

CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of the Sailing Committee Meeting held at the office of Pember and Boyle, 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2, on Wednesday, 26th September, 1979.

PRESENT: The Commodore
 Hon. Sailing Secretary

R.P. Morris
F. Kemp
H. Caldwell
D. Silver
P. Chivers (deputising for Hon.Sec.)

1. Apologies for absence were received from J.D. Bence and A.Giles.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting had been generally circulated but because there was no copy available they were not signed as being correct and it was agreed that they be held over to the next meeting.
3. The Jubilee Trophy. It was suggested by the Sailing Secretary that the Jubilee Trophy for the Beta Fleet be awarded for the return race from Brighton despite the fact that no notification had been given to the members in the race instructions. It was decided that this would be appropriate for this occasion only as there were already two additional races for cups at the end of this season. The results, which at that time were not known by the Sailing Secretary were then distributed and the Sailing Secretary was congratulated on his fine win!
4. One Designs For 1980. An extensive discussion resolved that One Designs for 1980 would continue and that the Club would provide results for those One Designs where any race occurred with more than 3 boats for a specific class starting. It was thought preferable that a trophy of some sort should be awarded to the One Design Class winners and that a minimum number of races should be raced to qualify for that trophy. In any event the trophy and precise details of the class would have to be worked out by the Class itself which would then be subject to the overall jurisdiction of the Sailing Committee.

A meeting was to be held in the near future with H.I.S.C. and the Commodore and Sailing Secretary were due to attend on the behalf of the C.C.R.C. and it was suggested that a strong line was taken over the organisation of any joint races during 1980 particularly when courses were being chosen by H.I.S.C. officers who remained in the starting box on Hayling Island. The general feeling was to continue liaising with H.I.S.C. but not to the extent that it detracted from any C.C.R.C. racing. It was decided however, not to run the 7 race series for 1980.

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5. The Alpha Class and P.Y. System. It was resolved after lengthy discussion that the A.G.M. should have the last word on whether the Alpha Class should continue racing on the I.O.R. handicapping system. Feelings were extremely mixed on this subject and if the A.G.M. decided not to continue I.O.R. handicap racing then the alternatives would be thoroughly investigated by the Sailing Committee and one possibility was that a "hardened" type of P.Y. system be applied.

It was agreed to circulate all Club members to ask why they did not race this year and ask for suggestions that would encourage them to turn out more often. It was also decided that this circular should contain a question asking members if they would change to the present Alpha system for 1980.

6. Format of Races for 1980. The following was decided:-
- (a) The points system should be as before - that is one start and no 7 race series.
 - (b) All normal races would count for points.
 - (c) The Passage race to Brighton was changed to be over the August Bank Holiday weekend which would allow the race to Brighton on the Saturday, a short race round the buoys from Brighton on Sunday and return on Monday. This move necessitated certain other minor adjustments to the programme and the Hon. Sailing Secretary agreed to re-draft this and circulate it to members of the Committee in due course.
 - (d) The Hon. Sailing Secretary outlined the Racing Cruise in Company due to take place in July 1980 and it was welcomed as an extremely good and new venture to be put on, subject to the dates being agreed at the A.G.M. It was stressed that great emphasis would be placed on safety particularly the requirement regarding engines and that the racing element of the cruise should be played down.
 - (e) The possibility of including some "fun" races and rafting parties was discussed and it was agreed that this should be put to the A.G.M. for members comments.
7. The Nab Cups. General dissatisfaction was expressed at the method of handicapping which applied for the 1979 race. It was decided that the 1980 Nab Cups should be inserted in the C.C.R.C. programme subject to the assurance of a better handicapping system and organisation of the race for 1980 and subsequent years.

8. Revision of Courses. The Hon. Sailing Secretary reported that, in reply to his letter earlier in the year, by general agreement that N.1. should be substituted for Bullock Patch during 1980

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F. Kemp produced several additional courses and it was agreed that if possible these should be included in the 1980 course circulation although the precise method of advising courses to the members was yet undecided.

It was not considered necessary to alter the C.C.R.C. standard sailing instructions with regard to the restriction on the use of the Southampton Deep Water Channel.

The question of finishes at Chichester Buoy was again raised and although the sailing instructions would not be altered it was agreed that Sailing Secretaries should demand that O.O.D.s. always finish races at Chichester Buoy and only in exceptional circumstances would the Harbour finish be used; and that from 1980 onwards the Harbour finish should be the Treloar line and not the H.I.S.C. finish line.

9. Prizes Scale. For the time being no change was to be made.
10. Any Other Business. The Commodore wished grateful thanks to be recorded to Derek Lattey the Hon. Sailing Secretary for his excellent running of the position during 1979, especially when he had taken over at short notice.

The Commodore also wished to thank R.P. Morris for his kind provision of the Offices of Pember and Boyle and for the hospitality which had been enjoyed by all members of the Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.50 p.m.