

Chairman's Report 2020

AGM and Dinner

As no doubt most of you are aware the LRSCA constitution requires an AGM to be held by the end of September each year, and our annual dinner usually takes place after the AGM

After some deliberation the committee have concluded that the current situation respecting covid-19 precludes holding an effective AGM without introducing unnecessary additional risks. The committee considered the option of holding a virtual AGM however the consensus was that a virtual meeting would not be an appropriate format for consideration of material changes to the association's constitution or rules.

The existing constitution does not provide for the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in and in the absence of clear guidelines the committee propose the following:

The AGM (and dinner) which was planned for September will be delayed until March 2021 earliest, and that the committee will refer back to members in the event it remains impractical to hold a face to face AGM by the end of March.

The existing committee will, assuming they are prepared to do so, continue in position until the delayed AGM. Any positions becoming vacant may be filled by co-opted person(s) until the next AGM. In the meantime, no material changes to the associations rules or constitution will be effected.

The committee will publish the following reports to members, and members will be invited to indicate assent, dissent, or raise questions of the committee regarding the reports.

- Chairman's Report
- Vice-Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Minutes of last committee meeting

The committee will consolidate all feedback received and will distribute this to members by the end of October.

The Vice-Chairman, Chris Knox, will also review the proposed revision to the class constitution to incorporate a clause(s) permitting delay of an AGM in

exceptional circumstances. Any proposed revision would not be effected before an AGM.

Sailing

Unfortunately there is very little sailing activity to reflect on this season. The first casualty of the current pandemic was the reluctant decision by BRSC that they could not support the championships this year. The baton was then passed to Keyhaven YC who agreed to host the championships in parallel with the closing weekend of Keyhaven Week. In the event Keyhaven Week and the championships were both cancelled due to concerns surrounding the ability to maintain social distancing in shore-side aspects of the events.

Sadly the Travellers series followed a similar trajectory with BRSC cancelling their leg and then RLymYC dropping their leg. This left only the Keyhaven leg scheduled and this was insufficient to constitute a series.

Keyhaven YC have now proposed to host an Autumn series for the LRSCA which will run in parallel with the final four events of the KYC Autumn Series. The dates for this series are below and Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race will be available shortly on the LRSCA website. There are a number of vacant spaces in the dinghy pound(s) at Keyhaven, and details will be in the Notice of Race.

LRSCA Autumn Series hosted by Keyhaven YC

Date	Event (KYC event in brackets)	Start	High Water
Sunday, 1 November 2020	1 & 2 (Autumn 9 & 10)	09:00	10:40
Sunday, 8 November 2020	3 (Autumn 11)	14:30	16:00
Sunday, 15 November 2020	4 & 5 (Autumn 12 & 13)	09:00	09:50
Sunday, 29 November 2020	6 & 7 (Autumn 14 & 15)	09:00	09:50

Administration.

Our membership numbers have reduced very slightly year on year. Four new boats have been built this year to February (2019: 6), and several new boats are on order.

Carol Canning's absence from the committee while she returned to work during the height of the covid infections served to illustrate the excellent job

she does in maintaining paper and electronic records in good order. We are very relieved she is now back and re-establishing control. I would also like to extend my thanks to Brendan Nellis for his assistance in maintaining the website and in providing cover while Carol was away.

Chris Knox has continued to work on revisions to the Constitution and Class Rules and will provide an update on the above in his Vice-Chairmans Report

David Carslaw has ensured we have robust financial systems, reporting and accountability.

Diana Hobson is standing down from the committee and we would like to thank her for her very sound input and for representing the interests of non-racing members.

The Future

Last year the association took ownership of the foil moulds which along with the hull plugs enables us to ensure continuity of the class. Currently, led by Nick Griffin, we are negotiating revised licensing arrangements with John Claridge Composites to ensure the long-term future of boat production.

After discussion with Lymington Town S.C. Keyhaven YC have agreed to host the 2021 championships and LTSC will defer until later.

Finally, may I wish you all some pleasant sailing during what remains of the season.

Jon Harvey

Chairman.