CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of the Sailing Committee Meeting held at Chichester Yacht Club on 4th November, 1978, at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

The Commodore
The Vice Commodore and Hon. Treasurer
Hon. Sailing Secretary
R.P. Morris (deputising for Hon. Secretary)
D. Lattey
P. Chivers
H.A. Caldwell
I.W. Templeman

1. Apologies for absence were received from J.D. Bence and R. Aspinwall.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting. The Hon. Sailing Secretary reported that no Minutes had been taken of the meeting held on May 7th, 1978.

3. Review of 1978 season. Hon. Sailing Secretary summarised his report to be given to the A.G.M., copies of which he circulated together with statistics relating to results and turnouts for the 1978 season. The Commodore also circulated a report concerning the fall off in Alpha fleets and the Z class, one-design racing and the possibility of changing C.C.R.C. handicapping to encourage more boats to come out racing. H.A. Caldwell questioned whether we need worry about low turnouts, feeling that most members were very happy with the number of races they did. Members of the Committee agreed to study the various papers and the matter was referred to the next meeting.

4. Points System. P. Chivers presented his statistics showing the results for the 1978 season recalculated on the Solent Points system, which showed no change in the placing of the first 5 boats in either class. The Hon. Sailing Secretary called for a change in the points system to make the racing more interesting, in particular to make the points less affected by the numbers of participants. P. Chivers suggested that it would be interesting to see the points results recalculated to exclude trophy races which were the best supported races and the Hon. Sailing Sec. agreed to do this. The matter was referred to the next meeting.

5. Beta Handicaps. H.A. Caldwell reported that the Portsmouth Yardstick system had worked well in 1978. As an interesting exercise he agreed to calculate P.Y.'s for the Alpha fleet on the same basis.

6. Courses and Sailing Instructions. D. Lattey suggested that Harbour courses should be abandoned as, in his experience, there would never be an occasion when an H.N.C. would be safe. (See below no. 9)

The Commodore suggested that we needed more courses incorporating smaller triangles to give more interesting courses. R.P. Morris wondered whether the racing buoys Bay, W.E., and Hard could be incorporated in our courses. The Hon. Sailing Sec. thought this might be possible by using letters to designate specific triangular courses- he would investigate the possibilities.

There was discussion on the necessity of having a windward start. It was generally agreed that providing there was a windward leg in the course, the start was of secondary importance to the requirement for interesting racing.

The Commodore also suggested the use of another starting line, possibly incorporating the beacon off Treloar and the O.O.D. for use in conditions when small O.O.D. boats could not make Chi buoy for example. Hon. Sailing Sec. to consider in conjunction with above.

7, Results Service. I. Templeman reported on the results service this season and it was generally agreed that it was too slow. Delays occurred in the time taken to calculate results when received by I. Templeman and also in postage to Mrs. Metcalf

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8. One Design Racing. The Commodore circulated his report on the meeting with H.I.S.C. to discuss this subject. Members to consider the report and the matter referred to the next meeting.

9. Harbour Racing. The Commodore reported that H.I.S.C. had raced one-design cruisers in the harbour in conditions in which C.C.R.C. would not have started an H.N.C. This matter will be raised at the Federation meeting and C.C.R.C. should therefore clarify its position. No formal decision was taken, but it was clear that the Committee were against harbour racing for cruisers in the interests of safety. However, the Hon. Sailing Sec. felt that the possibility of Harbour racing should not be entirely excluded.

10. 1979 Programme. Hon. Sailing Sec. circulated details of the proposed programme although he emphasised that it had been drawn up without consideration to one-design racing. Members to study and matter referred to next meeting.

11. Any Other Business. Hon. Treasurer reported on the increase in subscription to S.C.R.A. for 1979 from £5 to £15. Agreed to continue membership.

12. Next Meeting was arranged for Thursday, 23rd November, at 7.0 p.m. at the Offices of Dresser U.K. Ltd. Hon. Sailing Sec. to send members a map of the location.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.