

# RS Vareo UK AGM, 2015

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**Date:** Friday 10 July 2015

**Time:** 1800 hrs

**Location:** Dovey Yacht Club

**Chair:** Matt Yallop

**Scribe:** Andy Howard

No	Agenda Item	Action
	<b>Apologies:</b> None	
	<b>Present:</b> Matt Yallop 162, Nick Crickmore 165, Chris Coll 266, Paul North 443, Cheryl Wood 579, Chelsea Jackson 298, Andy Howard 565	
	Matt welcomed us all to Dovey Yacht Club. Nice to see some new faces.	
1	<b>Election of Class Representatives;</b> Matt Yallop – Chair Nick Crickmore – Eastern Rep Cheryl Wood – Northern Rep Andy Howard (AJH) – Southern/Western Rep	
2	<b>Fleet Communication:</b> We noted that the Yahoo group is still running, although we agreed we should be using the RS forum in its place to cut down confusing parallel communication paths. We should push locally to get non-RS members logged on to the forum.	AJH to ask Clare who is the moderator and if we can close Yahoo group down gracefully
3	<b>Review of 2015 season so far:</b> We were all concerned that there were so few of us here, and that had to be the focus of work over the next months to increase our visibility and attendance at Open Meetings. It was noted that the winds had been fairly violent which would have put off visitors to Tata and South Cerney. We think we are a friendly and helpful fleet. Apparently the RS Vareo is still one of the best selling racing boat in the RS range – but most seem to be for pottering and cruising. <b>Can we get RS to sponsor some coaching in the more popular clubs? And on days before the Inlands/Nationals?</b> AJH said that the Friday in September before the Inland Championships at Llandegfedd should be easy to arrange, and he is a qualified coach if no one better can be found! South Cerney could be visited? See if we can coax them into coming to Llandegfedd in September. In general, ask around and see if local fleets can put up visitors? Can boats be lent to visitors (or other club members) to get the numbers up?	Discuss coaching with Clare and propose some dates and clubs
4	<b>Preview of 2016 season:</b> We looked at the proposed calendar. After thought, probably best to leave out Netley in 2016, and bring back for Nationals in 2017? Suggestion that the Inlands could be at Carsington which has a reasonable RS Vareo Fleet? No discussion on how many events to count. Agreed to add coaching days around some of the events or to the larger RS Vareo Clubs.	Clare to attach 2016 calendar please. Afternote: still being worked on

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5	<p><b>Spinnaker Pole system:</b>            RS and Allen suggest that a new U bolt (not triangular) could reduce friction on the spinny pole system. We are waiting for a bolt to be delivered to Andy to trial. This could be an easy item to approve if it worked and remained a builder supplied item.</p> <p>Cheryl was experimenting with a carbon pole to see if that also slid more easily. Agreed that this could be done but would not be class legal without further investigation and an overall vote from the membership. Permitted to come to the Inlands with it if it worked. Cost from RS could be an issue.</p>	<p>Trial the new U bolt and carbon pole to see if they are better and report back.</p>
6	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b>            None</p>	
7	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>            During the <b>2016</b> Nationals at Llandegfedd Sailing Club 27-29 August 2016</p>	