

RS600 AGM Minutes, Eastbourne Sovereign SC, 12th Sept 2024

Chair: Jamie Mawson Class Secretary: Sally Campbell

No.	Agenda Item
1	<u>Apologies</u> : None
2	<u>Matters arising from last meeting</u> : None
3	<u>Committee</u> 3.1 Sally and Jamie gave a vote of thanks to the committee for their hard work this year. 3.2 Committee members Jamie Mawson (Chair), George Smith (technical), Will Russell (social media) and Ian Marshall (general) all agreed to stand again, voted in unanimously by the fleet. 3.3 It was emphasised that new committee members are always welcome, and that the role does not have to be onerous
4	<u>Technical</u> 4.1 It was reported that there are now quite a few Ginger Boats RS600s on the water and that they were mostly performing well, although some had been back to the workshop for 'teething issues'. 4.2 Boat prices are still competitive vs other classes in the market, but there is a big gap between new and 2 nd hand boat prices – availability of 2 nd hand boats for new sailors to the class is a problem. 4.3 An issue with welding omitted from some mast fittings had been dealt with, all class association members should have received an email detailing how to check their mast. 4.4 Mast supply remains a [problem, with none in stock and an undefined lead time. GS and JM have been in contact with Richard Le mare of Selden, who are looking into manufacturing a test mast to assess vs the current mast. A debate was held re looking into a UK manufacturer vs the known situation with Superspars. It was noted that Superspars are still keen to work with the class. IM has asked Superspars to hold bare tubes in stock to shorten lead times. JM and Pete Vincent (overall RSCA Chair) to ask RS to keep a mast in stock. An idea was raised as to whether a UK supplier might like to buy old masts and refurbish them or make new ones from scratch. 4.5 A q was asked from the floor about using compact steel to replace shrouds. This was not popular with those present.
5	<u>Review of 2024</u> 5.1 JM reported that Garda had been fantastic. A vote of thanks was given to Ian Jubb for his generous support. 5.2 2024 has been a good year so far, it was noted that attendance at Carsington was down, in part due to it being on Father's Day. 5.3 Notts County and the End of Seasons at Rutland are still to run and all are most welcome. 5.4 GS says that visiting 600s would be welcome for the Bough Beech Winter series
6	<u>Plan for 2025 and beyond</u> 6.1 The suggestion to hold a European event every other year, with 2026 being Travemunde (RS Games) was considered the best way forward.

	<p>6.2 Mounts Bay Nationals should be an excellent event, not having an EU event in 2025 should maximise numbers attending.</p> <p>6.3 Those present felt that Grafham would be the preferred venue for the Inlands, WR to contact the club.</p> <p>6.4 It was agreed that if possible, events should be better spaced in 2025 than 2024.</p> <p>6.5 Bough Beech (March), Oxford (April), to be arranged again</p> <p>6.6 Other suggested venues were Blackwater, an Essex venue (possibly the Essex Dinghy Champs), Weston.</p>
7	<p><u>Coaching</u></p> <p>7.1 A ½ day coaching to be added to the Nationals the day before racing starts – this was very popular in Brixham. Potential coaches could be Mark Rhodes or Jack Weatherall.</p> <p>7.2 The training videos by WR were very well received – thanks were given for the enormous effort that this took. A coaching grant is available for a windy weather series.</p> <p>7.3 Another coaching event to be arranged for 2025, using an RSCA £150 coaching grant.</p>
7	<p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>JW thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting</p>