

# RS Vareo UK AGM 2016

**Date:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**Time:** 1800 hrs

**Location:** Llandegfedd Sailing club

**Chairs and Scribes:** Nick Crickmore, Andy Howard and Cheryl Wood.

	<p><b>Present:</b> Richard Holmes 337, Jeremy Symons 665, Mike Rhodes 305, Carl Gill 239, Nils Jolliffe 487, Clare Williams 211, Alex Howard 389, Joost Knotnerus 226, John Regan 612, Arwin Bos 540, Andrew Appleton 658, Kevin Weatherhead 547, Paul North 443, Paul Kettle 321, Luke Fisher 407, Chris Smith 619, Peter Knapp 359.</p>	No Apologies
1	<p><b>Election of class reps:</b>            Nick Crickmore and Cheryl Wood: joint Chairs.            Andy Howard is leaving to sail RS100.            Paul North: Communications Rep</p>	
2	<p><b>Fleet communications:</b>            The class has seen a growth in social media activity through the Facebook group and the forum. Paul North is keen to be involved with event write ups and media.</p>	Continue to promote these sites.
3	<p><b>Review of 2016 season:</b>            The year started at Bassenthwaite SC. This event was concerning as the number attended was really low. Fleet think maybe this event was too far North and we should find alternative Northern venue.            South Cerney and Llandegfedd were the most popular venues for 2016 and we should look to host open next year.            The Dutch open event is currently displacing the wrong date. This will be changed to 8-9th of October and has interested UK participation.  <u>Afternote:</u> date corrected and event advertised with Nick Crickmore as POC</p>	Look to get Date changed on Events page.
4	<p><b>Preview of 2017:</b>            Unlikely to have great turnouts without remaining in Wales as other locations probably have to tag along with other asymmetric opens with other fleets.            Nationals: Pyefleet Week at Brightlingsea SC is yet to be sorted. Some comments for 3 consecutive days if possible. Mark Smith will ask his contact Piers for more information. Suggested dates of Sat 5/8/17 to 12/8/17?            Other events :            Oxford – Paul Kettle agreed to stay in contact.            Llandegfedd are happy to host something, which would be the same time as RS100 (9-10 July 2016).            South Cerney- Keven Whitehead (7<sup>th</sup> May).            Pennine SC- Cheryl is going to look at holding an event.            Netley – Carl Gill (27-29 Aug).            La Bruinisse in the Netherlands- September or October as a Euros Grafham/ Rutland for Inland event.  <u>Afternote:</u> RS Vareo fleet to join RS500 and RS700 for European Championship at Lake Lipno in Czech Republic 17-20 Aug 2017.</p>	
5	<p><b>Spinnaker Pole:</b>            The fleet in general is disappointed with RS price of £250 plus for the new carbon pole. When all that is needed to convert is £41 piece of tube and a rounded u bolt. It has no proven advantage, but is pleasing to see the boat moving with the times and developing. The fleet hope that RS will now start to include it as standard on all new boats with no extra cost. Post meeting there were discussions on one design consistency.            Various poles supplied by RS were measured from boats 165-665 and found</p>	Photos to be uploaded.

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	<p>various ranges of lengths from 84-90cm.</p> <p>Discussed on how to set your pole up to its full potential was agreed that some photos should be uploaded to webpage. This includes moving the pole anchor point to the boat's centre and tying up off the deck.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> Discussion with Alex Newton-Southon from RS. He will investigate price. The new improved u bolt is being fitted as standard on the new boats. The spinnaker pole is an extra choice to purchase.</p>	
6	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>RS Sailing- parts and sales.</p> <p>Some of the fleet are unsatisfied with the level of available parts and delivery service. The website does not get regular updates of stock available. Because of this they have been let down by the next day delivery service and feel they should at least get some credit back</p>	Would like to provide this feedback to RS Sailing.
7	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>To be held at 2017 Nationals date and time tbc.</p>	