

MYC – Cruiser Class



Minutes of Annual General Meeting Saturday 11th November 2017 17.30 MYC Library

Committee members present: David Boakes (DB), Paul Cameron (PC), Aaron Goodman Simpson (AGM), Malcolm Gould (MG), Marilyn Stewart (MS), Mike Wallis (MW) and 18 members.

1. Apologies for Absence

- Roger Best, Phil Clandillon (PHC), Paul Goodman-Simpson (PGS), Tim Jeffrey, Tim Last, Ian Pearson (IP) and Chris Pygall.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- **Adoption of the minutes** of the 2016 CC AGM was proposed by Mike Wallis, seconded by John Marshall and approved by the members.

3. Matters Arising - David Boakes

- **Colin Weston pointed out** under AOB that it was Colin Weston not Simon Weston that would review the Club website.

PONTOON

- **Kevin Thornton asked** what has happened to the suggestion that the hammer head of the pontoon be extended left or right. (DB) said that the Cruiser Class does not have funds for such a project. Colin Weston said this can only be done by process through the Development Committee then the Management Committee to the AGM. He will raise it at the next meeting. A member can get the project directly to the AGM by getting the resolution signed by five full members and handed in by Monday 13th November 2017.

ELECTRICITY

- **(DB) said** that with regard to electricity at the end of the pontoon the CC allocated £2K - £3K but quotes were given of £8K-£9K and these had lots of disclaimers that could raise it to much more. Part of the problem is that the pontoon sections are not homogeneous. The idea of a submerged cable is not straightforward, and at a meeting with Peel Ports we found out that it would be expensive and there is no guarantee it would be finished. We are looking for a volunteer to take on this project.
- **Mike Wilkinson said** that a portable generator could be purchased for a few hundred pounds and used at the end of the pontoon to charge batteries.

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- **Chris Aird said** this small generator could not be plugged in overnight. Several yachts using it at once may cause it to blow.
 - **Hammy Nixon said** that if the generator is light enough for a wheelbarrow it is not man enough for the job.
 - **(DB) said** that we are looking for a volunteer to take on this project.
- CONCRETE**
- **(DB) said** that Richard Stone had agreed to repair the concrete area round the Scrubbing Trolley in 2017, but it did not happen. Ivan Bannister of Particon (who has done much work round the Club) has quoted £5010 inc. Vat. If other work is being done at the Club at the same time it could be reduced to £4500 inc. Vat.
 - **(MW) said** that other Classes of the Club who use the scrubbing trolley such as Dragons and Sonatas ought to contribute. Also as members pay a fee for each scrub there should be a substantial contribution from the Scrubbing Trolley Fund. The Management Committee should be approached.
 - **Chris Aird** said that other quotes ought to be obtained.
 - **Mike Wilkinson** said that good concrete work was done at his factory and he will provide the name of the company.
 - **Colin Weston** said that Ivan always produces good quality work for the Club at the best price
 - **Jenny Best said** that we should get on with the project, do it first and approach the Management Committee afterwards.
 - **(AGS) asked** if, by working through the Club, VAT might be returned. The reply was 'no'.
 - **Mavis Hibben said** that this project should be 'actioned' soonest.
 - **Colin Weston** proposed a motion, which Jenny Best seconded, that the project should go ahead ASAP. The members passed the motion unanimously.

4. Membership - Malcolm Gould

- **(MG) said** that the Cruiser Class in 2016 had 135 members and in 2017 86, a decline of 49. The outboard store in 2016 had 59 outboards stored and in 2017 had 39 a decline of 20 outboards stored.
- **(DB) suggested** that the decline could be as a result of him simply not having the time to chase people up.
- **(MG) said** that it has been suggested that by not joining the CC yacht owners become exempt from Club duties.
- **(MG) said** the method of payment may be to blame. Payment is made by BACs, PayPal, cheque, leaving money with the Office or meeting with a CC Committee member in the bar. All payment should be made through the Treasurer perhaps using the office as a conduit.
- **Jenny Best suggested** that a CC locked post box could be lodged with the Office.
- **After a discussion** it was decided to discontinue payment by PayPal.

5. Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Stewart

- **(MS) said** that both membership and the outboard store are down in numbers this year but because there has been no projects income has covered expenditure leaving a surplus of £147.41p
- **Social events** have been well attended, although it is not intended to make a profit from these events, there was a surplus of £292.45
- **The Spring & Autumn race series** were well supported, race fees covered prizes given out and the surplus of £339.00p will be used to catch up with the engraving of the race trophies which has not been done for many years.
- **Race lunches** were well attended with a surplus of £65.
- **Overall** the CC account has £843.86p more than last year and at the end of August had a balance of £11,936.20p.
- **Adoption** of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Keith Mann and Seconded by John Marshall and adopted unanimously by the members.

