

RS400 Class Association AGM 2017

21 August 2017, Mounts Bay SC

Chaired by Max Tosetti, Chairman

1. Committee

The meeting thanked the current committee for all their hard work over the year.

The following committee members confirmed that they were standing down:

Sarah Robertson – Scottish FRep

Ben Robertson – Northern Rep

Mark Oakey – Southern Rep

David 'Ding' Brown – Technical Rep

The following committee members were voted in:

Chairman: Max Tosetti

Development Rep: Keith Bedborough

Technical Rep: Andy Powell

Southern Reps: Sean Cleary and Annalise Nixon

Northern Rep: Dave Exley

Scottish Rep: Ben Robertson

Irish Reps: Alex Barry (Treasurer); Marty O'leary (Chair); Emmet Ryan

Social Media Rep: Jenny Douglas

Games Mistress(!): Kathryn Hinchliffe-Smith

2. Racing Event

It was agreed that the current regional tours were going well, with a good mix for 1-day, 2-day events, with a coaching involvement. To continue in similar vein. Promotion of events continues to be very important, using all means like social media and posters at clubs, website, etc.

It was pointed out that the Eurocup and Nationals in 2017 were very close together, thus leading to most people choosing one event only (and therefore poor numbers in Como). The Eurocup in 2018 is late May and Nationals/Europeans as part of RS Games in August.

2018 onwards

The main events for 2018 were discussed. Calendar developing at <http://www.rs400.org/index.asp?Fleet=RS400&selection=Events>

Action: To consider Filey SC for future weekend or championship event. Filey Regatta gets good number of RS400s.

3. Fleet Demographic

Max Tosetti asked whether the meeting felt there was a perception that the fleet was old. After good discussion, the meeting agreed that the fleet was a good mixture of ages at present. It was suggested that 2nd-hand RS400s be advertised as a cheap option for young sailors, and that more demo boats could be used to encourage young people to try.

Action: To try to get a demo boat for use of u.25s at all large events.

4. Communications

The meeting discussed how we build on current success. The current communication channels were working - using website, Facebook, forum, direct e-mails, posters in clubs, liaison with fleet captains at clubs, texting service at events.

Action: Investigate Instagram account to add to other communication channels.

5. Fleet Survey

The outcome of the fleet survey carried out in 3/17 is at
<http://www.rs400.org/documents/p1bhcov9l01lsiq91ihk7sld9j3.pdf>