

LRSCA Technical Group

Report to the AGM 2023

Since its formation in late 2022, The LRSCA Technical Group has addressed the following matters.

1. Terms of Reference

We drafted, and the LRSCA Committee approved, Terms of Reference for our role.

2. Yard

We carried out tests on the replacement yard proposed by the boat builders. As a result, we were satisfied that it should be adopted by the class and recommended this to LRSCA. We also proposed that dispensations should be granted in this respect to boats built during 2023 and that the class rules should be amended appropriately with effect from 1st January 2024.

3. Dispensations

To facilitate the issue of dispensations, we developed and submitted to LRSCA for approval a formal dispensation process.

4. Construction and Materials Specification

We completed work on version 1 of a Construction and Materials Specification for the LR Scow. This has been published by LRSCA in a redacted form to preserve the confidentiality of the hull construction. A second version was subsequently published following discovery of a minor error relating to headsail sheet cleats.

5. Class Measurer

We have had discussions with the current class measurer, Meriel McCarthy, and as a result better understand the current measurement and certification process. We are in course of proposing formalisation of this, including some changes that we consider appropriate.

6. Yard Throat Fitting

We are in discussion with the boat builders concerning a proposed replacement fitting on the yard at the mainsail throat. No conclusions have yet been reached.

7. Proposed Changes to the Class Rules

We have submitted proposed class rule changes to LRSCA in respect of the replacement yard and other minor matters.

We are aware that the current membership of the Technical Group is exclusively male and of a certain age. We would welcome new members to improve the Group's diversity.

If any member would like more detail on anything above, please contact us through the LRSCA secretariat.

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