

RS600 AGM Minutes

RS 600

Thursday 25 September 2025
Mounts Bay SC

Class secretary: Lizzie Cattermole

Attendees

20

Welcome

Jamie Mawson welcomed attendees to the AGM. Sally Campbell thanked committee for their hard work throughout the year.

Apologies

None.

Matters Arising from 2024 Minutes

None.

Election of Committee

The following members agreed to stand again and were unanimously re-elected:

- **Chair** – Jamie Mawson
- **Technical** – George Smith
- **Social Media** – Will Russell
- **General** – Ian Marshall

No new members joined the committee, but it was emphasised that new volunteers are always welcome, and the role need not be onerous.

Technical Update

- RS originally required a minimum of **8 orders** for new boats; after discussing with Ben Willows, it was agreed that RS will accept single orders. Lead times TBC, they need a firm order to be able to advise further.
- Mast supply continues to be a challenge; another manufacturer may need to be considered.

Review of 2025

- Attendance at open events has consistently attracted **10+ boats**, in line with the last four years.
- Nationals continue to average **around 20 boats**.
- Class attendance remains steady; focus now should be on growth.

Plans for 2026

- **May** – Riva Cup
- Interest for a south Coast event (date TBC)
- Oxford (date TBC)
- **Mid-September** – Brixham Nationals
- Inlands (Grafham with RS400/800s, or Northampton later in the season)

General discussion:

- Jamie suggested joining SailJuice events with an RS600 start, but the fleet mainly rejected as they prefer smaller events (either standalone or alongside one other class).
- Aim for **around 4 well-spaced events across the year** to maximise turnout.

Action: Committee to finalise the 2026 calendar.

2027 Nationals

- Possible venues:
 - Plymouth (Hooe Point) – if RS600-only.
 - Castle Cove – to check availability and whether they would have us.
- Timing: September preferred.
- Coordination with RS300 nationals to be considered.

Action: Committee to scope both venues.

Coaching

- **£150 worth of grants** available for 2026 coaching.
- Best targeted at newcomers to attract fresh sailors into the class.

Action: Promote via Yachts & Yachting and beyond current membership.

Any Other Business

- **Reaching inactive owners:**
 - The class currently has ~44 RS600 members.
 - Proposal to send out a questionnaire to understand barriers to attendance and encourage participation.
- **RS strategy meeting:**
 - Suggestion to invite class representatives to share ideas and shape future planning.