

## RS400 UK AGM, 25 August 2016, Hayling Island SC

Chaired by Max Tosetti.

### 1. Nomination of Officers

The following current officers were voted in unanimously:

UK Chairman - Max Tosetti

Development Rep - Keith Bedborough

Publicity & Communications Reps - Kathryn Hinsliff-Smith

Scottish Reps - Sarah & Stuart Robertson

Northern Reps - Kathryn Hinsliff-Smith and Ben Robertson

Southern Reps – Mark & Paul Oakey

Technical Rep - David 'Ding' Brown

Builders Rep - Jim (Junior) Hood

and new member of the committee –

Jenny Douglas – Social Media Rep

### 2. Low Turnouts

Poor turnouts, particularly at the Nationals was discussed by the meeting. It was considered that the lack of wind through the year, nearness to Europeans, clash with Irish Nationals and venue choice could be issues.

It was agreed that social media was a good communication tool to encourage attendance. **Action: Jenny Douglas and all**

The website is being updated and this may help attendance. **Action: Heather Chipperfield (HC) & Ben Robertson (BR)**

Irish & UK Nationals not to clash. **Action: HC, Max Tosetti (MT) & Irish Committee**

Scottish & Irish Nationals – to invite each other to events. **Action: Scottish Reps and Irish Committee**

It was agreed that the fleet like venues with – accommodation nearby, seaside, good for families. Picking venues is very important, but need to move around the country. Need to look into Eastern venues. **Action: HC**

### 3. Future Nationals

MT committed to a 100+ boat turnout at Mounts Bay SC for 2017 Nationals (20-24 August).

Nationals 2018 will be part of RS Games in WPNSA in August

Nationals 2019 will be in Ireland, details t.b.c.

### 4. Sail Proposal

Mark Oakey (MO) presented a suggested change to sails. He suggested opening up sails for development. His main reasons included to get higher-end sailors into the fleet (those who work for sail makers), increase sponsorship opportunities and to create competitions and therefore lower price of sails. This was discussed at length and the meeting agreed that this should be further investigated. **Action: MO to write short proposal for presentation to RS Sailing with HC & MT.**

HC pointed out that RS Sailing was about to announce a 15% sail deal for Class Association members, and MT confirmed that RS Sailing was interested in bulk sail deals if people get organised.

### 5. Carbon Masts Proposal

MT asked the meeting the views on moving to a carbon pole. There was lots of discussion, for and against the suggestion, but the meeting agreed that this should be further investigated as there is a need to keep looking at changes to protect the interest in the boat, and that any changes would need to be carefully managed with a transition period.

**Action: MT/MO to give detailed proposal including reasons for change and ideas of costs. HC to take forward with RS Sailing**

### 6. Tuning Guides

It was agreed that new tuning guides were needed for the new (current) sails. **Action: Ben & Stewart Robetson/Jon Heissig/MO to update Nick Craig's guide, and consider other updates are needed for the website. Paul Oakey to provide continuous control lines document for website.**

### 7. Training

The meeting discussed whether gold fleet sailors could lead training. BR/MO/PO already do this.

**Action: Paul Allen, Dave Exley, Chris Pickles, other gold sailors to be approached for coaching by HC. HC to consider pre-Nationals coaching for future years.**