



# AGM Minutes 2018

Minutes of RS400 AGM, held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at royal North of Ireland Yacht Club

1. Welcome

Class Chair, Jenny Douglas welcomed those present

2. Apologies for absence

None received

3. Matters arising from 2018 minutes

No matters arising

4. Election of committee

a. New/continuing committee elected;

Chair	Jacob Ainsworth
Southern Tour Reps	Alicia Harvey, Trish Clancy
Northern Rep	Dave Exley
Scottish Rep	Bob Yeomans
Irish Rep	Robbie O'Sullivan
Technical Rep	Andy Powell
Games Mistress!	Kathryn Hinsliff-Smith

5. Report from the Chair

- a. Jenny Douglas expressed her thanks for a great 2 years as chair and thanked the committee who have worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to deliver another successful RS400 season and promote the interests of the class.
- b. A huge vote of thanks was extended to Heather Chipperfield for her work over the years, way above and beyond that expected of her. She will be missed!
- c. Jenny introduced new class secretary Sally Campbell, who said she is looking forward to getting to know the sailors and working with the class.

6. Report from the regional reps

a. Southern Tour

Sean and Annalise reported that there had been a varied turnout this year, the event at Lee suffered from being too close to Garda. The mix of 1- and 2-days events worked well. The fleet appreciated the sponsors, Zest and Rooster.

b. Northern Tour

Dave reported the 2-day format continues to work well, as sailors tend to travel a fair distance and thanked Rope4Boats for their sponsorship.

c. Scottish Tour

Bob reported that the Scottish tour had been a good mix of 1- and 2-day events, with some training. The 400s are the biggest travelling fleet in Scotland. Bob thanked sponsor Stewart Brewing.

7. Plan for 2019 and beyond

- a. National Tour to comprise 5 events:
  - i. Winters – Leigh and Lowton, date tbc
  - ii. Sprints, Rutland 25/26 Apr
  - iii. Southern Champs, Royal Torbay 20/21 June
  - iv. Northern Champs, Notts County, date tbc, ideally Sept
  - v. Inlands, Grafham 3/4 Oct
  - vi. End of Seasons, Rutland 7/8 Nov
- b. Nationals – South Shields, 9-13 August
- c. Eurocup – Carnac, May 23-26
- d. Future Nationals
  - i. 2021 Royal Torbay
  - ii. 2022 ELYC
  - iii. 2023 to bid for Mounts Bay
- e. RS Games
  - i. RS Sailing have booked WPNSA for the RS Games in 2022 (the previous option of the RS Games at Medemblik including the RS400 Eurocup had not proved possible). Those present thought that the 400s should not host their Nationals at the RS Games and should look for alternative Eurocup venues.

8. Demo Boats

- a. Andy Powell reported that the demo boat had extensive use and that it had led to 3 new pairs joining the class. Having been cited at Warsash, Oxford and Eastbourne, it is now planned to take it to Chew, Grafham and Notts County. The boat needs a new set of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sails and would particularly benefit from a new style main. Andy to discuss with RS the option of a set from a boat traded in.
- b. The Scottish demo boat has a los had good use. The Class Association agreed to fund the insurance.

9. AOB

- a. Videos – Dave Exley pointed out that other classes such as the Merlins, Solos and Toppers had made good use of video and trackers. A discussion was held as to how we could improve. SC to take forwards with Jacob.