

## **RS700 UK Class Association**

### **Class Meeting**

**Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Apologies** – none

**Present** – Hamish Griffiths, Debbie Darling, Alastair Paul, Matt Conner, Ian Swann, Alan Olive, Colin Dacey, Ian Nolan, Robbie Bell, Jerry Wales, Alex Newton-Southon, Andy Brown, Graham Blake, Adam Golding, James Fuller, Adrian Howe.

**Welcome** – Hamish Griffiths (Class Chairman) welcomed the sailors to the meeting.

**Matters Arising** – from last year's Minutes were discussed.

Mark Pollington has been injured & so out of action to run the training. Robbie Bell asked for more training/sailing videos on the website. Ian Nolan suggested 'you tube' clips be posted on the Forum.

Hamish explained that QMSC has become a test centre for Trac Trac. The RS700 Inlands will access this technology & the information will be made accessible to the class. Hamish will monitor it's success & feedback any useful developments.

Racing format will stay similar in 2014 to this season: 3 open meetings, UK Nationals, Inlands, Euro event.

Equipment update: Outhaul cleat upgraded & has proved a successful improvement.

**Membership** – membership numbers stable & Volvo sponsorship shall help keep fees low. Volvo have given RS two vehicles , the lease hire value is then paid to the RS Classes Association as a monthly bursary.

**Boat Register** – the floor felt that the benefits to the sailor where negligible. The feeling was that it was a good idea but there should be no cost for doing this. Robbie explained that the RYA were developing a 'sailing software alliance' to encourage the sharing of data of sailing participation within clubs & events.

**Events** – Hamish suggested focusing events at clubs with good local fleets, therefore, HISC & QMSC should stay on the calendar as annual fixtures. Nationals should stay at accessible venues but 2014 at Plymouth with the RS800's is agreed; 2015 – Castle Cove; 2016 – HISC.

Nationals, Inlands & 3 open's ( area champs ) to be included as part of a national series.

2014 Euro event in Bruinnesse in May would be favoured rather than Garda.

Sail decals to identify the championship winners has yet to be organised. Hamish to follow up with RS & class secretary.

**Committee** – The committee was confirmed as continuing for the coming year. Hamish announced that he wishes to stand down in 2014 & is looking for a successor.

**A.O.B** –

Weight equalisation was discussed at length but the general consensus seemed to be that the majority of the fleet did not agree that it was a major issue. A show of hands showed that only 3 sailors felt the current system was unfair. Hamish decided that this was not a big enough issue to pursue further.