6. Class Reports

RACING - Aaron Goodman Simpson

- **(AGS) said** that there was little support for Summer Races but the Single & Double Handed Races were well supported. Next year there will be a weekend in July of four Double Handed Races and there will be no racing during August.
- **A calendar** of all racing will be published on the website.
- **The Janes Cup** is returning to the Medway and it is hoped that five or six yachts from the Club will compete.
- **(MW) said** that setting a course for the full range of Class 1 yachts to compete is very difficult. Large yachts want long courses but small yachts would never complete the course within the time limit.
- **There is an unequal split** between Class 1 and Class 2 racing. In the Autumn Series there are 22 Class1 yachts and only 2or3 Class 2. Race Handicaps for next year will be allotted to the last race that the yacht has done. (AGS) said that he will write skippers to confirm their yacht handicap and the new split of Classes 1 into two Classes. The bottom of old Class 1 will go to new Class 2 and the top of old Class 2 may go to new Class 1.
- **(AGS) said** that he has invited other clubs to race in an effort to get more 25 foot yachts out racing – so far without success.
- **(DB) asked** for a vote of thanks for the race organisers – (AGS), (PHC), (PGS), (MW), (IP), (PC) and John Basley.
- **Joe Bolton said** that perhaps CC racing could be tried on Saturday to bring out those who cannot race on Sunday.

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CRUISING – David Boakes

- **Limehouse** (Easter 14th -17th April) was a change from West India Dock – it can cope with any number of yachts and easier to lock in. However it is rather rough and ready for facilities but we intend to go there again next year. Pre-paid mooring fees tend to make skippers keener to turn up.
- **Swale Marine** (Early May Bank Holiday 29th April- 1st May) good shakedown in-river cruise. Friendly club, good pub nearby for food.
- **Benfleet** (Late May Bank Holiday 27th – 29th May) welcoming, friendly and free. The chef came in specially to cook a meal and the Commodore came to greet and spend an evening with us. We would like to go again next year.
- **Montgomery Race** (17th June) same time as ‘Medway in Flames’, suffered from lack of wind and all the fleet retired. The winner will be announced at the Fitting-Out Supper.
- **Ramsgate** (25th-28th August) five yachts in perfect weather, wonderful way to spend a Bank Holiday.
- **Cadet Week Evening Race** (29th August) many thanks to the cruisers for taking the cadets out, it was good everyone meeting up.
- **2nd Saturday Cruise to Queenborough** – All went well including an excellent place to eat an evening meal. Sailing to Queenborough can be achieved in all weather conditions. These cruises will be continued next year.
- **Mike Wilkinson** asked if there will be an offshore cruise next year. (DB) said that very few people go on offshore cruises so we will stick with successful local cruises.
- **John Marshall** said that members of the Tuesday Group have large boats with experienced crews and would be willing to take inexperienced skippers.

CLASS EQUIPMENT – Paul Cameron

- **(PC) said** that there are between 6 and 21 vacancies in the store.
- **(PC) said** that more attention will be given to non-payers next year.
- **All unused** outboard store keys should be returned.
- **The CC Compressor** was tested this week and requires a new part.
- **Chris Aird said** that he will get the compressor repaired.

7. Duties – David Boakes

- **(DB)** said that the Sailing Committee are determined to revert back to the old system of allocating 60 duty days to the CC. He said that in line with RYA recommendation there is no need of safety boat cover for keel boats, only for the dinghy fleet. He is happy to do duties himself but not prepared to coerce other people into doing them.
- **Kevin Thornton** said that he would be prepared to take on the role of Safety Boat and Duties Co-ordinator for the Cruiser Class. (DB) said that he will speak with the Sailing Committee next week.

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8. Election of CC Committee Members 2018

- David Boakes Class Captain.
- Mike Wallis, Aaron and Paul Goodman-Simpson and Phil Clandillon will continue to organise the Cruiser Class racing for the coming season including Handicapping, Notice to Race, Safety Rules and Minimum Equipment.
- Mike Wallis will organise the Committee Boat for the Autumn Series.
- Ian Pearson will organise the Committee Boat for the Spring Series.
- Paul Cameron – will supervise the outboard store and CC equipment.
- Malcolm Gould – Secretary and CC Membership.
- Marilyn Stewart – Treasurer
- Two new members, John Marshall and Bob Turk.

The Election of Officers was proposed by Joe Bolton and seconded by Mike Wilkinson. The members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

9. AOB

Nil

Next Meeting: Saturday 10th November 2018

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