

RS600 AGM 2023 : Minutes

23rd June 2023

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Matters arising
 - o Nothing to declare
- Election of committee
 - o Ian Montague – stepping down with thanks from everyone for his efforts over the years
 - o Jamie Mawson proposed Will Russell , seconded by Ian Marshall
Vote: all in favour
 - o Will joins the committee, leading on social media and promotion of the class
 - o Jamie Mawson, Ian Marshall and George Smith agreed to continue
- Technical & boat building
 - o You can now buy new boats from Ginger boats, albeit a few teething issues in terms of the moulds, storage of moulds, work in making new boat
 - o However, boats are coming out well, despite these teething issues
 - o Spares and moulds are now on the RS website. Class is therefore in a good place
 - o Prices have increased with inflation etc. Eg. Sail price increased three times in a year – sailors are encouraged to make the most of the winter sail deal
 - o Investigating a potential change to the mast fitting, to allow a 2:1 halyard. RS700's use the same fitting, and would be keen to trial changing the fitting.
 - o An RS800 engineer is looking into creating a fitting to trial for several classes.
 - o Superspars have worked with the class to produce a boom that has now been tested
- Review of 2022 – today
 - o 2022 was a pivotal year – we finished with a builder on board, mast supply issues sorted, and turnout bounced back for the RS games
 - o 2023 – we've not carried the momentum. Turnouts have been somewhat lower from Grafham to Stone.
 - o Need to have a good think about what we want from events to make sure we get max attendance
 - o Will has been talking about some training at Grafham
 - o Learnings from Bough Beech – training and racing together didn't work quite so well.
 - o Decision last year was to have fewer events, we're not sure if that's actually worked. Asks whether we'd like more events, or more dedicated training events. Probably fewer events isn't the answer.
 - o We have 5 events planned this year.
 - Bough
 - Grafham : Inlands
 - Stone: Nationals

- Notts county
- Rutland : EOS

- 2024

- Oxford turn out is historically quite low. Last year it was shared with contenders, K6s, D1s – contenders don't want to share with K6s, which would suit 600s. D1s maybe not involved, but Vareos may be, which would be good as they're also an RS class.
- Oxford last year had a poor forecast, and we were just out of covid, which maybe led poor attendance. No camping, but there are airbnbs and options nearby. Or we could make it a one day event?
- Wider question – one day events? Make it cheaper if it's not a weekend event? On the flipside, will people travel for one day? Several people comment they prefer multiple day events as travel would make it unviable for one day
- Potentially going to Carsington for inlands/late summer/July as dates Grafham possible with RS 30th anniversary regatta, 600 one of the first two boats RS made. Class ass. Are very keen this is a well attended event. Will be at Hayling. Hayling will be May – dates TBC.
- We have been provisionally accepted for the Riva Cup, likely end May-June '24. Jubby is looking into transport costings. He has a 10 boat trailer and has said he will do a deal of about £500 per boat, including all paperwork, tolls etc. Minimum we need to make it viable is 10. George believes it'll be a good event – people may buy boats just to go. Last year the RS500 costings were about £500. Typically a three day racing event.
- Events: Oxford, Hayling (May), Garda (May-June), Eastbourne (9th-11th September), Carsington (July), potentially end of season at Rutland
- Jamie says 600s invited to Notts
- Ian says Stone would host again
- Eastbourne are very keen to have us, and very accommodating. Know how to host a champs well, and there will be several RS classes there.
- So we have lots of options – dates are on the website
- Show of hands for Oxford in April – majority say yes
- Show of hands for garda – maybe 5. Garda club would want 10 boats.
- Option to do Hayling, then take your boat straight to Jubby in Hayling, ready for Garda travel.

2025 – accepted for Mounts Bay

- Training

- George leads – we've had one mixed race and train event. Handicapped by lack of wind, which turned into rig tuning and straight into racing.
- Will talking about setting up training for Grafham newbies.
 - In talks with Alistair on sophisticated training with a rib. People outside of Grafham are welcome to come
 - Jamie says there's budget to help with things like this.
 - Dedicated Bough Beech event at beginning of year?

- George happy to travel to a local club to run coaching. Tricky to organise a pro coach unless we have a good turnout
- Small home fleet with beginners who would like training.
- Ian says two levels of coaching: real newbies, capsized recovery, control set-up etc. Bit of help to encourage them to not sell the boat.
- Higher level coaching: people who can sail but need help to improve.
- Doesn't really work to mix them – need split training.
- Need to target new boat owners / people who are struggling. Asks everyone to get people to reach out to the committee.
- Is there any interest in a beginner's training?
- Perhaps video would be a good idea. A YouTube channel?
 - 600 needs some promo, which is where Will's new committee role will be good.
 - New DVD? Previous DVD (K16) attempt didn't work due to venue and weather. Wasted effort. Grafham would be a good place to do this.
 - People would like more videos
- Question as to whether we could poll boat owners to ask why they don't come to events, how often they sail etc.

- AOB

- No other business.
- Finished at 20.55 23rd June 2023.
- Thanks to Sally and the class association for their continued efforts