

HRSC Yacht Wash-up Meeting Minutes

4.11.2016

Present: Mark Buckley, Clive Dudley, Pat Scannell, Nick Gough, Carol Gough, Charles Richardson, Chris Hosken, Terry Pascoe, Andrew Hosking, Rebecca Hosking, Andrew Houston .

Apologies: Tom Smith who had kindly sent in a number of comments and suggestions which the meeting discussed.

Agenda: To review 2016 yacht racing and cruising and discuss plans to attract more yachts to participate in racing and cruising in 2017

Racing: Nick suggested that we consider what had worked well, what had not worked so well and how things might be improved.

Self starting using the VHF had worked well especially after the introduction of a marker to define the line.

It was agreed that next season the start sequence would always be the 5,4,1, Start with the start at 18.30. Any variation should be agreed by all on the pontoon before getting afloat.

A variety of courses had worked well, some days there had been two short races windward/leeward, on others one longer course. Tom had suggested we continue this depending on the weather conditions.

Andrew Hosking to ask Steve Kestin if he would continue to set courses and do the radio starts.

It was thought that the Voose mark was too close to the shore and that next season we should use the special marker off the Voose Cardinal .

What had not gone well was the turn-out for racing with no more than five boats competing. There were a number of reasons discussed and all hoped that Miss Money Penny, Swordfish and Wildebeest would be out next season.

All to encourage skippers of those boats to race next season.

There was then discussion on how we might get a P.Y. fleet involved. Tom's suggestions were discussed, including offering a pursuit race, white sail racing, less hectic starts, a video on the club website explaining racing, informal weekend racing, experienced skippers offering to support the less experienced, encourage better communication using the website and use of fliers placed on moored boats.

It was agreed that we should make a concerted effort to obtain more members email addresses to improve communication.

Clive, Pat and Nick to action.

Also we should arrange another Match Racing Saturday which had been great fun when arranged last time.

Clive Pat and Nick to action.

We should also encourage a new syndicate to buy the 707 currently lying ashore at Gweek and for sale at a very reasonable price.

Clive to contact the owner.

Andrew Houston pointed out that he, and some other members, keep their boats in Falmouth and would like to compete in COGS racing.

Charles agreed to introduce Andrew to other COGS racers.

Cruising: Many members cruise on their own with family and friends but the two cruises in company had been fun.

Nick to arrange two cruises to Fowey in June and August and one to Scilly in July and put dates in the Year book and promote them nearer the time.

Nick will also promote cruising more generally, facilitate sharing experience, offering of crewing opportunities etc.

There was no other business.

Nick thanked all for attending and for their contributions and looked forward to an enjoyable 2017 season.