

MINUTES OF THE YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 10:30AM AT THE OLD HOUSE, RECTORY
GARDENS, HENBURY, BRISTOL, BS10 7AQ

Present

Peter Hewitt, Sally Hewitt, John Lokier, Phil Lokier, Bob Davis, Kath Davis,
David McFarlane, Alastair Seaton, Dave Allen, and Tim Parkinson.

1. Apologies

Geoff Honey

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 17th March 2018

The minutes from the previous meeting had been distributed to all committee members prior to the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

TP referred to item 9 (Website) from previous minutes and asked if there were any more problems entering forms onto the website.

KD advised that data in Boat Ownership sometimes displayed duplications: TP advised that he would check the site as there should be only one database for this type of information.

BD mentioned that all new members will receive a Data Protection leaflet when they join or renew their membership.

4. Treasurer's Report

BD distributed copies of his current report to all members present. He advised there are currently 99 members with 86 owning boats of which 64 hold Race Certificates.

Dayboat Week in August had 28 entries after 1 early withdrawal due to ill health. The charge was originally set at £190 but was reduced to £160 due to reduced charges from Poole YC. Entrants were offered £30 refund but some decided to donate all or some of the refund to the Association Funds.

A new Measurement Jig was purchased during the year at a cost of £184.

The predicted end-of-year balance at 31st December is approximately £6,700, indicating a surplus of £1,650 for the year. This will be approximately £600 higher than previously expected mainly as a result of higher donations and the £250 refund from the Dinghy Show.

Funding for the New Boat – BD recommends that £4,500 be loaned from the funds which together with £3,000 loans already offered from members will fund a completed bare hull and decks. If no immediate buyer is found, then the Association will invite additional loans of £7,000 from members in order to fund the fitting out.

5. Alexandra Palace Dinghy Show 2018 and 2019

Due to the bad weather in March 2018 the decision was made, at the eleventh hour, not to travel to the Dinghy Show and we were refunded £250, representing 50% of the stand cost which was much appreciated.

Following feedback from members and from the AGM, the committee have decided that we will not attend in 2019 and to find alternative means to promote the Dayboat. It was agreed that the committee will explore all possibilities to promote the Dayboat – e.g. Opens, Poole Boat Show, Dayboat Week, Magazines, etc.

6. Moulds – Storage and New Builder

It was confirmed that the Moulds had been transported to the premises of Steve Creasey who was appointed as our new builder in August 2018 and PH advised the committee that Steve was now ready to commence work on his first new hull. The colour chosen for the hull is grey which is neutral. Steve's aim is to have a complete bare boat ready by the end of February 2019. A letter has been sent to Steve confirming the Association's order to build his first boat, detailing the building tasks expected and the financial arrangements. At the end of the build, the Association will revise the letter in the light of

experience gained from the first build, and agree the formats for future orders which will allow for various options - completion of bare boat only, bare boat plus fitting out, ready to sail, etc..

PH advised that the fitting out of the boat will be undertaken by Andrew Hewitt who has experience in this field. Andrew will provide a list of fittings and prices for "standard" fittings.

The Association will provide Steve with stage payments for the work to complete the first new hull. Steve will then agree stage payments directly with customers for future boats.

7. Dayboat Week 2018 – Review

All agreed that it was a successful week and Poole YC provided excellent facilities both on and off the water - all entrants were appreciative. The provision of a dedicated room for meetings, tea and cakes, and relaxing, was a great success. The social programme was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

8. Future Dayboat Weeks

a) 2019: Rock 22nd June to 27th June 2019

JL and PL to meet with Chris Creak from Rock SC to discuss the week and make arrangements in terms of racing and socialising. Provisional costs and an entry fee are required in time for the next mailing.

TP asked if a concessionary price could be arranged for those members who came along just to cruise. A discussion followed but it was decided that there was not much difference in charges whether you raced or just cruised so price will be the same.

b) 2020: Brixham 25th July to 30th July 2020

It was agreed that the dates, during school holidays, were acceptable and JL will now confirm with Brixham YC.

c) 2021: The meeting agreed to consider Salcombe subject to suitable mooring arrangements, and to make enquires to Falmouth. JL and PL to make enquiries and report at next meeting.

