

# 29er Class Association Committee Meeting

## Minutes

20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 7.30 via Google Meet

Apologies: Clive Grummett, Chris Turner, Hannah Bristow, Dougal Scott

### **In attendance:**

#### **Officers of the Association:**

Samantha White, Dougal Scott, Lee Sydenham, Anne Sydenham, Melissa Heppell, Helen Alheid, Steve Sinfield, Doug Walker

#### **Other attendees:**

Louis Hiscocks, Alice Thorsby, Gavin Homer, Jo Powell, Jo Walker

Meeting was quorate.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for November were approved.

### **Committee vacancies**

#### Current

Vice chair

Training – Roger still on website

Transition

Measurer

Events/social sec – is that now Jane – should she be on cttee?

Treasurer

Sailing sec

General sec

Safety (one half)

Webmaster

Reps

North

NI – interest expressed

Scottish

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Steve Sinfield sent out via email. Aligned with last year. Going to step down at the end of the financial year. Prefer to get someone in place so can do a good handover. 2026 Nationals costings done and action to look and decide on entry fee. 6 days of racing for the same price as

last year. £400 to May, ramp by £100 (unless have been to the skills camp (new members only)) to get the numbers confirmed for organisation purposes.

### **Sailing Secretary**

Matters discussed:

- Issue with Lymington – tide problems – weekend before is close to Warsash. Proposal would be to do in May and June or summer holidays – ACTION dates of BSYT summer dates to AS. Fanny Rogers had been in touch about dates at Lymington. Proposed dates to class.
- 26/27 still waiting on two clubs to be confirm.
- 27 Nationals – Parkstone – Worlds Marseille date to be confirmed (?3 – 10 July)

### **Class Coach Update**

- 3 people apply and 1 to apply – all good people and what the next stage is. Need to put out on social media. Sub-committee should be set up and short listing grid and ensure fairness and balance
- Squad support – euros and worlds – will put costs together – BSYT – package for Worlds and other training. Optional Kiel week and Euros. There will be three courses for the Worlds. Feedback was that last year was very good. Do an expression of interest for Kiel and Lipno
- Transition enquiries need to get kick started again
- Skills camp – is it worth doing instead of going to the Europeans – need to check other dates or do sprint racing
- Feedback from squad has been positive. 1 – 4 ratios good and explored technology – whether can get class owned equipment – they also liked the trackers at the Ovi's (Ovington paid for them) and would need to check rules and add to SI's.
- Nationals start racing Sunday – there is a RYA academy that weekend – AT to alert them
- Discussion about coaching and encouraging new coaches from the regions and coach development and class assistance.

### **AOB**

- Under 13: Class run events only. Views: report 2017 wasn't about the age issue. Size was the issue, and the difference was that international events. The international may have had a knee jerk reaction to the incident which was an entrapment with a stuck mast. It would have been an issue for any sailor.

Discussion over age, size, weight, maturity/experience/seamanship.

There is another class (Tera Pro?) that had to explain the capability and the experience to sail at the event to get permission to sail.

Under 13 restriction - can't sail and say that there could be an application to compete with the final decision that is made on the decisions. Voted.

Masthead float recommendation to stay for weight/age (safety have the power to request the masthead float carried by safety to be put on the boat if required.

Whistle was a good thing to come out of the report – it is in the SI's – do need to ensure that there are still checks.

Quick release harness – the issue rather than age – but brushed over in the report. ACTION: to put over to another meeting.

- GCSE PE – Helen would like to look it – Melissa not keen as it has been taken off in the past
- Glynis Ridout – Representative for NI – voted on

Next date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting thanking all for their attendance.