



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

MINUTES

Meeting on Sunday 5th January 2020 at 11.00 am in Burnham Overy Village Hall.
Chaired by Commodore Andy Turner

Attendance: Paul Beachell, Peter Beck, Jerry Clark, Nina Plumbe, George Parry, Alex Smith, Rodney Tidd, Alex Scoles, Paul Goakes, Andrew Storer, Camilla Warner, Richard Warner, Ben Goakes, Jane Heath, Ashley Deakin.

1 Apologies for absence

Committee members: Lucy Deakin, Malcolm Morley

Members: Robin Anderson, Philip Beddows, Rachel & Toby Campbell-Gray, Jennie, Bernard & Ellie Clark, Julie Carroll, Simon & Caroline Dawes, Gemma & Calum Dow, Tom Fremantle, Elizabeth Goakes, Tara Douglas-Home, Sam Mason, Sally Smith, Ruth McEwen, Wendy Pritchard, William Scoles, Charlie Smith, Sam Smith, Peter & Moira Smith, Jacqueline & Eliot Woolf.

2 Minutes of AGM on 6th January 2019

The minutes were approved, with no matters arising.

Approval proposed by Paul Goakes; seconded by Paul Beachell

3.1 Commodore & Sailing Secretary's Report [Andy Turner]

Party

Andy congratulated all the volunteers involved in organising, preparing and bringing food contributions which ensured another successful Party and Prize-giving.

Committee

He thanked the members of the Committee, which had met twice during the year, for their input to running the Club and delivering its programme.

Sailing Programme 2019

Andy highlighted the achievements of Club members who had competed internationally during the year, including Ellie Clark and Alex Scoles, while Mollie Sacker continued her Olympic training as a member of the U21 Laser Radial squad. Malcolm Morley took his Europe to the European Championships in Holland and Alex Smith with Paul Beachell competed in the Sharpie Europeans.

From his analysis of participation at clubs along the N Norfolk coast, Andy observed that OSSC has twice as many active racing members as any other club.

North West Norfolk Week racing for all fleets was held at Overy in August. The Club put on Open Meetings for Sharpies, OKs, Lasers, Europes, Mirrors, wooden clinker-built boats and simulated clinkers [Cockles, Urchins etc]. The Regatta saw four days' racing in force 3-4 winds giving exceptionally good conditions, although entry numbers were less than usual. Of Club fixtures, the Adult & Child race was the only one cancelled.

At the end of the season the Committee decided to re-allocate two race trophies. The Drayton

Trophy would in future be awarded for the simulated clinkers race; and the Mucklow Trophy, up to now awarded for GPs in the Regatta, would instead be allocated to a new regular Club race ie open to all classes. [Philip Mucklow had died last year and the change has been made with the agreement of his family.]

Of the two dinghies owned by the Club, the Europe has been well used, with three Europes being bought by members as a result of the 'taster' sails. Conversely, the Solo was used only once so the decision was made to offer it for sale and return any proceeds to Peter Holt's wife [who donated the boat after Peter's death].

Following discussion at the last AGM about offering 'on the water' experience for Burnham Market Primary School, Andy reported contact with the Wells Harbour Maritime Trust. The Trust encourages young people to engage in maritime activities, including running "Fun on the Water" Days for primary school students, with kayaking and sailing. In terms of dinghy sailing for young people, Snettisham SC has good training courses using its inshore lake.

Andy finished by encouraging everyone to look at the 2020 Fixtures list on the website and sign up for race duties.

Adoption of the report proposed by Camilla Warner; seconded by Alex Scoles

3.2 Treasurer's Report [Ashley Deakin]

OSSC & Regatta: Income & Expenditure Accounts 2019 [already circulated with AGM Agenda]

Ashley reported the Club's finances to be in good health. He acknowledged the efforts of the Membership Secretary maintaining the strong level of receipts from member subscriptions. There was no need to recommend any change in the membership fee.

Social events – the Party and BBQ – return a small profit thereby ensuring there is no additional cost to members.

The order [in 2018] for Club clothing had been a large expense while sales during the year had been low, as reflected in the income. Some items had in addition been given away as prizes.

Nod Race entries last season raised £131 sent as a donation to the Jubilee Sailing Trust.

There had been a one-off cost this year for gaining RYA certification as a training centre.

Expenditure on prizes, always a significant item, provides distinctive memorabilia in return for winning efforts.

The Club's bank balance of £17,000 gives it a sound footing and the potential to consider something special to mark its centenary year coming up in 2025!