9. Smooth Hulled Boats

The committee had received two written submissions concerning smooth hulled boats which had been circulated to all members before the meeting for consideration.

a) Submission from David Macfarlane

David advised the committee that he was concerned that current CAD software may give a builder (particularly a professional builder) the ability to take advantage of the generous tolerances on hull measurements in the current rules to 'optimise' the hull shape and potentially produce a faster boat. This is a particular concern because he was aware that a builder was proposing to build a new GRP smooth hulled boat: the production of a new 'smooth' mould would present the possibility of a number of such boats being produced.

One member offered the view that the availability of new smooth GRP Dayboats, which could be cheaper than clinker boats, could result in a welcome increase in the numbers of boats in the Class. However, there was concern that an influx of new smooth-hulled boats, if they were or were perceived to be faster than existing boats, would be divisive, could undermine the Association's investment in moulds for clinker hulls, and would be undesirable.

The Committee noted that the current Class Rules state that "the tolerances are to cover errors in building and changes through use and age, not to give builders the opportunity to make different shaped boats" although it was recognised that it might prove difficult to refuse to register a boat that did comply with the measurements and tolerances in the current rules.

The option of closing the register to new Type C (smooth GRP) hulls from a certain date was raised but not pursued. After much discussion it was agreed that a possible initial course of action would be to adjust the measurement tolerances for smooth GRP (Type C) hulls to ensure that the hull lines closely matched the plans in order to prevent any attempt to 'optimise' hull shape. PH and RD agreed to investigate this and to meet the potential builder to discuss the issue and to inform him of this possible change in the measurement tolerances. It was noted that any such change would require the agreement of an AGM or SGM.

b) Submission from Richard Cake (Poole YC)

Richard's submission (Appendix 2) included a report from Ian Howlett, a boat designer, which highlighted the apparent speed difference between a clinker hull and a smooth hull – Richard's interpretation of Ian's report is that a smooth hulled boat is at least 5% faster upwind than a clinker hulled boat, and asked that the committee consider this interpretation and make appropriate decisions. A copy of Ian Howlett's Report is Appendix 1 to these minutes.

After much discussion and reference to the Association Rules, the committee agreed that the Dayboat Class includes both smooth and clinker hulled boats: the designer's plans and the Association Rules permit either form of construction. Therefore, the committee does not intend to propose any change to the current position, as adopted in 1969, that smooth and clinker hulled boats race on equal terms at Open Meetings and National events. Individual clubs may adopt a different position and the committee has no wish to influence such decisions.
JL agreed to send a reply to Richard Cake to notify him of the committee's decision.

10. Website

TP asked members if they thought the Website was slow to react. It was generally felt that response time was acceptable. TP also asked members if they thought the time had come to pass on the maintenance of the Website to a professional but it was felt by all members of the committee that we retain the running of the Website ourselves.

TP asked members how we were going to increase the profile of the Dayboat as we were not intending to attend the Dinghy Show in 2019. It was agreed that as we are commissioning the build of a new boat it could be displayed and shown at clubs that have Dayboat members. KD will undertake to email those clubs and gauge reaction. PL advised the committee that Poole YC is holding a "Dinghy Taster Day" following the Poole Boat Show in June 2019 and all agreed that we should aim to show a new boat at the show – JL to investigate.

DA suggested that maybe we could look for clubs holding events that a small team of Dayboat members could visit with a view to promote the Dayboat – carry forward to next meeting.

11. Next Mailshot

KD advised all paperwork needs to be with her for posting on 1/1/2019. Articles for Dayboat Notes need to with her by 15/12/2018.

12. AOB

TP informed the committee that next year is the 70th Anniversary of Dayboats and that perhaps we need to think of "promotional" ideas – carry forward to next meeting.

PH advised that he knew of a professional boat builder who would be able to build a ½ boat trophy if we decide one is required at any time – carry forward to next meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting to be advised, but likely to be early March 2019. Meeting to be held at Bob and Kath's house in Romsey.

Meeting closed at 3.25pm