

RS Vareo 2021 AGM Minutes

Tues 28 Sept 21 Online via Zoom

Chair: Cheryl Wood

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Nil	
2	<u>Present:</u> Alan Bassett, Lee Bratley, Nick Crickmore, Mike Dicker, Luke Fisher, Paul North, Jeremy Simons, Nigel Tinkler, Cheryl Wood, Richard Woods.	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Cheryl Wood (CW) warmly welcomed everyone. She was very pleased to see everyone on the water again.	
4	<u>Committee:</u> a. Chair: Nick Crickmore and Cheryl Wood offered to continue as joint chairs. There was unanimous approval. Carried. b. Fleet Communications Member: Paul North (PN) will continue to work as communications member. Everyone approved. Carried. c. Jeremy Simons will act as the contact for an open at Llandegfedd in 2022.	
5	<u>Matters arising from 2020 minutes:</u> All fine.	
6	<u>Membership:</u> a. 2021 membership steady. Everyone is to encourage their fellow sailors to join up. b. Cheryl Wood (CW) is fielding lots of boat enquiries. Everyone is asked to check out dinghy parks for unloved RS Vareos because supply is short of demand. Paul North (PN) will write another call out for second-hand boats. Clare Sargent (CS) will send out to all members and the media.	All PN CS
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> a. Fast news email, website, Facebook group. The sailors are asked to use Facebook group to chat so that everyone can see and feel involved. Private Messenger groups don't reach out and generate interest in the fleet. Nick Crickmore (NC) will close the Messenger group. All asked to keep active on Facebook. b. Telegram App – PN will investigate using this for events. Unlike What'sApp it does not disclose telephone numbers.	All NC PN
8	<u>Technical:</u> a. CS is asked to raise a rule change vote to bring RS Vareo in line with other RS fleets by being permitted to touch mark and do 360 degree penalty turns. b. Facebook question and answer is working well. Please continue. c. CS will ask RS Sailing for details on bow sprit size and length, and shroud length. d. It was agreed to keep National's trophy age classification informal so that the prizes can be shared around the fleet in line with the RS Vareo friendly spirit. This avoids one sailor winning everything.	CS All CS

	e. Replacement of clew and tack strops permitted under RS Rules.	
9	<p><u>Review of 2021 season:</u></p> <p>a. Illuminis Inlands with training day beforehand = amazing! Big thank you to PN.</p> <p>b. RS Summer Regatta at Royal Torbay YC = good racing.</p> <p>c. Nationals at Itchenor = it was felt that Itchenor SC did not value the RS Vareos enough, giving their attention to Youth Week which was to be held the following week. The racing is very tidally influenced and it was a very difficult weekend. It is a good venue for an open meeting weekend with neap tides. Request to look at Chichester YC for 2023 Nationals.</p> <p>d. RS End of Seasons at Rutland SC 6-7 Nov. Event to open shortly. Rutland SC Asymmetric open fortnight before was strongly recommended. CS to provide details and confirm able to leave boat there in between events.</p>	CS CS
9	<p><u>Preview of 2022 calendar:</u></p> <p>2-3 April: RS Sprints at Rutland SC</p> <p>Easter Regatta? Perhaps Lymington or Weston. Or another Weston Cup event. CS to explore.</p> <p>May: Jeremy Simons to look at Llandgfedd SC weekend open here, perhaps 21-22 or 28-29 May, perhaps training day on the Friday. <u>Afternote:</u> Event dates confirmed: 14-15 May Llandegfedd SC.</p> <p>24 June: Free training day with Pete Vincent at Milton Keynes SC</p> <p>25-26 June: Illuminis Inland Championship at Milton Keynes SC</p> <p>29-31 July: National Championship at RS Games at WPNSA</p> <p>Sept: Mike Dicker to investigate Chichester YC for an open. Six home boats. <u>Afternote:</u> Event date confirmed: 30 April Chichester YC.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> Event dates confirmed: 23-25 Sept CZE Nationals Brno, Czech Republic.</p> <p>Oct: Richard Woods to see if we can join in with Plymouth Final Fling.</p> <p>Sail Juice Winter Series recommended. <u>Afternote:</u> Congratulations to Luke Fisher for second place overall in the 2020/2021 Sail Juice Winter Series.</p> <p>Looking to 2023: Filey Regatta, Burghfield SC, Pennine SC Asymmetric Open.</p>	CS Jeremy Simons Mike Dicker Richard Woods CS, Cheryl Wood
10	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>a. NC stated that the Czech Republic has a builder keen to take on building of the RS Vareo. <u>Afternote:</u> At the RS Class Association Management Meeting 19 Oct 21 RS Sailing's director Jon Partridge stated that RS Sailing does not want to build new RS Vareos. There is no mould or plug. Phil Morrison is the licence holder. RS Vareo Chair can formally request licence holder to start new build. But it is Phil Morrison's decision as to whether he wants to build new RS Vareos.</p>	

	b. Discussions were held about loan/demo boats. NC and PN to arrange demo boat movement to Milton Keynes SC. c. CW thanked everyone for attending.	NC and PN
11	<u>Date of next meeting:</u> At 2022 Nationals 29-31 July at RS Games at WPNSA	All

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