



AGM Minutes 2021

Minutes of RS200 AGM, held on 3rd February 2018 at Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club

1. Welcome

RS200 Class Chair, Will Taylor welcomed those present, thanked his committee and class secretary, Sally Campbell.

2. Apologies for absence

Steve Wilson, Builders Rep

3. Election of Committee

- a. The following members of the committee agreed to continue: Will Taylor, Chair; Bethan Matthew, Social; Tommy Darling, Technical; Victoria Upton, results; Adam Catlow, social media; Will Ward, general; Charlie Darling, Merch; David Jessop, SEAS; John Teague, SWUT; Peter Collings, Scottish Tour. Proposed by Rob Henderson, seconded by Richard Abendstern, voted in unanimously
- b. Esther Parkhurst and Ollie Groves advised that they wish to stand down as Northern Tour Reps. Bethan Matthew is moving from the East so changing role. Post meeting note: Cameron Harris and Scarlett Anderson have volunteered to be the new Eastern Reps.
- c. Sally Campbell expressed thanks to the committee and in particular Will Taylor, on behalf of the fleet and secretariat.

4. Review of the current season

- a. National Circuit was difficult this year because of COVID, condensing the season. attendance figures:

QMSC 19

Brightlingsea 17

YDSC 17

HISC 47

Summers 26

Inlands – yet to run

National circuit figures are lower than we would like, partly because the regional series give good competition closer to home.

A discussion was held about what the fleet might like. The most popular option was a series of Championships, e.g., Southern, Northern, Sprints, Inlands etc.

- b. Regionals

5 series, over 500 sailors in total, attendance figures:

SW – John Teague reported that there had been decent turnouts, with lots of new sailors.

SEAS – David Jessop reported that 2 events had run at Weir Wood and QMSC, but most of the season was still to come.

Eastern – Bethan reported that encouraging sailors to travel was challenging in this region, a new rep will be sought to work with class captains at clubs with RS200s.

Scottish – the tor continues to flourish. Next year the new Northern rep and Scottish rep will work more closely together to avoid any clashes.
Northern – Esther and Ollie were not at the meeting but were thanked for developing this very successful tour over the last few years.

5. Report from the builders Rep – emailed by Steve Wilson, delivered by Tommy Darling

2021 has seen a positive start of a new chapter of production with the builder Ginger Boats. The change to VE resin has spurred an interest in the class with a flurry of orders. This has allowed RS to purchase two batches with a third lurking in the wings for 2021. In turn Ginger have been given the confidence to employ two more staff. Thus, generating more capacity and flexibility on the shop floor.

RS and Ginger enjoy a great working relationship with a direct feedback loop straight into the operators building the boats. Thus, removing any filters and empowering both teams to feel part of the construction process. Any small tweaks can now be implemented straight into the next boat coming down the line.

Supply chain challenges have put upward pressure on prices, but we hope to see some return to pre pandemic lead times and reduced upward fiscal pressure late in Q4 of this year.

Ginger gave their own boat its baptism at Bass Week with great results for Phil and his wife Sarah. In Phil's words "this boat has just saved my sailing marriage"

Future is looking strong for orders early in 2022 so sailors wanting new boats are being encouraged to get name down to reserve a build spot.

6. Report from Technical Rep

Tommy Darling reported that rule observance was much better in the fleet following the initiative started 3 years ago. Thanks were given to Mark Harrison, umpire for the Nationals.

7. Plan for 2022 and beyond

- a. Rooster National Tour to be arranged, once this is in place, regional reps can arrange dates around it. The committee need to give a brief to SC (Action WT)
- b. Sprints 2/3 April
- c. RS Games 28-31 July, to be a special event, aimed at attracting a different RS200 demographic to the National and National Tour. A working group comprising an RS200 sailor, an RS400 sailor and an RS sailing repo will take this forward. Any sailor wishing to represent the RS200 class is asked to contact Sally.
- d. Eurocup – Carnac 3-6 June, over the double bank holiday, so requiring very little holiday time.
- e. Nationals – Hayling Island 21-25 August

8. Demo Sailing

A debate was held about how to enable new sailors to try an RS200, including the challenges of maintaining and transporting a class demo boat, insurance issues etc. It was agreed that a 'borrow my boat' register be investigated.

9. AOB – none raised