

RS Vareo 2024 AGM Minutes

11 November 2024

Online Teams meeting

Chair: Paul North

Secretary: Clare Sargent (CS)

No	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> None.	
2	<u>Present:</u> Chris Abbott, Michelle Collier-Brooks, Nick Crickmore, Luke Fisher, Ewan McHenry, Andy Nicoll, Paul North.	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Paul North (PN) gave a warm welcome to all RS Vareo sailors.	
4	<u>Committee:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. PN asked if anyone new would like to join the committee.b. PN stated he was happy to continue as Chair. Thank you to PN. The floor was in full support.c. Nick Crickmore (NC) stated he was happy to continue as Technical Rep. Thank you to NC. The floor was in full support.	
5	<u>Matters arising from 2023 minutes:</u> The RS Vareo WhatsApp group called "Vareo Opens" is working well. All happy for it to continue. PN is admin. The link to join is posted in the RS Vareo website library here: p1idk2qc8k1ahfalf1d4oibvut93.pdf	
6	<u>Membership:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Membership number for 2024 is 27 which is less than the 34 of 2023 and 2022. Please encourage your fellow sailors to join up.b. The floor thought about how to push membership to a wider audience. CS will post the 2025 membership leaflet to the facebook group.	CS
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. RS Vareo facebook works well and is simple.b. See para 5 above about WhatsApp. CS will email the link to all members and include in next RS Vareo website news item and facebook post.	CS
8	<u>Technical:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Sail shape: NC sent calculations as requested to Richard Frost at RS Sailing. No response received. <u>Afternote:</u> CS has phoned and emailed RS Sailing three times since this meeting and will continue to chase to get an answer.b. New build: This project is currently dead. This is hugely disappointing. James Jarvey of JJ Boats has pulled out due to difficulty over foils. RS Vareo foils are shared with other RS boat so are a propriety item. Despite these common aluminium foils not being satisfactory (sailors favouring the fibreglass foils) RS refused to let the RS Vareo be built without the propriety items kit being purchased. The cost to purchase the old stock would have been about £14,000.c. Future: It is now imperative that the fleet strongly consider how best to keep the class alive without the ability to build new boats. Old boats will need to have their life extended. The Czech fleet are investigating adding a cross brace at the stern. NC will keep a close eye on progress and report back in the New Year. PN will look at wording for potential rule change to permit this work when it is not a repair but a modification to avoid the need to repair. Aim to specify the end result of strengthening the stern without specifying the method.	CS All NC PN
9	<u>Review of 2024 season:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. There was not an RS Vareo Rooster 2024 National Tour prize giving due to the cancellation of the RS End of Seasons Regatta. So PN announced the voucher winners to the floor to much applause and praise. In 5th place: Dave Houghton, 4th place: Nick Crickmore, 3rd place: Chris Abbott, 2nd place: Howard Astley-Jones. Congratulations to the RS Vareo 2024 Rooster National Tour winner Luke Fisher. He retains the trophy. <u>Afternote:</u> Twenty five sailors competed on the tour and shared in the joy of one design fleet racing. There was fierce	

	<p>competition throughout the fleet! Thank you to all the competitors for taking part, to the fantastic clubs for hosting and to Rooster for once again generously sponsoring the tour. Thanks also to our results guru Paul North.</p> <p>b. RS Sprints at Rutland – good event, highly recommended.</p> <p>c. Oxford – very well done event.</p> <p>d. GYGSC – weather gods worked!</p> <p>e. Milton Keynes – all very pleased with the event. Thank you to Illuminis for their sponsorship.</p> <p>f. POSH nationals – Paignton SC did us proud. Booked for 2026 nationals.</p> <p>g. Spacing of one event per month works well.</p>																									
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11	<u>AOB:</u> None raised. See you at the SailJuice Winter Series!																									
12	<u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> tbc Autumn 2025 online	CS																								

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RS Vareo Class Association Secretary