



## HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 at 1930 hrs.

### **Present**

M. Buckley, M. Gregory, S. Hewett, C. Symes, G. Ruscombe-King,  
C. Hosken, J. Bolitho, J.C. Skewes and P. Scannell and N. Gough (co-opted)

### **Apologies**

D. Brandreth, A. Biggs

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Two corrections are required. In the Vice Commodore's report for the name Madren should read Medusa. In the report of the Rear Commodore Sailing the words 'marks to be put out' be deleted and the words 'anchors for marks' be substituted. The Secretary apologised for these errors. With these corrections it was proposed by John Bolitho and seconded by Pat Scannell that they be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

### **Commodore**

Mark Buckley informed the meeting of the death of Peter Gilchrist last week. With regard to the Club's rescue boats he had details of two boats that may be suitable. Both are second hand and both with outboard engines. It was agreed that this be investigated further. The Commodore said that the next Development Committee meeting will be in June. Questions were asked about the operation of the Development Committee and members of the general Committee were assured that no decisions can be taken until approved by this Committee. Matters were raised concerning the use of the sanitary facilities at the clubhouse by non-members, and it is believed that this related to visiting yachtsmen and women.

### **Vice Commodore**

Sue Hewett reported that the sun blinds and awning are to be fitted on 8<sup>th</sup> June and she will make arrangements for this. A list of people qualified to teach Yacht Masters is now available in the office. It was agreed that this be proceeded with as a winter activity. A new glasswasher has been purchased. Outstanding repair items are in hand.

### **Rear Commodore Sailing**

Chris Symes produced the L'Aber Wrac'h Poster for members' perusal. This had been produced by Martine. He reported on the arrangements which are now virtually complete subject to Safety Officer issues which are still to be confirmed. The Albia Regatta date is to be finalised and will be published on the website. Chris Symes expressed the view that sailing generally could be planned ahead and perhaps become more proactive if a meeting was held at the end of the season to consider any ideas or proposals. He finally concluded by thanking Giles for mending the anchor.

### **Rear Commodore Amenities**

John Bolitho said that the jetty steps needed complete refurbishment. He was searching for a large piece of granite to progress the job. Arrangements for the slipway wall are in hand.

### **Honorary Treasurer**

No report.

### **Honorary Secretary**

Mark Gregory gave the account balances as at the date of the meeting as follows: Current Account £25,817.00, Scottish Widows £86,263.00. He reported on a letter received from Mrs. Large who was not seeking repayment of the Bonds. Upon enquiring of the Committee members present there was no suggestion of any revisions to Standing Orders. It was agreed, upon considering correspondence from South West Gaffers, that permission be given for a boat participating in the event to be launched from the Club and a drying mooring be made available, and a suggested donation of £25 was approved. The Honorary Secretary felt obliged to remind members of the Committee of the procedure to be followed for use of the Club premises for private parties, and referred to Bye Law 11. This had arisen because of a meeting he and the Commodore had had with the Steward when the Club had been booked by a non-member. In the particular circumstances because the kitchen would not be available, it was agreed that a charge of £50 should be paid to the Steward to offset extra costs of bar staff required. Finally Mark Gregory said he had nothing further to report to date on the negotiations for the leases.

### **Captain Yachts**

Nick Gough reported on the position with the Q20 and he is seeking a second opinion from a marine engineer upon the poor performance of the engine. Robin Curnow had expressed the view that the engine was suffering from neglect and that the carburettor was becoming unserviceable. Nick said there will be two discards per series in the 707 class. Queries had arisen regarding protest procedure and as a result it is agreed that in future this matter is to be dealt with on a formal basis only.

### **Captain Dinghies**

Andy Biggs who could not be present sent a brief report saying that everything appeared to be satisfactory with the dinghy section.

### **Captain Moorings**

Giles Ruscombe-King reported that the finger berth referred to previously is still causing difficulty and he is hoping to be able to pull this out with the assistance of a local fishing boat. All the berths have now been taken this year. He advised that the ropes to the chains securing the pontoon are in need of replacement and lock nuts are to be used for better security. Quotes are being obtained.

### **Captain Juniors**

No report

**Captain Social**

No report

**Captain Safety Boats**

Chris Hosken said that Falmouth Yacht Brokers had fitted new cables, repaired the engine and the hole in the Zodiac. He asked that fuel cans be returned to the fuel store after use. Some other work was required to the Jaffa. He was also concerned regarding security arrangements for engines used on Club boats. There have been problems reported in the Falmouth area and he agreed to review the Club’s arrangements.

**Captain Amenities**

J. C. Skewes reported on some of the jobs that he had done on the snagging list and others remaining are being attended to.

**POFSA**

The Commodore had attended the last meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May and said that he had agreed the charity donations bucket can be put out in the Club. The next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> June at Flushing.

**Membership**

The following had applied for membership:

- Miss C. Thomson (Joint with Mr. N. Thomson)
- Mr. & Mrs. Burley MIJ

It was proposed by J. C. Skewes and seconded by Chris Hosken that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

**Any Other Business**

1. Types of safety boat available are to be looked into.
2. It was unanimously agreed that the purchase of a defibrillator for the Club should be proceeded with.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 20.59 hrs.

Signature .....Commodore

Date.....