



29<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

## 1. Members Present

Valhalla, Tallulah, More T Vicar, SeaWORD, Rammie, Sharky, Partial Pleasure, Turbulence, AoTW, Baby Beluga.

## 2. Apologies

Nil Offered

## 3. Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes circulated amongst members present. Minutes approved unanimously. Ongoing issues as follows:

- Membership: Membership belongs to a boat at a cost of £30 per calendar year, running from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Each member vote has a single vote in AGMs and EGMs.
- Pyrotechnics are NOT required (but may be carried) to participate in Association recognised events. (agreed 2015). Please note, the class rules as held by the RYA have not been updated to reflect this.
- Keel fairing – approved 2015. Details contained within previous minutes. Again, the class rules as held by the RYA do not yet accurately reflect this.

## 4. Rule Changes

- 4.1. Change to class rule **7.1(iv)** *One life jacket per crew member aboard to EN 396 standard and providing at least 150N buoyancy*  
**Rule shall be amend to bring the 707 Class in line with other sportsboats and changed to:**

“The boat shall be equipped with personal buoyancy for each crew member to the minimum standard EN 393: 1995 (CE 50 Newtons) in accordance with ISO standard 12402 5 (Level 50). No crew member may be prevented from using higher rated personal flotation if they so wish.”

Proposed by Sharky, seconded by Valhalla. Vote carried 9 to 1. No abstentions.

- 4.2. Change to class rule **7.1 (vii)** *First Aid kit and manual carried in a waterproof container.*  
**Rule shall be changed to remove the requirement for a manual as follows:**

“First Aid Kit carried in a waterproof container.”

Proposed by Sharky, seconded by Rammie. Vote carried 9 to 1. No abstentions.

## 5. Treasurers Report for Year Ending 31.12.18

Report reviewed and accepted. Highlighted that approximately £5000 is now in assets through the Deserving Boat Scheme and is neither a profit nor a loss.

Concerns were raised regarding lack of income to the Association since the restructuring of membership fees in 2015 and with reduced membership numbers.

## 6. Membership

The membership fee is deliberately low to encourage membership, however the new committee have agreed that increasing membership and enforcing the requirement for event participation is a priority.

Members feel they do not receive anything for their money, however we highlight the recent growth and development of the class in recent year. This is in no small part due to actions of the Association, however this was perhaps not as visible.

The committee agree that the Association must start to highlight its value and keep in regular contact to ensure members feel valued.

Any prospective members should contact the Secretary using the email address at the bottom of these minutes.

## 7. Election of Committee Members

The committee for 2018 is as follows:

Chairman – David Smith  
Treasurer – Julia Batchelor  
Secretary – Mark Robertson  
Press Officer – Greg Southall  
Scottish Rep – Eddie Batchelor  
Northern Rep – Micky Early  
Eastern Rep – Debbie De Boltz  
Southern Rep – Vacant



Thanks were given to the outgoing committee.

#### 8. Class Rules as Held by RYA

The class rules as held by the RYA and function as the go-to guide for new owners are now out-dated and do not reflect rules changes since approximately 2015. These are to be updated within the term of the newly elected committee. Apologies are offered for these being inaccurate and any inconvenience caused.

#### 9. Sponsorship

The idea of a fleet sponsor has been raised previously, with general approval. Pete Robinson has approached Aberdeen Asset Management regarding an annual sponsorship arrangement. This is still in the early stages of conception and we must carefully establish the expectations of any Fleet Sponsor. The Committee will continue to pursue this matter.

#### 10. Deserving Boat Scheme

The Deserving Boat Scheme has been very successful and has so far resulted in two new boats joining the fleet of active, travelling and campaigning boats. Under this scheme, a boat owned wholly or partly by the Association is made available to group of individuals in exchange for a commitment to use and maintain the boat. The exact nature of the arrangement is at the discretion of the committee. The two boats currently involved in this scheme are Partial Pleasure and AoTW. Various Scottish Universities have expressed interest in participation in this however the Committee are very keen to expand this beyond Scotland to support fleets throughout the UK. However, this scheme does require the Association to front the expenses so its growth will be dependant on membership. The Committee stress that ANY deserving group of individuals may be considered, not only students.

#### 11. Additional Sail Manufacturer

This contentious issue has been raised at most AGMS over the past decade. In general, members feel that the level of service provided by Elvstrom is dropping, with poor responses to customer queries and long delivery times. Prices of Elvstrom Sails are continuing to increase and are now around £1000 more expensive than other manufacturers.

The main concerns of such a change would be that a new sail manufacturer could produce sails better than Elvstrom, to a point that current sails become obsolete.

A scoping paper has kindly been prepared by Scott Graham regarding the best option for the addition of a sail manufacturer. This is to be circulated and members are asked to vote online using a DoodlePoll. This is not yet live, but will be circulated in due course.

Only paid-up member boats are permitted to vote on this and any rule changes will be applied to ALL boats participating in Association recognised events. Any boat that wishes to vote but is not yet a member may join the Association by contacting the Secretary.

#### 12. Difficulties Moving Boats

AoTW highlighted that some boats are having issues with moving the boat to travelling events. He suggested the association considered purchasing a car and having a pool of drivers willing to tow boats. This proposal was not considered viable and the motion withdrawn.

#### 13. Sponsorship on Sails

Sponsorship on sails was discussed, however no specific motions were put forward. Whilst a large number of members generally supported the Class to permit sponsorship on sails, this may interfere with a potential Fleet sponsors expectations. No changes are to be made to current rules until a Fleet sponsor is established.

#### 14. Calendar for 2019

Nationals – To be held at Hartlepool 2019. The 2020 nationals will return to the Firth of Forth, Scotland.

Easterns – concerns raised regarding number of entries (2 entries for 2018). No commitments have been made at this time.

Northerns – Windermere School boat have mentioned possibly hosting this event. Interest also expressed from Scarborough. TBC

Southerns - ?participation in Cowes Week

Scottish area – TBC

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