



CCSC General Committee
Members Update and Q and A Meeting
Thursday 4th June 2020 - 8:00 pm via Zoom
MINUTES

Attendees

All CCSC members were invited by the Commodore to attend this meeting via Zoom with subsequently some 77 members logging in.

General Committee

Andy Adler, Vice Commodore
Ann Varlow, Social Committee
Colin Munz, Hon Secretary
David Brock, Commodore
Debbie Bowers, Members Rep
Diane Fowler, Members Rep
Dick Moore, Moorings Officer

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1 Introduction by Andy Adler - Vice Commodore

Thank you to all members who have logged in.

2 David Brock - Commodore

See attached report by David covering:

The Covid-19 Situation
Communication
Vehicle Access to the Club
Keelboat Lift-in for 2020
Club Finance

3 Ian Green - Rear Commodore Sailing

Thanks to Monica, Sailing Secretary who is working hard to prepare the revised 2020 sailing programme starting from July and she will be forwarding details in due course.

On-water activities and future of racing

We are hoping to commence Summer Series Monday racing on 6th July, Wednesday racing on 8th July, and Ladies sailing and possibly cadets on Friday 10th July. Sail4all may commence on 11th July and Sunday Series racing from 12th July.

Restrictions will include compliance with current social distancing and hygiene rules and following RYA advice we will operate driver only safety boats and only consider on-water activity when wind speeds are under 20knots. Gareth Jones will be looking for volunteers for sailing duties, probably from the less vulnerable groups.

Grafter and Celtic Lady are now at the club and can be used for limited mooring and mark laying, again respecting social distancing and hygiene rules. It is hoped shortly to launch the club boats including Imogen, the committee boat, which is spacious enough to accommodate race officers appropriately, and in conjunction with Nick Spicer in Idler, can be used for race control as usual. Although the clubhouse will be closed, some toilet facilities will be available as explained by Grace shortly.

The boat park is very full with the keel boats still ashore and members are requested to exercise patience and understanding to help get the club through this difficult and unusual period. However, it is hoped that by July lockdown rules may have eased leading to more opportunities to expand and enjoy the rest of the sailing season.

A boat park tidy up will be planned for 23rd June to facilitate a race start in July.

Membership numbers

There are currently 318 memberships renewed with 544 total membership, compared with 362 and 641 respectively for last year.

4 Grace Martin - Rear Commodore Shore

Shore-side activities

Whilst the clubhouse, galley and bar remain closed toilet facilities will be available for ladies in the upstairs disabled toilet, and men in the downstairs disabled toilet. The changing rooms and showers are also currently closed. Members are encouraged to use the hand sanitisers and wipes which will be readily available.

Our caterer may be able to offer takeaway food and drinks in due course if there is sufficient demand and advance notice.

Containment Policy

See David B report

5 Q and A Session

Andy A moderated the Q and A session inviting appropriate committee members to respond.

Q1 Bob Todd - Can you give us an update on the 'state of play' regarding the road near the old site and our own approach road from the bottom gate to the top gate with its subsidence, is this an area of the clubs responsibility or the councils? As it's a big concern for access in the future.

A1 See David B attached report

Q2 Bob Todd - What do you envisage the charges will be for the overwintering of keel boats this winter? And what are the state of our finances given the lack of income?

A2 See David B attached report

Q3 Bob Todd - As a consequence of the club making the decision that keel boats will not be lifted this year, what are the alternatives to be put in place to ensure a lift in next spring?

A3 David B - If there is no access via Old Castle Road next spring, there is access via Parr Way and across Rodwell trail, for a smaller crane and two stage lift in. Alternatively, a crawler crane on barge could be deployed. This might cause some surface damage, which could be minimised by use of heavy protective mats. Even a lorry with HIAB could also be used for lighter loads so there is a deal of confidence that the keel boats will go in next year.

Q4 Bob Todd - I am actively canvassing boat owners as to the possibility of lifting in those boats wishing to secure this winter's hard standing elsewhere, to ensure a sailing season for 2021. This would be a self-help group and probably funded by that group if numbers are forthcoming.

A4 David B - A number of owners are keen to lift-in their keel boats, but the most important issue is to keep members safe. A lift team is not available because members are either in the vulnerable group or shielding. The risks associated with lift-in now are too great and therefore members may be disappointed but must be patient.

Q5 Ian Prudence - Are there any options for us to be able to lift out at the club at the end of this season? If not, do we have any reciprocal agreements with other clubs at all? If we don't, can anyone suggest another club or location that we could lift out at the end of the season?

A5 See David B attached report

Q6 Julie Pemberton - What measures will be put in place to ensure the safe use of the club toilets? It is essential that we (particularly women!) are able to use them when sailing begins or the club is open for socialising. Will there be plenty of antibacterial soap and sanitiser? Antibacterial wipes to wipe down door handles and toilet flush? Disposable paper towels instead of towelling on a roll?

A6 See Grace M report above.

Q7 Charlie Camm - Are there any dates for site clearance to enable more dinghies to come on site? Also, if racing is likely to begin at some point? Any decision on if some or all the keelboats will lift in? Has anyone thought of negotiating a block rate to lift out and store keelboats at the Sailing Academy should they be stranded due to further road collapse?

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cause some surface damage, but this could be minimised by use of heavy protective mats. A lorry with a HIAB could also be used but there is a deal of confidence that the keel boats will go in next year.

Q8 Alan Sampson - Will it be possible for smaller keel boats to be launched with the club crane and what would be the procedure?

A8 David B Last year the Sonata owners organised their own lift-in and this could happen this year using the club crane. We will look at this shortly once the pontoons have been launched.

Q9 Guy Dickinson - I wonder if it is possible please to reveal how the projected loss of £51,000 this year has been arrived at?

A9 See David B attached report.

Q10 Bob Footer - I would like to raise the question of whether the club might consider their feasibility of launching by boat hoist and tractor.

A10 See David B attached report

Q11 Jon Emmett - How will the racing committee deal with social distancing and the 'max 6 people social group' rule?

A11 Ian G - It is hoped that by July the social group rule will have eased. Regarding other requirements it is hoped Imogen and the club safety boats will be in the water by July. We are currently working up a safe method of operation but there is a large platform on Imogen for race officers to work safely. The RYA has advised that single driver safety boats are effective cover and our paid driver Nick Spicer in Idler (or Carl or Russell) will as usual help set the course and provide additional safety cover. External surfaces on the boats have very low viral transmission and other surfaces will be cleaned according to our protocols. In making sailing decisions the OD will follow RYA guidance and only sail with wind speeds less than 20Knots.

Q12 How can we encourage more sailing, particularly amongst the young?

A12 David B - We are keen to get the Cadets underway and hope that the Government's Stage 3 rules will enable more social interaction, to allow open days etc.

Q13 Neil Stroud - When will food be available?

A13 David B - We await changes to the lockdown rules and recognise the importance of this facility both as an income stream and social activity. Grace M has discussed takeaway food with our caterer who is keen to provide a service but would need sufficient numbers and firm orders beforehand.

Q14 - Could racing be managed using a transit from shore?

A14 Ian G - This has been considered but we believe that use of Imogen is safe and all the equipment, flags, hooters etc are available on board.

Q15 Jane - Can the smaller keelboats go in?

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6 Closing remarks

David B thanked all for logging in and their patience with the current unprecedented situation. In the meantime, the club was open for individual sailing and virtual sailing was also being enjoyed by some members.

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Attachment - David Brock report