

THAMES SAILING CLUB

SAILING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held March 12th 2008

Attendees: Nick Hoskins (NH), Chris Martin (CM), Stuart Gurney (SG),
Suzie Scotcher, Brian Reed (BR), Ian Pratt (IP), Ben May (BM), David Lowrie (DL), Paul Armitage (PA)

(full house) Attendee: Sally Reed. C.C. Andy Christie

General

1) **Minutes of last meeting** - Approved

Matters Arising

2) **Box Duty & Members' Phone numbers** – It was agreed that the next Member Renewal Notice should request member's permission for phone numbers to be published; thus overcoming Data Protection Act issues. SG to pass on request please. **ACTION: SG**

The Vice Commodore reported:

3) **Spring Work party** – All in hand.

4) **Car Park** - to lose one ramp for extra parking. Retaining wall to be rebuilt. It was recommended that the new retaining wall had a concave, rather than convex, curve to enable cars to enter more easily from both directions. SG to pass on request please **ACTION: SG**

5) **Boat Shed** - Ongoing at General Committee level and will be considered within the Vintage Boat strategy.

6) **Decking** - Ongoing

Other matters:

7) **Training Boats** – No decision was made as to any preferred type of replacement sailing craft as and when such may be needed.

8) **Training Boats - Sails** - It was agreed that the plastic Leader should have new sails. It was agreed that replacement, 2nd user, sails could be purchased to a value of £200 for one leader and £300 each for 2 sets of Wayfarer sails. **ACTION: IP**

9) **Club's Powered Craft – CORA** – Failed her Safety Certificate test on 9 minor points. These to be rectified. **ACTION: CM**

10) **On Board** – On Board is an RYA initiative to promote sailing amongst young people. Some financial assistance is being given to those organisations contributing. The Sailing Committee was advised that TSC had applied to participate at the basic level.

11) **Assistant Sail Training Officer** - Sue Kingsley (SK) had kindly agreed to assist the Training Officer with the admin side of training. DL to meet up with SK. **ACTION: DL**

12) **Sail Training Course (Spring)** – Numbers were picking up but not fast enough. Need to push for additional candidates. **ACTION: All**

13) **Sail Training Courses – Publicity** - It was agreed that a banner would be ordered and set up with the other signage facing the Portsmouth Road. **ACTION: DL**

14) **First Aid Course** - Had taken place with 8 attendees. The Club made £100 profit on the event. Thanks were passed to David for his efforts in this area.

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15) **Race sheets** - and computer template now set up.

16) **Trees on Middx bank** - Can TSC request that trees be pruned/ thinned. Andy Christie has been in contact with Hampton Court & Environmental Agency. SG to discuss with Andy. **ACTION - SG**

17) **Box Duty Training**- organised for Tue 25th Mar & Sun 30th Mar.

18) **PR Matters** - Ben now primarily EXTERNAL PR and Mel Hardman has kindly taken on INTERNAL PR

Next Meeting – **Thursday 1st May @ TSC 8.00pm**

Meeting closed 9.40pm.