

Christchurch Sailing Club
Cruiser AGM
Thursday 17th November 2011

Apologies

Richard Shaul, Ray New, Michael Dickinson, Colin Matlock, Nick Woolley.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

These had been circulated earlier,

Proposed: Philip York

Seconded: Bob Egerton

Carried

Class Captain's Report

Philip started by saying this is his last year, in five years this last one has been the worst weather wise. Lost eight races. Approximately 250 boats started races 192 finished.

He asked race officers consider courses carefully with probability of the bulk of the fleet being able to finish as he felt that there had been too many retirements.

He picked out several different boats that have achieved wins this season also those who had started for the first time and those who had actually finished races for the first time!

He said that he would leave the topic of handicaps to the incoming New Class Captain as he had been unable to establish what the class actually wanted over the past five years.

Asked for volunteers to recover the sea marks which are still out.

Asked for strong feelings about the evening series – next year there will be only seven occasions when the tides are suitable – David Yeabsley thought that if the time was there we should use it. Andy Hazel would prefer the races to be on a Wednesday rather than a Monday. There was a suggestion that only one a week or fortnight was the best format rather than two in a week.

Asked if there was any interest in a really long distance race 15 miles plus – just a few (4).

Asked if the Olympic race course, racing more than once on the same day racing across the tide was wanted – after general discussion a suggestion that several very short races might be better.

Asked if there would be any interest in a Regatta weekend combining racing with a social event – felt that this would be very acceptable.

In 2013 it proposed that the Club will be redecorated and at that time a trophy cabinet will be installed – 5 of the larger cruiser trophies will then be awarded but kept at the club permanently and plaques given to the recipients to keep.

He suggested that it was important that members should study further the wind farm proposals and also the proposed marine conservation areas at Studland.

Philip recounted a few of the highlights re timekeepers, it was not all bad!

Philip also read out an email from Stuart Percival thanking the Cruiser Sailability for removing their link lines so speedily.

Rally Report – Bridget Allen

Bridget began by saying that she can't believe a year has passed since she took over from Barbara. She would like to record her thanks to Phil Whiston who has given her tremendous support also to Roger and not forgetting the "Swiss Rollers".

Despite the meteorological challenges, wet and very windy for much of the season – known in Suffolk as "baby weather", the rally season proved very successful which can be measured by the attendance numbers, including many first timers.

Rally statistics: Lymington/Ccws = 21 signed up and attended. Weymouth = 24 signed up 12 attended. Cross Channel = 9 signed up, 6 crossed. Poole Harbour = 10 signed up, Plan B at CSC. Hurst Castle SC = 22 signed up and attended. Flotilla week = 12 signed up and 11 participated. Bastille Day = 1 signed up, 2 attended but not the one that signed up. Redclyffe SC = 19 signed up. Folly Inn = 25 signed up, Plan B – 40 crew dined at CSC. Yarmouth = 41 signed up, 51 attended – think that was an all time record!

There are some definite heroes and heroines amongst the fleet – not a lot stops the CSC cruiser rally fleet, however we did have to resort to Plan B held at CSC on two occasions.

This year: Lymington – mooring on the Dan Bran proved rather an expensive surprise. The weather made getting to Weymouth a challenge but we were rewarded with a warm welcome and a great meal at Weymouth YC. "Across the Channel in company" proved successful. However the Bastille Day rally numbers have dwindled and only had two participants, therefore next year it is proposed that we combine the two and we are looking at Cherbourg as the venue. (Bob Egerton suggested that people put info on the club web about their movements abroad so that others in the area may be able to meet up) Hurst Castle BBQ weekend coincided with the ISC Round the Island race and was definitely weather challenged so she was amazed and delighted at the turnout. The Flotilla Week, introduced last year by Barbara, again had great support. The participants (including many "first-timers") all enjoyed superb weather, fun, friendship and the opportunity to visit various different locations. Poole Family Rally also fell foul of inclement weather – thanks to Ric and Nicky Hewin for arranging the very successful Plan B Rounders on the Quomps instead of Brownsea Island, followed by a BBQ at CSC. A good turnout for the Redcliffe Rally enjoyed a great welcome and superb BBQ food cooked by the RYC members, the puds were to die for. Sadly the Folly Rally fell foul of the remains of hurricane Katya resulting in Plan B – our thanks to Carole who is always willing to help and provided a delicious meal at very short notice.

The Yarmouth end of season rally has to be a record breaker! The weather was truly stunning – 28c and resulted in a turnout of fifty one boats.

Bridget ended her report by recording her personal thanks to the rally fleet for all their support throughout this season and she had almost completed the 2012 programme although is looking for more volunteers to lead some of the rallies.

Election of Class Captain

There being only one nominee proposed by Philip Whiston Seconded by Jim Mottram – Ricardo Cobelli he was duly elected.

New Class Captain

Ricardo stood and introduced himself and requested that Cruisers members should please contact him if there was anything at all that they wanted raised on their behalf at meetings.

RNLI – Lifeboat Sea Safety Officer – John Reeves from Mundeford Station

Introduced the topic of Sea Checks, this being an advisory check which take approximately an hour to an hour and a half and should be done preferably in the Spring when the boats are back in the water.

Introduced a ~"Calling for Help Course" – an interactive talk for a max of 30. The course can be tailored to suit the type of boat.

Lifejacket clinic could be set up in the Club on a Saturday morning – they will check them over.

Security – Ian Wright

Commenced by thanking those who have carried out the duties – over the past three years that he has been responsible we have been Crime free!

He attended the Harbourwatch AGM last night and was presented with a cheque towards the cost of fuel used by the Club patrols – additionally to the high visibility jackets and flares presented earlier in the year.

He mentioned that Philip York has retired as Secretary of the Harbourwatch, after doing the job for six years, but a replacement has yet to be found – anybody interested to contact him.

A draft of the patrol duties will be available for people to ensure they are available when requested before it goes to print.

He requested that more use of night light be made rather than the bright light, and more detailed reports of the evenings.

Rom suggested that the bright light did in fact act as a deterrant. John Roantree said that the police response to the use of a bright light was that the thieves know the time between

the boat being around. Philip Y said that the light should be used with discretion, not pointed towards private properties.

Graham Atkins reported that the day after craning out, when our patrols had stopped he had several hundred pounds of ground tackle stolen.

Suggestion of a white board by the bosun lock up with info on which boat is available for use.

Any Other Business

Andy Hazel pointed out that it is in the race rules that bow anchors must be removed when racing.

Rom thanked the Cruising Fleet for their efforts as race officers and timekeepers on behalf of the Hawk Fleet.

Small amount of discussion re handicaps.

Paul De Feuliade said that there are now four Sonata in the club, could they all race of the same handicap – no, should still be personal handicaps but they could always arrange their own cup between themselves.

Rick Thompson asked the members present to thank Phil Whiston in the usual way for his efforts for the past five years. (Cheers and applause)

Phil Whiston in turn thanked Timekeepers and Race Officers, Stan's Gang, Geoff Harwood, Bridget Allen and Barbara before her, Frances York, the Bar staff for all their efforts and of course Ricci Cobelli for taking over from him.

The Meeting closed at 9pm

There had been 50 members present.