

# THAMES SAILING CLUB

## SAILING COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 @ TSC

Attendees: Stuart Gurney (SG), Nick Hoskins (NH), Chris Martin (CM), Suzie Scotcher (SS), Ben May (BM), David Lowrie (DL), I. Pratt (IP), Brian Reed (BR)

Apologies: P Armitage,

Attendee: Sally Reed.

C.C. Andy Christie

1) **Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008** - Approved with one amendment,

2) **CVRDA – Vintage Regatta** - Thanks given to BM and all who helped achieve a successful CVRDA event.

The small boat element produced a profit of approx £???.00. BM agreed to run the event next year with the Committee's approval and appreciation.

3) **Training** - very successful Summer event . Thanks passed to all concerned.

### OTHER MATTERS

4) **Regatta Signs** – Regatta 'Warning' Signs for use on the river to be organised.

**ACTION: IP**

5) **Wooden Leader** – Now off site.

6) **On-Board Programme** - £250 donation from RYA passed to Treasurer. Can be used against cost of Instructor Training Courses for members. Julian Pearson, RYA, to be approached regarding a Train the Trainer course for next year. The Sailing Committee deemed such courses as being Profit making for the club with the new members being attracted to courses.

On-Board Programme to be encouraged with emphasis on children joining as part of a Family Membership.

7) **Winter Berthing** - The Sailing Committee agreed that it was essential to be advised as to who owns which boats and which boats have paid their dues.

8) **Club Future – Feedback** - IP presented a set of proposals for the future of the club. SS to pass these on.

**Action: SS**

### General Committee (GC) Feedback

9) **Cora Cover** - The GC agreed that the cost of a proper cover should be investigated such that Cora could reasonably be over-Wintered outside.

**Action: CM**

### AOB

10) **Summer Training Course** - SR Thanked all concerned for excellent efforts and results.

Next year's course proposed to run from 8<sup>th</sup> Aug (Sat to Wed). Spring course proposed as 25/26<sup>th</sup> April & May 2/3 & 4 (4 being Bank holiday Mon)

Course feedback.- Students broadly happy. RYA Inspector identified several issues which can be covered.

11) **Training Expenses** – It was agreed that reasonable out-of-pocket expenses involved with the Training programme should be reimbursed. SG to ensure all valid claims processed

**Action: SG**

12) **Trainee Development** – It was agreed that on-going trainee support by way of training & practice was highly desirable for long term student participation. **Action: SR, BM,NH & all**

13) **Mid season training candidates** - tend to go elsewhere if a course is not available within a reasonable/ short timescale. We lose a member and a training place. It was agreed that we should look into the prospect of an 'understanding' with other local Training centres with the aim of TSC encouraging the prospective trainee to join TSC but take a course at a discount elsewhere should the next TSC course be too far ahead. **Action: SS**

14) **Free GP 14** - available from Sail for Cancer. BM to investigate and if agreed by all we can accept the craft assuming we make some form of contribution to Sail for Cancer each year.

15) **Open Day** - was proposed for next year some time before the Summer Training Course. This year's event was deemed a success.

16) **Club Craft** - IP to investigate the value & effectiveness of giving Hagel a refurb. Her decks need serious attention. **Action: IP**

17) **Winter Storage** - Remains an issue. A review of how one could make an effective shelter at the downstream end of the upper hard to be investigated. **Action: SG**

18) **Club Boats** - More assistance needed to maintain both sail and motor craft. Volunteers to be enlisted in return for free use. **Action: All**

19) **Club Boats (Sail) Booking** - It is proposed that a TSC Yahoo site be established to organize the booking of club craft. **Action:??**

20) **Retirement** – SG announced that he was retiring, by rotation, as Vice commodore.

**Next Meeting – TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCT 2008 at 6.30pm**