

CHRISTCHURCH SAILING CLUB

CLASS 4: AGM

24th November 2007

Present:

Ian Bray (Chair), Ian Dashwood, Jon Arnell, Chris Arnell, Tony Lock, Jack Arnell, Rory Barnes, Simon Percival, John Ridout, Richard Kendrick, Richard Paulding, Peter Howard, David Steele, Jim Newman

Apologies:

Andy Denison, Merrick Gill, Luke Ridout, Ashley Taylor, Ray New, John Shannessy, Mark Samuels, Di Kerr

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the AGM 2006 had been previously circulated.
A proposal was made for the minutes were taken as an accurate record and duly adopted.

Proposed: Ian Dashwood
Seconded: Jim Newman
The proposal was approved unanimously.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There was further discussion regarding the award of prizes for Juniors (within class 4). 2007 results will be examined to see whether there were sufficient junior entries in any series to justify an additional prize. The idea will be pursued further in 2008 with publicity being given to qualifying series in advance.

3. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Ian Bray reported that race entries seemed to be down a little on the previous season but, due to a bit of a hiatus in publishing results, he did not have actual figures.

The new handicap system seemed to have worked well with prizes being distributed amongst at least 11 competitors and no one winning more than 2. Prizegiving will be combined with the annual Class dinner on 9/2/2008.

Despite good individual results in the Inter-club and Quadrangle, there were too few competitors for us to retain the team prize.

Storage had been monitored more closely than in the past and it was the case that four Class 4 boats appeared to have been left unused for most, if not all, of the season. These members will get lowest priority when storage is allocated for 2008.

4. ELECTION FOR NEW CLASS 4 CAPTAIN

There being no other nominations Ian Bray agreed to carry on as Class Captain.

5. 2008 RACE PROGRAMME

In many respects, the programme will revert to the pre-2007 format but the welcome initiatives regarding Junior racing will be developed further. Various discussion points followed.

- 5.1 Simon Percival enquired as to why the proposal to award some prizes immediately after races had not been implemented. It was thought that the change of HSS was largely responsible but it was agreed that we should **seek to implement such a scheme for selected races in 2008.**
- 5.2 It was also suggested that for selected morning races, we should **arrange informal Class lunches in the club. These to be publicised in advance.**
- 5.3 John Arnell suggested that **for "all classes" handicap races, we should use the "average laps" system.** This would allow all competitors to race for approximately the same length of time. There was general agreement. [This is the system successfully operated for inter-club racing. It does require a repeating loop course, usually a trapezium. This could require a change to the sailing instructions.]
- 5.4 Jim Newman asked if the ODM series (of 3 races) could be re-instated. **The class captain agreed to look into this** but pointed out the reluctance of some harbour users to have dinghies racing through the run.
- 5.5 Chris Arnell suggested that **a weekend could be devoted to a "class championship" where there would be level racing between any class with enough (3?) entries (Finns, Solos, Lasers, Toppers and Mirrors seem like possibilities). Probably 4 races over the 2 days and towards the end of the season. There was general support for this idea.** [In effect, a "mini club regatta", this could replace one of the HOWs. Some extra prizes would be required.]
- 5.6 **Rory Barnes asked if neap tide races could start a little later as this would often give better water. Jim Newman offered to double check race times against the tide tables (pre-publication).**
- 5.7 **Jim Newman asked if a long distance dinghy race could be held in 2008.** [This was held once before. Class 4 raced with the cruisers, using their start line/committee boat, starting 15 mins earlier and following the same course (but using the launch to record finishes). The RIB and a launch would be needed at sea and, in an emergency, additional cover would be provided by the cruisers being in the vicinity.]
- 4.8 **It was requested that Class 4 sea races be provided when the cruisers race their Olympic courses.** [This would simply be a reversion to the old system (as per current sailing instructions).]

6. 2008 OTHER EVENTS

As previously mentioned, the prize giving and annual dinner are scheduled for 9/2/08.

Tony Lock offered to host a barbecue in the summer. Date to be arranged.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Jim Newman has sent a PY return to the RYA.
- 7.1 Chris Arnell is now qualified as a Club Racing Coach and can provide training courses. He is not looking for any payment but would appreciate some return in the form of volunteers to help with Junior training. In particular, would any class 4 sailors would be willing to act as "mentors" to CSC

Juniors in 2008. The aim being to give young sailors support with their club racing during the season. **Prospective volunteers to email Chris please.**

7.1 A new Class 4 picture is required for the club wall. Members were invited to submit pictures to the Class Captain.

7.1 **It was requested that the Class Captain (again) investigate the possibility of extending the interclub handicap range to allow Luke Ridout's RS300 to compete.**

7.1 **It was requested that the Interclub Race Instructions could be put on our web-site (as well as on MSCs!)**

7.1 **It was requested that the club television be made more available available for members' use – essentially, whenever members present wish to use it and no members present object.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:40 pm.