

MINUTES OF THE YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION
HELD ON SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT POOLE YACHT CLUB

Present

Peter Hewitt, Sally Hewitt, John Lokier, Phil Lokier, Bob Davis, Kath Davis, Tim Parkinson, Alastair Seaton, Geoff Honey, and Peter Drake.

1. **Apologies**

David McFarlane, Julie Drake, and Paul Winterflood.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 14/2/15**

The minutes from the previous meeting had been distributed to all present.

3. **Matters Arising**

The following items from the minutes were discussed.

TP asked if the results from the Survey had been published on the website and if there was any action that was required. KD confirmed the results are on the website and **JL agreed to review the report to check that any outstanding suggestions/recommendations are followed up.** The committee discussed one of the suggestions, i.e. the number of races held during Dayboat Week. Where the survey indicated that there should be more races, the committee understands that this refers to more races on fewer days, and since the committee have already ruled out fewer days, the concept of more races on fewer days will not be applied. The committee agreed that there may be opportunities to add, perhaps one extra race to the present format but that this would be reviewed prior to each future Dayboat Week.

JL advised there were other matters arising that would be discussed later during the present meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

BD distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report to all present and advised it had been a good year. There was another new boat in the process of being built. Taking everything into account, the projected total income to 31st December 2015 is £2,938, the projected total expenditure is £3,823, leaving a year end bank balance of £3,589. The committee had repaid 3 of the outstanding loans but had incurred unforeseen expenses due to the moving of the boat moulds. Brixham YC require £650 to secure our Dayboat Week being held there in 2016 but it is officially an expense for that year and not this year. The committee are in a position to repay the 3 remaining loans in January 2016 but BD feels it is necessary to try to keep some funds available for any more unforeseen expenses we may incur, so asked if the committee was happy to just repay 2 loans. After some discussion it was agreed to repay only 2 loans and the loan numbers to be repaid are 1 and 8. GH asked if it was possible for us to Gift Aid these loans. **This will be investigated by BD for future reference.**

5. **Alexandra Palace Dinghy Show 5th and 6th March 2016**

JL advised that the organisers of the show have requested our application to attend the show again next year and that it has been duly sent. There followed a lengthy discussion as to whether we continue to attend the show due to the costs we incurred each year and the fact that we no longer have a boat builder. It was decided unanimously that we continue to attend as it is the one and only time we get to advertise the boat and speak to the general public with the boat present. James Hewitt will be showing his new boat on behalf of the Association at the show.

PD asked how we could promote the Dayboat as a good family boat and KD advised that the show displays include family and cruising photographs. GH advised there is a QR "App" on mobile telephones that could take people straight into the Dayboat's official Website. **TP agreed to look into QR to see if it is something we could make use of, particularly at the show.**

It was agreed that the committee would hold a "Try a Dayboat" event early in the Spring of 2016 and **PL will contact Poole Yacht Club** to find out what date they are holding their "Try a Dinghy" event to see if we can incorporate the two events.

PD advised that he would ask some Parkstone YC Dolphin friends to come along and try a Dayboat. AS suggested that we could have the list of Dayboats available for sale at the show. TP suggested that we advertise the fact that if anyone wanted to try a Dayboat and was unable to attend the official "Try a Dayboat", that they could come along on another date.

6. Review of Dayboat Week 2015 – Salcombe

DM had sent his comments to JL advising that he felt the Race Management at Salcombe could have been better organised. Communications between the Race Officers and competitors was poor in relation to length of time the races were set for. It was generally felt that the fleet needs a representative to liaise with the Race Officers on a daily basis before and after we sail each race. BD advised all present that this was a welcome stipulation from Brixham YC.

DM had volunteered to be a fleet representative at Brixham and it was agreed that there should be 2 members representing the fleet and **PH agreed to be the other representative.**

PH advised that it was generally felt that organising Dayboat Week outside of the school holidays had been successful, as it was felt there was less pressure launching and recovering boats, the storage of trailers, and accommodation was cheaper. The timing of Dayboat week will be reviewed annually.

7. Future Dayboat Weeks

A) 2016

As a result of DM suggesting we try Brixham YC and his initial contact with the club, PL and JL had visited the club to see if they would be able to accommodate us in 2016. JL spoke to Laura (Sailing Secretary at the club) who advised it would be possible and gave us a few suggested dates. It was agreed that the dates would be 6-11th August 2016. PH and SH visited Brixham in August 2015 to see how the GP 14 nationals were getting on in but they unfortunately had a "Lay Day" and there was no one available to chat to.

JL, PL, PH, SH, BD and KD had visited Brixham YC at the end of October 2015 to discuss the racing and social events for the week. Discussions were held regarding where we would go for the long distance race as it would be a long race over to Torquay. It was felt overall that we would have a good week at Brixham and the club are well able to cater for our requirements.

JL went through the Provisional Sailing/Social Programme and the following items were agreed.

- Brixham Yacht Club would be able to moor 18 boats on the pontoons but have available space in their car parks for "Dry Sailing" with a team of people who will assist with launching and recovering the boats before and after sailing. There may also be moorings available on unused club moorings.
- Saturday reception/registration evening - the club are providing a 'substantial' finger buffet. There is also food available from their normal menu if required.
- Sunday there will be two races held (one points race and the Opportunity Race) with lunch in between. The club is closed on Sunday evening so we have a "free" night.
- The meeting discussed DM's suggestion as to whether the Long Distance Race should be held or whether there should be a "free day". The meeting agreed that the Long Distance Race should be held and that as it was an optional race (not a points race), those who wanted a "free day" need not sail. Discussion was held about the destination for the Long Distance race as the only plausible place to race to would be Torquay. **JL and PH will investigate the possibility of sailing to Torquay and mooring in the marina.**
- It was discussed as to whether we incorporate another points race into the programme as we have a spare trophy. TP suggested we have the extra race on Wednesday after the 4th Points race, and that it be a "one-off" race (i.e. not a points race) for the spare trophy. If the majority of sailors take part, the committee will then have an idea as to whether we should include it every year. It was agreed to include the extra race which would be sailed back to back. The additional race is subject to all the other 5 points races being held, if one points race is cancelled, it can be re-scheduled in place of the additional race.

