

THAMES SAILING CLUB

SAILING COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 4th 2008 @ TSC

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

Apologies: P Armitage, Chris Martin, David Lowrie

Visitors: Sally Reed, Andy Christie

- 1) **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th Sept 2008** - Approved
- 2) **Training Dates agreed 25-6 April 2-3-4 May 2009** - Some invites already sent out.
- 3) **Training Follow up ideas**- Need to contact students post course to encourage, Novice day, Sun PM 'fun Sailing',
- 4) **Training – Other points** - Hold a 'taster day' before the course, Take students out in a Rater, Liaise with Race Officers, post course, to be sympathetic to students, Course leader should encourage enthusiasm throughout teaching staff. Consistency of training staff throughout course if possible.
- 5) **Train the trainers** - Julian Pearson interested in training up AI' s to Instructor level. Course running at Papercourt in Dec.
- 6) **Regatta Signs** – Regatta 'Warning' Signs for use on the river to be organised. **ACTION: IP**
- 5) **Wooden Leader** – Now off site.
- 7) **The Club future** – IP taking active roll on Gen Com to review both long and short term future of club.
- 8) **Cora Cover** - Ridge pole and cover ordered. Cora to stay @ Stuart Marine over Winter
- 9) **Free GP14** - It has been agreed that BM shall take ownership & responsibility for the boat. TSC will Licence and insure it. BM to maintain it.
- 10) **Thanks** - BM thanked for all his work in obtaining the boat.
- 11) **Wayfarer** – Hagle to have her decks refurbished. **ACTION: IP**
- 12) **Winter Storage** – Questions were raised with suggestions to improve the optimisation of space within the boatshed. Viability of a cover for the downstream storage area to be investigated. **ACTION: SG**
- 13) **Laser Donated** – Chris Berry has donated his Laser to the Club. NH to send letter of thanks **ACTION: NH**
- 14) **Booking of Club boats** - It is proposed that bookings can be made on the Yahoo site. It is suggested that Mel Hardman may be able to assist with this. BM to discuss with MH **ACTION: BM**
- 15) **Power Boats** – Inflatable future still ongoing. Meanwhile a Dory replacement for Fairways to be found. **ACTION: CM**
- 16) **Goose Defence** – BM to order. **ACTION: BM**
- 17) **CVRDA** - TSC invited to be part of the Premier Circuit. This was accepted. Next event planned for 18/19th July 09.

18) **Excel Event** - BM to see if we can get some involvement under the Vintage Boats banner.

ACTION: BM

19) **Exhibition stand** - backdrops donated by BM. Thanks expressed.

20) **Thanks** – AC thanked the Sail Committee for its dedication and hard work.

21) **Datchet Visit** – AC suggested that it may be an event for the sailing calendar for the Raters to visit Datchet for a month after the Braganca Bowl. Sail Comm to review.

ACTION: SAIL COMM.

22) **Rater Buoys** – now in place. NH thanked for organising.

23) **Workparty – Nov** – SG to co-ordinate required tasks.

ACTION: SG

Next Meeting - Tuesday 4th Nov at 6.30pm