



RS200 AGM Minutes

11th Sept 2026

Welcome:

Sam Knight (Class Chairman) and Sally Campbell (Class Sec) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies:

None Received

Attendance:

24 sailors and Alex Newton-Southon, CEO of RS Sailing

Matter Arising:

There were no matters arising from the 2024 minutes.

Election of Committee:

The following members of the committee agreed to stand for another year: Sam Knight (chair), Tom Halhead (technical), Paul Hilliar (South), Angus Marshall (Scotland), Liam Finch (socials)

Hamish Gledhill (notherh) is handing over to Alastair Rimmer.

Thanks were extended to all of the committee for their hard work and dedication.

The class is looking to add new members to the committee to represent the interests of youth, silver & bronze fleet and club sailors, and to take the lead on coaching, adding value to events and class development. The roles are new, so can be developed by anyone interested in contributing and do not need to be onerous.

Andy Powell volunteered as Class Development rep after the meeting closed.

Chairs Review:

Sam reported that 2024 had been a starnage year, with attendances down, particularly at the RNIYC Nationals, and in the sport as a whole.

The RS400s have seen a nice rally this year, with numbers creeping up across the regions and the best Nationals attendance since Mounts Bay in 2023.

Thanks were given to Andy Powell for his efforts at the dinghy Show, recruiting several new sailors to the class, including at least one boat new at the Nationals this year. The class has

seen a downward shift in the age demographic, with youth sailors coming into the fleet, particularly in the North. There are 8 youth and junior sailors at the Nationals this year.

The change to a 4-day Sept Nationals has worked well, as reflected in the attendance. Debate was held as to the pros and cons of each. The 2025 class survey showed a pretty even split for an Aug vs a Sept Nationals, a suggestion was made that a 4-day Aug Nationals could be popular, perhaps over the bank holiday.

Sally noted that this is to be discussed further with the fleet as a whole only a small cohort present here) and reviewed for 2028 and 2029.

The stand out Rooster National Tour event was Wrsash, with 33 boats.

Class Development

Valuable discussions were had regarding how to further develop the appeal of the class.

- Ways to add value to events, to encourage people to enter early and come along even if the forecast is not perfect, e.g. coaching/tech clinics, talks, socials etc.
- Events offering 'something different'
- Festival feel multiclass events
- The need to minimise cost e.g. by using venues with camping on site
- Events at grass-roots clubs as well as the top professional clubs
- Improvement of the online 'Intend to Race' feature
- Re-introduction of End of Seasons
- Regional reps to incorporate big events such as Sprints, Inlands to their circuits
- Winners of silver/bronze categories to get 'a day in a top, new, boat'

Sally to facilitate further discussions in the Autumn.

Rep reports:

South – Paul said the 4 event tour worked well and will be repeated in 2027, with the focus on going to clubs with good home fleets

North – Alastair plans a 7-event tour in 2027, to encourage sailors ahead of the Abersoch Nationals, potentially with an event at Abersoch, to tempt Southern sailors to venture north.

Scotland – Angus reported that due to distances, the 400 fleet, and others are struggling, with a reluctance to travel.

Ireland – The Irish Nationals this year had 22 boats at Killaloe, we need to encourage them to come to Abersoch.

Tech Rep Report:

Tom reported that it is good that new boats are being built, Alex said 4 had been built so far this year, which although low, is in line with other classes.

There are a lot of fairly new boats, as well as much older boats on the 2nd hand market.

An issue with the leading edge of a few new kites was reported, Alex agreed to look into it, if details could be sent.

Tom agreed to collate a tuning guide and 'top 10' rig settings guide, as items to retain interest through the Winter.

Ales agreed to give details of where boats are in the UK to the RSCA.

2027

Sprints 24-25 April RNT confirmed

Warsash 26-27 June offered – to be accepted (but may be subject to 200s also accepting)

Nationals Abersoch, 8-12 Sept, confirmed (with 100s, 700s)

Northerns – tbc, poss Abersoch

Inlands Grafham – tbc, Notts County, Leigh & Lowton suggested.

2028

Nationals Brixham, provisionally Sept 2028

Nationals Tenby, provisionally Aug 2029

AOB

The meeting closed with thanks to the attendees, the class committee and Sally.