

# YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION

## VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 11.00am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Via Zoom link

### Minutes

#### Attended virtually by

Dave Allen, Julie Bowden, Bob Davis, Kath Davis, Pete Hewitt, Geoff Honey, David Macfarlane, Alastair Seaton, Tim Wilcock, Annette Wilson, Steve Wilson

#### Action

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Mark Ross – was due to attend as website representative but was unavailable.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

Approved

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Cost of fit out for a new boat - PH /DM agreed that it is very difficult to provide accurate figures as the cost is very dependent on the fit out chosen.

Avon Sailing Club - DM noted that Simon Bullingham is trying to arrange an open meeting at Avon Sailing club for 2022.

**4. Treasurer's Report .**

Financial position

Draft accounts for 2021 follow, with corresponding figures for 2020. This is the position at 16 November but no significant further income or expenditure is likely before the end of the financial year (31 December).

Notes/comments

- a) Subscription income was slightly down, as a result of a fall in membership (see below). Income from Race Certificates (£5 per boat) was only marginally lower than 2020.
- b) As presented, there was a loss on Dayboat Week of £141. A loss was expected because of the low entry numbers although this was less than anticipated because of a generous cost reduction by RCYC and lower Association costs. However, members donated a total of £410 after the event by not taking all or part of the refunds offered because the scheduled meals at the Club were cancelled. These donations are shown in the 'Donations' row in the accounts and clearly more than offset the loss on the Week shown in the accounts.
- c) The accounts show a surplus for the year of £1226.
- d) Funds available total £8787 (corresponding figures for 2020, 2019 and 2018 are £7561. £6012 and £5915).
- e) Thoughts for the future: Our annual 'base' costs (admin, website, RYA affiliation fee, mould storage) amount to approximately £950. Income from subscriptions. Race certificates and donations is typically £2000 with a membership of around 95, indicating that with no significant additional expenditure on the moulds, and excluding attendance at the Dinghy Show (which we will be doing in 2022), we would expect to generate a

surplus in excess of £1000. Attendance at the Dinghy Show (c. £750) and any need for mould maintenance will obviously reduce or eliminate that margin. There is no obvious need to increase subscriptions because we have substantial funds in hand, but this could be reviewed for 2023.

## 5. Membership Secretary's Update

Figures for membership are compared with 2020 below:

	2021	2020
Family members	43	47
Full members	43	46
Honorary/life members	4	4
Junior members	-	-
Race certificates issued	67	68

There were 3 new members.

DA mentioned that were members at Thornbury who sailed a DB but were not members of the Association. BD pointed out that technically to race a DB you need a race certificate and this requires membership.

DM asked KD to issue a list of club members who had joined the association to the Club Class Captains in February. Class Captains to then encourage non-members to join the Association.

KD

## 6. Dayboat Week 2021 Falmouth review

DM commented that under very difficult circumstances the event was a success and that the RCYC had done a wonderful job to achieve this. DM also noted that he felt that the long distance race had been the highlight of the week.

DA suggested more people should be encouraged to do the LDR as only 10 boats had entered.

BD noted that the quiz had been a success and volunteered to run the quiz at Brixham.

## 7. Dayboat Week 2022 Brixham

DM reported that a lot of the preparation for Brixham has been done, BYC have agreed to hold the 2020 costs for the race management although this was based on 30 boats entering. DM suggested that the actual entry was more likely to be 20-25 boats and that he will be having further discussions with the club after this committee meeting to see if there were any savings to be made for a smaller fleet.

BD noted that for 25 boats, if the costs were as quoted for 2020 then the event would break even.

The race format for Brixham had been discussed at the 2021 AGM and PH reiterated his thoughts that over many years the current format has been proven to work for Dayboat Week.

JB expressed an interest in cruising and there followed a discussion about access to moorings/pontoon outside of normal racing times. DM will discuss the availability of a tender with BYC.

DM

DM asked if the committee what they thought about re-introducing the mentoring programme, it was concluded that due to boats being kept afloat this would be difficult and that a shore based tuning/rig set up session at the beginning of the week should be considered.

TW noted that the crews/opportunity race was not very well supported, only 4 entries at Falmouth. DM noted that it was a particularly small fleet last year and that hopefully there would be a greater interest at Brixham.

DA commented on the success of the Falmouth DB week WhatsApp group. DM advised that the intention was to do the same at Brixham and that helms and crews would be invited to join as part of the event entry process.

Regarding social events DM noted that the proposal was to stick to the one prize giving format and to also run a quiz evening.

GH also agreed to speak to the Gravesend attendees regarding a Sea Shanty evening.

