

## RS400 AGM Minutes, Royal Torbay YC, 21st August 2024

Chair: Sam Knight      Class Secretary: Sally Campbell

No.	Agenda Item
1	<u>Apologies</u> : None
2	<u>Matters arising from last meeting</u> : None
3	<u>Committee</u> 3.1 Sally gave a vote of thanks to the committee for 2023 3.2 Sam thanked Sally for her work as Class Secretary. 3.3 Southern Tour Rep Chris Eames will be standing down. 3.4 The remainder of the committee agreed to stand again – Sam Knight (Char), Tom Halhead (technical), Hamish Gledhill (north), Alan Birse (Scotland), Midge Ryder (misc). Vote: proposed by Louise Hosken and seconded by Caroline Exley, voted unanimously by the fleet. 3.5 There is a gap for a social media rep, particularly for Instagram, committee members and SC to try and find someone.
4	<u>Report from the Chair</u> Sam Knight welcomed those present and gave his report:- The fleet remains buoyant, although turnout for the Nationals was lower than last year. Numbers at Nationals tour events have remained strong. Discussion arose from the floor as to whether the Nationals should be a 4-day format over a weekend and/or during/out of school holidays, at a family friendly venue and spread geographically over sequential years. Views amongst the sailors present varied, it was agreed a poll of all members would be conducted.
5	<u>Reports from Regional Reps</u> <u>Chris Eames (Southern Tour Rep)</u> The Sailing Chandlery circuit has worked well again this year, visiting – Queen Mary, Bristol Corinthian, Salcombe, HISC, Lee on Solent, Chichester and with Exe to come. Notably a some 1 day events, plus events combined with the 200s have worked well. A new volunteer is needed to help shape the tour for 2025 and then take over from Chris.  <u>Northern Tour</u> The TridentUK Northern Tour has again been successful, with the format of 4 events from 8 to count. The plan is to continue to rotate venues, by adding a new venue each year, and taking one out.  <u>Scottish fleet (brief report provided by Sally Campbell for Alan)</u> The Stewart Brewing Scottish tour has suffered from low numbers this year. An online discussion is planned with the fleet to discuss ideas to improve numbers such as events with other classes and attending open events.
6	Report from Tech Rep, Tom Halhead with input from John Hobson, RS Sailing 6.1 A vote of thanks for John's attendance for the whole week and hard work in the windy conditions was proposed from the floor and applauded by the fleet.

	<p>6.2 A comment was raised re the quality of the spinnaker poles, specifically rust issues. A production change had been made from boat 1537 onwards, JH will report to RS and feed back.</p> <p>6.3 The jib Cunningham modification that had been approved was discussed, those present felt that the new flap would get caught, citing that some 200 sailors had removed it. Agreed to ask RS to hold the introduction of it (JH to inform RS. TH to decide how/if to take forward).</p> <p>6.4 2 foredecks have shown damage during this event, including a 3 day old boat and a sailor present said his was 'soft'. JH reported that this damaged boat had been returned to RS. TH to follow up RS feedback/action.</p> <p>6.5 The price of sails was raised – RS sails are more expensive than other comparable classes, and much higher than replica sails and have increased at a higher rate than inflation. This was also raised at the 200 AGM, with statistics quoted. Discussion was held as to whether a new sailmaker could replace Hyde. TH to contact B.Lynch RS200 Tech rep to take it forward with RS.</p>
6	<p><u>Events 2025</u>  Events booked to date:  Nationals and Eurocup will be hosted by RNIYC from 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2025, celebrating 25 years of RS400s at RNIYC. Brochures were given out in entry packs and an RS event webpage has been set up, with details of travel options, on site camping and campervans etc.  Sprints 15/16 Mar QMSC  Sprints 20/21 Apr, Rutland  Inlands 14/15 Oct Grafham  EoS 1/2Nov Rutland  Still to add:  Northerns (Bala?), Southern (Warsash 21/22 June?), Scottish</p>
7	<p><u>Coaching</u>  A new round of £150 coaching grants are available, clubs looking to arrange a coaching event were asked to contact Sally.</p>
8	<p>AOB – encouraging female sailors  Discussion took place on how best to encourage more female sailors, especially helms.  2 events were organised with the RS200s and RS800s for female sailors following a similar discussion in 2023, but one was v poorly attended and the other had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.  A proposal was raised to allow a 5:1 main sheet purchase – this was unanimously agreed.</p>
10	<p><u>Conclusion</u>  Sam thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting</p>

