

MINUTES OF THE SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
29TH DECEMBER, 1977 AT THE OFFICES OF DRESSER U.K. LTD.

1. Present were:
 - The Commodore
 - Sailing Secretary
 - Secretary
 - D. M. Silver
 - R. Aspinwall
 - D. Lattey
 - P. Chivers

2. Apologies were received from the Vice Commodore and Hon. Treasurer and R. Morris.

3. The Minutes of the meeting of 7th May, 1977 were taken as read and there were no matters arising.

4. The Commodore welcomed P. Chivers to the meeting as a new Hon. Assistant Sailing Secretary.

5. The Matters arising from the A.G.M. were discussed as follows:-
 - (a) It was requested that a metal sign representing the Club Burgee be flown from the H.I.S.C. box when this was being used as the finish line. This was agreed by the Sailing Committee to instruct O.O.D.'s to hoist Club Burgee. This has been cleared with H.I.S.C.
 - (b) The difficulty of getting out of, and returning to Birdham Pool was raised, and it was suggested that more finishes at Chi Bar Buoy may ease the problem. All O.O.D.'s were made aware of their discretion in choosing a finishing line, and this would be reiterated for the 1978 Season, and the Assistant Sailing Secretary will instruct O.O.D.'s before the race where to finish.
 - (c) The accuracy of owner's times was questioned on certain races where the O.O.D. had not been available to finish the race. All members were recommended to use a stop watch, since races were often won or lost by seconds.

- (e) It was suggested that a stop watch be included in the O.O.D.'s Kit. The real requirement was for a digital read-out clock with "freeze" feature. Members thought the expense (up to £60) would not be worth it because of damage and wet etc. Investigations would continue, but in the meantime P. Cooke presented a quartz clock, which R. Aspinwall agreed to case.
- (f) The present points system for the Alpha and Beta points Championships were discussed at length. Some members felt that the present system was "tried and tested", and should not be changed. Others, however, felt that it favoured those unfairly who did well in races with a large entry. As attendance tended to dwindle during the school holiday period, and at the end of the season it might become impossible for a boat to catch up although it was winning consistently, and a straight points system was therefore recommended. The Commodore cautioned that many alternative systems had been tried and all had disadvantages, but as there was a feeling that the system should be reviewed it was referred to the Sailing Committee for the next meeting. The Commodore presented a brief resume of the objective of the points Cups, and previous systems used. It was decided to "Shadow" our 1978 Programme with the Solent points system, to be undertaken by Paul Chivers.
- (g) A suggestion that Dartmouth and Salcombe be included in the programme for a long weekend race was made, and in discussion the possibility of a "triangle" - Cherbourg - Dartmouth referred to the Sailing Committee.
- (h) It was suggested that the programme be extended to include more races, but with fewer to count for the points Championships, since this would give those with business commitments a better chance of competing.
- (i) It was suggested that we increase our publicity efforts with local clubs, marinas, and through the Chichester Harbour Conservancy in order to attract new boat owners to the club.
- (j) R. Morris kindly undertook to organise a "Round-Robin" newsletter for second hand gear etc.

- (k) The crew register was considered very useful and the decision to continue with it, and extend the circulation to all members endorsed.
 - (l) Carried over from the General Committee meeting is the point concerning 'Z' Class yachts. It was proposed that yachts over 22.9 I.O.R. MK.111A should be allowed to compete in up to 6 races in 1978 as an experiment and to encourage the formation of a 'Z' Class for subsequent years. The General Committee were divided on this, and it was referred to the Sailing Committee because of Race Management implications. The Commodore presented a resume of factors involved in this decision. It was decided to offer potential 'Z' Class boats the opportunity to race on 6 Sea Races. They should be I.O.R. rated, and the Sailing Secretary will ask Bill Kempner to work with him on the organisation for the races. In addition boats not exceeding 35' and whose P.Y. No. is not less than 104 may as an alternative race with the Beta fleet in these races.
6. The Race Programme: The programme was discussed race by race and modified in the light of the discussion, for re-distribution prior to approval by the General Committee.
7. The Social Programme: The programme was discussed date by date and modified in the light of the discussion on the racing programme.
8. Alterations to Sailing Instructions: The Sailing Secretary presented a draft revised sailing instructions. Comments were to be sent by Committee members to the Hon. Sailing Secretary by 31st January and their view as to whether we should reprint. If it is decided to reprint P. Cooke will produce draft for A. Giles to submit to our printers.
9. Any other Business:
- (i) D. Lattey agreed to prepare a "kit" for race instructions and entrance for open races so that visitors could enter without the confusion that had occurred in 1977.
 - (ii) D. Lattey suggested we should not use P.N.C. or S.N.C. courses for open events. It was agreed that D. Lattey would liaise with P. Cooke

(ii) in devising instructions that covered the problems of interpreting
Contd. our rules by non-members.

(iii) Entry fees for visitors was increased to £2 from £1.

There being no other business, the Commodore thanked Peter Cooke for his
hospitality and closed the meeting at 11.00 p.m.