class level at Non-Championship events' – The fleet voted unanimously in favour.