

**Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Y.W. 14' Dayboat Association held on Thursday 30th May 1996 at 1000 at Rock Sailing and Water Ski Club**

**Present:** Approximately 26 members of the Association present. Apologies received from Cherry Giles, Gerry and Lesley Philbrick, Sue Thornton-Grimes, John Turner, Jim and Jean Twyman.

**Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief overview of his report contained in issue no. 82 of Dayboat News. He proposed a vote of thanks to Sue Thornton-Grimes for the production of Dayboat News and thanked all those who had contributed to the 'bumper' issue in '96. A brief discussion followed relating to the costs involved in producing DB News each year. It was agreed that the committee, in association with the Editor, would always endeavour to produce the magazine as economically as possible.

**Minutes of the 1995 A.G.M.:** These having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was proposed by T. Parkinson, seconded C. Rainback that the minutes of the 1995 A.G.M. should be taken as read and agreed.

**Matters Arising:** There were none.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer summarised the points contained in her report published in issue no. 82 of Dayboat News and highlighted the rising costs of running the Association. The Treasurer's report was proposed for formal adoption by C. Rainback and seconded by S. Clayton. It was decided at this point in the meeting to discuss the proposal made by the Committee to raise the annual subscriptions and race certificate levy. The decision was carried unanimously to raise subscriptions to £8 per annum, and the raise the cost of a race certificate to £2.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary summarised the points contained in her report published in issue no. 82 of Dayboat News. The Secretary's report was proposed for formal adoption by C. Blewett and seconded by C. Rainback. Discussions followed in relation to how awareness of the Y.W 14' Dayboat could be increased within the sailing fraternity as a whole. It was suggested that fleets of Dayboats could be entered in suitable Club Regattas, adverts for future events could be placed in Y&Y, and Dayboat Week could be combined with another similar Class event. The committee agreed to consider all these ideas and others when looking to the future of the Class and Association.

**Proposal to incorporate built in buoyancy:** Peter Hewitt presented the proposal for adjusting the current deck mould, owned by the Association, to incorporate built in buoyancy. With increased safety awareness and the associated regulations it was imperative that the Y.W. 14' Dayboat be better equipped for capsize, and safe recovery. Buoyancy bags were now considered an outdated mode of buoyancy and the Association needs to insure that all future G.R.P. boats manufactured have the option of meeting the new international safety regulations due to come into force in 1998. Equipping the Dayboat to meet these regulations would insure its survival into the 21st century.

A number of issues/questions were raised by the members present, each of which was addressed by P. Hewitt in turn. These are summarised as follows:

- (i) Association funds should also be targeted at wooden boat building. Agreed, though it was pointed out that the money to be spent on the new buoyancy would come solely from that generated to date from the mould levy.
- (ii) Would the 'new' boat generate interest from Sailing Schools? It was certainly hoped that this would be the case and it was intended that all Sailing Schools would be targeted with information on the 'new' boat. Without built in buoyancy the Sailing Schools would not be interested for safety reasons.
- (iii) How much buoyancy was required? P. Hewitt explained that this had been well thought through and discussed with relevant people.
- (iv) How much will a new boat cost ? Exact costs were unknown, but the final cost would be in line with other similar craft.
- (v) Will the existing deck mould still exist ? Yes a new mould would be built to provide the built in buoyancy. Hence it would still be possible to buy a G.R.P. hull and add wooden decks.

It was proposed by P. Hewitt, seconded C. Blewett, and carried unanimously that the proposal be accepted.

**Election of Officers and Committee:** The following were duly elected for 1996/1997

Chairman: Chris Steer  
 Vice-Chairman Peter Hewitt  
 Treasurer: Carole Brown  
 Secretary: Fiona Rainback  
 Committee: Rod Brown, Colin Blewett, Anita Habgood, Maggie Horsford, Tim Parkinson, Dave Thompson.

**A.O.B.:** The following points were raised:

- (i) At future Dayboat Weeks could the storage of trailers be located closer to the launch site.
- (ii) At future Day boat Weeks could the organising committee insure that no other racing by other classes is scheduled to take place on the same course at the same time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1100