## **8. Dayboat Week 2023 Potential Venues**

DM advised that he had been in contact with Rock Sailing Club and they are keen to have us back and they have a slot available in June 2023. However the ever changing sand bars in the harbour means that racing would most likely be in Daymer Bay part of the estuary. Whilst this is still very accessible it could be problematic in light winds and adverse tides to get to the sailing area.

DM has also been speaking to Salcombe YC but he recognized some members were not so keen on the venue due the complexity of the winds, tides and courses within the confines of the harbour. DA questioned if numbers might be down because of this.

DM advised that SYC have confirmed that a pontoon would be made available close to the club so that the day would begin and end at the club unlike the last visit to Salcombe.

TW stated that as Bosham sailors we spend most of our sailing negotiating tides, shallows and shifty winds and that he would therefore prefer a more open water venue. DM also confirmed that he had approached Exe Sailing Club, but they were not interested in hosting DB Week. He had also researched some of the Essex based clubs but found that accommodation was likely to be more limited around them.

GH asked about Fishguard, previously it was understood that the club had closed down but a web search indicated that the club is operational. DM agreed to make contact with the club to see if they might be interested in hosting DB Week.

**DM**

DM asked committee members to consult their club members for preferences on the various options for Dayboat week 2023.

**ALL**

## **9. RYA Dinghy Show 2022 Farnborough 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

DM reported that the uptake of stands had been slow but now most have been taken so hopefully attendance at the new location will be good.

BD gave a brief resume of what was involved in exhibiting at the show. BD and KD have the stand and display boards and offered to do the set up on Friday evening and the breakdown on Sunday evening.

PH offered to deliver and collect Michael Hewitt's boat to and from the show.

DM requested volunteers to man the stand in 4 sessions Saturday and Sunday am and pm. A schedule will be agreed nearer the time.

BD suggested that we need to have indication of costs for a new boat, PH to contact Steve Creasey for up to date prices.

**PH**

DM thanked KD, BD and PH on behalf of the Association for taking on the task of managing the DB stand at the show.

## **10. Open Meetings**

The following dates have been confirmed

Bosham	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Poole	8 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> June
Dayboat Week Brixham	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> July
Gravesend	13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> August
Thornberry	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> September

It was agreed that this was an ideal spread with one event each month over the summer.

## 11. Website Update

DM advised that he and Mark Ross were visiting Tim Parkinson on 14<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the handover of the website.

DM asked if anyone had any comments with regard to TP's previously issued request for thoughts on the current web site categories.

KD noted that the database section could sometimes be a bit troublesome to navigate.

BD thought that a web site should have 3 main areas, the database of current information, archives and news, articles, forum etc.

JB explained that she has experience with web site management and could assist if MR was not available.

DM will assess and report back after his meeting on 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 12. AOB

DM asked TW about his experience with his Sailboats Deliveries (Emsworth) trailer. TW advised that they had been very slow, did not complete the order, needed a refit for the cradle and had not been particularly cheap.

A Bosham boat has recently taken delivery of an Admiral trailer and DM commented that he was very impressed with the complete package they provided. It appears that the compliance issues they had experienced have now been sorted.

DA reported that TP has ordered an Admiral trailer.

KD advised that the last date for copy for Dayboat notes was 13<sup>th</sup> December.

GH to prepare Gravesend report.

**GH**

DM to prepare BSC report

**DM**

DA/JB to prepare Thornbury report

**DA/JB**

DM will speak to Simon Bullingham for an update from Avon SC

**DM**

AS + DM to prepare NOR and entry form for Brixham to include in the January mail shot.

**AS/DM**

BD noted that Margaret Norris has sold DB 656 Papa 1 to a Bosham member.

PH noted that SC was getting a little concerned about storing the moulds with no new orders. PH suggested that the situation be monitored to see if it became a significant problem. BD suggested that we could revisit the storage charge if necessary.

GH asked if there was a stock of centerboard blanks and it was confirmed that there is not. TW advised that 2 Bosham boats had their plates refurbished by Penfold Metallising Company Ltd for £120 each. This included a grit blast, hot zinc spray and epoxy paint finish. Contact Justin Ruddock 07712557340.

JB suggested a directory of services/suppliers for DB boats would be a useful addition to the web site. Agreed by all.

GH advised the meeting that he would be stepping down at next year's AGM and that John Mullen would like to take his place as a Gravesend representative on the committee. John had requested if he could sit in on the next meeting. DM confirmed that would be a good idea.

DM closed the meeting, thanked all members and stated that he thought the zoom virtual meeting had worked well.

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