- SH mentioned that it must be made clear to competitors and their families and friends, that they **MUST** order and pay for any extra meals (outside of the meals paid for in their entry), directly to the club over the counter.
- It was agreed after discussion that we would have our own sing song on Wednesday evening at the club and not pay £150 for a “Sea Shanties” group.
- JL advised that we may have to pull all of the boats out on Thursday following the last points race. **PL and JL to ask the club to confirm that they have space for the boats to be kept overnight.**
- It was also confirmed that the club have a car park at the cricket club where we can store our trailers for a cost of £10 for the week.
- The meeting agreed that it is likely that there will be over 25 boats at Brixham and after reviewing the costs with BD the committee agreed to keep the entry fee the same as last year at £210.
- Brixham YC will send Notice of Race. **JL will chase.**

B) 2017

- JL and PL visited Cardiff Bay SC who made them feel very welcome and would have been more than pleased to host the venue but unfortunately there is no accommodation within walking distance.
- PL advised that she had received an email from the Mount Batten Centre in Plymouth inviting the fleet to take part in their Annual Dinghy Event on 2/3 July 2016 in Plymouth Sound, but as it is only a 2 day event, it is not acceptable.
- GH had suggested Royal Harwich SC but again accommodation is difficult.
- JL advised he had been checking web sites and that Fishguard SC was still active. After discussion it was agreed that **PL should write to Fishguard SC, Castle Cove, Exmouth, and St Mawes** to ask if we could visit them in the forthcoming months.
- **BD will contact Fowey SC.**
- TP asked if it was time we revisited Poole YC as it was a few years since we had held Dayboat Week at Poole. It was discussed at length bearing in mind the views of most Poole YC members that it was not felt as if it was a holiday if held at home. The club’s activities still carry on and we as a fleet have to arrange all the staff required to hold the event. **PD proposed and the meeting agreed that PD, JL and PL should meet representatives of PYC to discuss the possibilities of holding a Dayboat Week in Poole.** Comments from the 3 members of the committee who were not Poole members were noted.
 - AS advised that even though he had sailed at Poole in Open events twice, and that the facilities were good, he recognised why Poole members had reservations.
 - TP advised he was happy to come to Poole as he enjoyed sailing in big fleets and the facilities were excellent.
 - GH advised he was prepared to try Poole YC again but he felt it was an unfriendly club.

8. Mould Status and Storage

JL advised the committee that the cost of keeping the moulds is increasingly difficult for Chris Somner, who has been keeping them in a special container which is proving expensive. As a result JL was asked to arrange the removal of the Moulds as soon as possible. Chris also advised JL that he did not want to build another individual boat and wanted minimum orders for 5 boats if he was to continue as the boat builder for Dayboats. As this is most unlikely the committee was left with no alternative but to move them as requested. A team was pulled together and they have successfully been transported to the Naked Cross Nurseries in Corfe Mullen where they will be stored under

cover. The Polytunnel is vented so will be safe to store the moulds during the summer months also. The cost to move the moulds was £140.

A big vote of thanks was expressed by the committee to those members who helped with the move.

AS advised that Paul Dewing who is a DB member, is a boat builder who may be interested in becoming the new builder. It was suggested that an unofficial chat was probably the best next step.

PH also mentioned that he had spoken to Steve Creasey who used to work for Chris Somner and that he may well be interested.

It was agreed that we need to inform the Dayboat Membership of the move of the Moulds and that we no longer have a boat builder. This item will be included in the next issue of Dayboat Notes in December 2015.

Next Mailshot

The next issue of Dayboat Notes is scheduled to be sent out at the end of December early January together with Notice of Race for Dayboat Week 2016 and annual subscriptions. **KD needs copies of any articles before the end of November.** All clubs are welcome to submit articles.

AOB

GH advised date for Gravesend Open as 23/24th July 2016

AS advised date for Boshum Open as 2nd July 2016

JL advised date for Poole Open as 11/12th June 2016

TP trying to resurrect Thornbury Open and will advise.

TP advised that the Dayboat Database may not be available if you have an IPAD and he needed £50 to purchase the software to alleviate the problem. **TP to confirm that a problem exists.**

PH advised that DM has bought a new Selden Rig and that a change to the rules may be required to accommodate this type of rig. **PH to advise.**

TP advised that he has not yet updated the rules/regulations on the website to incorporate changes. **KD to liaise with TP on rule changes since the last handbook publication.**

AS asked if we were promoting the class in the right way by always using a new boat at the Alexandra Palace Dinghy Show. PH responded by saying that if a second hand boat is displayed, in his opinion, people will walk straight past without even giving the boat a second glance. A new boat will be displayed in 2016.

PL informed the meeting that a card of thanks has been received from David Rouse for the flowers that the committee sent to David for his late wife Patricia.

Date of Next Meeting

The time and date of the next Committee meeting will be arranged by email in the coming months. The next meeting will be held before the Alexandra Palace Dinghy Show in early March 2016.