

RS700 Chair Introduction: A message to all RS700 sailors

I wanted to start by saying thank you to Richard Wadsworth, on behalf of everyone, for doing such a fantastic job as class chairman these past few years. He has done a sterling job of keeping the boat on the map. I still remember the first event I went to: he was the first to come over and introduce himself and assist me with the setup of my boat. It is great news that he has decided to stay on the committee as technical rep and is going to continue looking out for all of us.

I personally am very grateful for the opportunity to take on the position of chair and hope that I can continue the great work Richard has achieved. My contact details are at the bottom of the page so please do not hesitate at any time to give me a call or an email if you have any input of ideas to help the class, or even fancy a trip to Hayling for some informal training/sailing. You will also find me at all the events and I'm not hard to miss!

We had a great National/European championship at WPNSA with a decent turnout of 36 boats, including entries from 4 different nations. It was great that competitors had travelled from as far as the Czech Republic for the event! It was a fairly breezy event with a lot of time spent out on the water. The link to the overall results and reports will be listed below as well. Congratulations once again to Robbie Bell for winning the whole thing with a day to spare! Let's hope that we can make the Europeans in Garda next year just as special by getting as many boats out there as possible.

There was a successful AGM conducted at Weymouth including a feast of the best pork pie Norfolk has to offer. It seems we have an approach for some "research" to be undertaken concerning the recent kicker modifications that allow you to control from out on the wire. Spike Daniels and Colin Dacey (rack hole 1 and 8) will be reporting back to us with the findings. A vote for one specific method will be undertaken in the future to keep some consistency throughout. Some slight concerns were raised about the safety of sailors being attached to the mainsheet, so if doing so please make sure you can detach in an emergency. Alex Newton-Southon from RS will work with the committee to do a full review of the class rules to make them more explicit and clear about what you can and can't do.

We are looking to incorporate a training weekend early next year to help get people back in action some time before SnetFest 3, potentially at Oxford SC, so keep your ears to the ground. If you could mention this to any newcomers to the class that would be fantastic.

Up next on the calendar is the Inland Championship at Queen Mary SC 22nd-23rd September; another great venue, with a decent home fleet of RS700s. So don't miss out on what could be a tasty little number before the dreaded Winter sets in.

In the meantime let's see some more Go Pros stuck on boats as exciting videos can make the weekends come quicker!



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European/Nationals report and results:

<https://www.rs100.org/rsgames/rsgames.asp?selection=Results&eid=1586&ftsel=RS700>

Inland Champs info:

<https://www.rs700.org/index.asp?Fleet=RS700&selection=Events&uid=1651&detailevent=1>