

Informal notes from the BWSC AGM 2009 held 16-Jan-09

- In April / May 2009 the Boat Storage and Navigational Licences will be issued by Bristol City Council. These forms need to be completed, signed and returned to the BWSC Treasurer (now Rupert).
 - Financially BWSC has £4300 in the bank although we need to set aside £2300 for the storage compound leasehold commitment due in April.
 - Gross income for 2008 was £900. This was less than in 2007 due to the reduced membership.
 - The BWSC membership, boat storage and navigational licence fees are to remain at 2008 costs. Nigel to issue forms as soon as possible.
 - The aim for the club is to purchase a new safety boat with motor ideally within 2009 and to sell the Dory complete with motor.
 - To fund our purchase of the new boat, we should investigate the sports grants that are available through the Bristol city council, the sports council and RYA.
 - With regard to racing we agreed to try a race series using rolling personal handicaps that are updated after each race. Although this may create additional work for the race team it may assist members improve their competitiveness. Also we should consider running a single race where crews swap boats and then race in an unfamiliar boat.
 - Water skiing in 2009 will also take place on some Sunday morning as well as Saturday mornings. Anyone wishing to sail on Sunday mornings should check with the Harbour Master to ensure the water is free. Alternatively there will be a 10 minute window on every hour to enable boats to be launched and sailed beyond the water skiing area (beyond the SS Great Britain).
 - The Sailing club is to purchase a VHF Portable Radio to improve communication with the harbour master in the event of an incident. The radio is to be carried by the OOD. It would have been useful to have better communication with the harbour master during the CVRDA event in 2007 when nearly all the fleet capsized during a gust.
 - The website has been a great asset to the club but we feel that it now needs to be more dynamic. The website could contain more up to date information, messages, recent events etc.
(Nigel)
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SAILING

- A good year on the water. Allen reported 55 races, 571 entries in 33 classes. 28 races had 10 or more entries. 56 club members sailed (or were OOD). Overall an average of 10.8 boats per race with 16.5 participants including the

- offices - these figures slightly down on last year.
- The 'club' Magno and Topaz have now gone; we still have the Toppers plus a Wanderer and one plus Lasers.
 - New year sailing programme not finalized yet, but first race will be on 1-Mar with the Bosun's working day the week before. [...and the programme is now posted - see the home page for link].
 - A good regatta in 2007, and will be better in 2008! (The revived Topper challenge will continue.)
 - The evening series was very successful and will now run through June and July in 2008.
 - Planning is proceeding for a lengthy overnight charity event in 2009.
 - Taking note of the number of Finns the Club is joining with Roadford and Starcross to run a Finn SW series.

CLUB SOCIAL

- The Trophy Evening will move to better weather in the middle of the year, and will take place in the room dedicated to recreational users of the Dock.
- The lack of a Social Secretary was having an impact, and it is was resolved to invite Adrian to take over this role.

CLUB ADMIN & FINANCE

- Another good year financially with ample reserves retained and a healthy surplus.
- To reduce administration time the payments for membership and storage will be paid together in 2008.
- Adjustments will be made in the relative costs of storage and membership (overall cost for most people remaining about the same). The aim is to ensure overhead costs are covered from membership fees, rather than 'subsidised' from storage fees.
- In order to avoid 'boat blocking' in the club storage area a 'minimum number of races entered' rule will be instituted in 2008. The Committee will have the right to eject where less than seven races have been entered over the year, but mitigating circumstances will be taken into account.
- Repairs to the pontoon, including the fenders, were reported to have been completed. The need to meet the Council lease requirements in the storage area was covered - cleanliness and safety being the main issues.

THANKS

- To the Sailing School (particularly in relation to help with safety boat cover); the Harbour Master's Office; Alan Rounsley for his continuing work on the results; plus all the Committee; plus the Commodore!
(Ron)