Approval of the accounts proposed by Paul Beachell; seconded by George Parry

3.3 Membership & RYA Training Centre Report [Ben Goakes]

Membership

Currently we have 222 paid up members on the database, slightly up on last year. 20 people have joined, 18 have left. Of the paid-up members, 70% are adults and 30% are juniors. Roughly 62% of adults are male and 38% female; at the junior end it's 55% male and 45% female. Extracting money from some members can be time consuming! With the reduction in banking facilities it is a chore to bank cheques and cash, so please pay by electronic means where possible. This year I will be issuing a bill of what your subs should be, based on the information I hold, hopefully this will make things easier. Due to the GDPR regulations if you don't re-join, you are removed from the database. This has caused a couple of people issues this year! Thank you to those who filled in the membership form in 2019. Now we have the

data you won't need to do it this year. Those that didn't fill one in in 2019 will need to this year. Please make sure you keep your email address current as this is the primary method of contact. Please join the people you sail with to the Club. They are not eligible to be involved in events if they are not members. Is £15 really very much for 40 events per year? Even if you deduct the children's races and open meetings its still only 50p per race!

RYA Training Centre

2019 saw the Sailing Club become registered as an RYA training centre for the first time. Once the Inspector had visited at Easter, we were given a further list of action points to complete before the recognition was approved, which effectively meant we were not operational until August. Due to the short season length, one person has been trained thus far. We are now up to standard so we can maintain our recognition going forward, hopefully with the minimum of cost. Thus far we have spent £400 on the inspection and a further £300 on upgrading safety boat equipment to meet the RYA's training standards. The plan is to train and accredit the regular drivers first, then train interested members. The course potentially takes up to 4 days, depending on previous experience, and costs £100 per person (to complete the course commercially would cost in excess of £300 per person). This is to cover operating costs and is not profit making. The first course will be after the Easter bank holiday weekend and likely candidates will be contacted.

Adoption of the report proposed by Jerry Clark; seconded by Nina Plumbe

3.5 Boatswain's Report [Paul Goakes]

Safety Boat

The Safety Boat is generally in good order. Last year we replaced the worn-out control cables to ensure the boat can be controlled safely. We sent it for service to Snellings at Brancaster at the end of the season, and it is now ready for 2020, currently at Windward in winter storage. The Club is most fortunate to have benevolent Landlords to store the boat both during the sailing season and over the winter, which increases its security and longevity.

We looked into replacing the fixed radio, but, after much consultation and consideration, it has been decided to use the hand-held radios, which appear to meet our needs at the current time.

Andy Turner has, as usual, refurbished the racing marks.

Race Duties

We lost two of our stalwart Safety Boat helms, Clive Sherwood and Peter Squire, from the Club at the end of 2018, so there was a big gap to fill in 2019.

Every adult should do at least 2, preferably 3 duties during the year. With 160 adult members, 40 events per year with 4 duties per event, we have 160 duties, one each! This helps spread the load and means that everyone can get on the water and sail, rather than it being left up to a few people to do most of the work. We all come to enjoy ourselves and it shouldn't be a chore for the few to keep the basics of the Club running.

Please sign up on the Website for Safety Boat and Race Officer Duties - some have already done so!

Buoyancy

Please ensure that both your boat and personal buoyancy is in good order and correctly fitted. We do now have the equipment to test buoyancy aids so please make sure that yours is up to scratch.

Questions: Ashley Deakin suggested using paid Safety Boat drivers [as done at Brancaster SSC], eg for the Regatta or during August. Andy Turner said ideally we would have a second Safety Boat at busy times. Club members with displacement boats could offer these in a support role [cf Maggie May].

Camilla Warner asked if the Club would bear liability for accidents in races when there is no Safety Boat cover? It was replied that the individual sailor always bears responsibility for their own safety and their own insurance; and that the Club's insurance protected it against possible damage/injury caused by the Club.

Rodney Tidd asked about sea-worthiness inspections and the state of individual boats in the racing fleet. Paul Goakes replied that he thought this had generally improved.

Adoption of the report proposed by Alex Smith; seconded by Camilla Warner

4 Election of Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Committee

The Commodore stated that no new nominations had been received; and that the existing flag officers and all current Committee members were willing to stand for re-election.

He therefore invited the meeting to vote to re-elect the existing officers and Committee members en bloc.

Adoption of this procedure was proposed by Alex Smith; seconded by Jerry Clark

Accordingly, on a show of hands, the officers and Committee members as listed below were elected unopposed.

*Commodore Andy Turner
Vice-Commodore Ben Goakes*

Committee members

*Peter Beck
Ashley Deakin
Paul Goakes
Jane Heath
Lucy Lamont*

*Malcolm Morley
Alex Scoles
Rodney Tidd
Camilla Warner*

5. Any Other Business

Training Course for Race Officers: Nina Plumbe drew attention to a short [2 hour] course offered by Brancaster Staithe SC on Feb 15. It was agreed to send a targeted email to encourage attendance by members with appropriate experience or potential.

Racing marks: Rodney Tidd referred to the proposal for a new racing mark for clearance of the sandbank off the north end of the Cockle Path. Andy confirmed he planned to purchase three new marks shortly at a Boat Jumble, one of which would become racing Buoy G.

Committee boat starts: Andy Turner said he would like to see more committee boat starts, but this requires more people with the relevant skills eg to set a windward line. There are suitable boats of varying size that can be used for sea or harbour. It was added that with the introduction of a two-race format on some Club race days, a committee boat for starts and finishes would work much better than reliance on the regular fixed line.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.40.

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