

North Wales Sailing Regional Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday June 12th 2008 at
Penmaenmawr Sailing Club

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Bay of Colwyn Sailing Club
3. NW Boat Show progress
4. Winter Open Training
5. NW Sailing Optimist Training
6. Club Audit
7. Regional Action Plan Update
8. Environmental Report
9. Any Other Business

		ACTION
Present	Mark Stafford - Chairman (Penmaenmawr) Ken Newing (Port Dinorwic) Mary Gowers (Llandudno) Bill Barry (Royal Welsh)	
In Attendance	Ruth Iliffe (WYA) Sian Henshall (minutes)	
1. Apologies	Paul Moreton (Llandudno); Tim Bowden (Shotwick); Paul Pierce (Dovey). Anthony Robinson (RAYC)	
2. Bay of Colwyn Sailing Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bay of Colwyn Sailing Club Boat Park has been saved from closure when Conwy County BC met and decided to offer the club a further 21 year lease for their existing site. 	
3. NW Boat Show Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill explained that the 27ft caravan originally booked for this event is no longer available. Mark has been able to obtain a 9 mtr gazebo, as this is the same size as the original caravan there shouldn't be a problem, but need to check with Ben Sutcliffe. • A2 pictures, logos etc. Signs - There is a North Wales Sailing/WYA banner being produced. • Windsurfing masts for flags. • Bunting at £1.55 per 10mtrs to be purchased, Bill to also try and obtain a set of 'Dressed Overall' flags. • Bill to look into obtaining fun items with prizes for fundraising. • Mark proposed that ANWSC put a float forward for the event – this would then be repaid after the event. Seconded by Mary and carried by the committee. • A small caravan can be available to place behind the gazebo for staff breaks, teas and coffees to be provided for stand officials. Diesel generator required. 	<p>Mark Mark</p> <p>Ruth Bill Bill</p> <p>Bill Bill</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter, invitation and plan of the stand to be sent out to all clubs by Thursday 19th June; for the meeting to be held at RWYC Caernarfon on Thursday 10th of July at 1930hrs. Clubs will be eligible to 2 free entry tickets, otherwise entry fee is £6 per person. There will be a small number of free entries to stand officials. • Bill may be able to organise FOC floating platforms for the lake to assist with the 'Try Sailing'. • Boats being provided for the stand: Oppy – Beaumaris (awaiting confirmation) RS 400, Topper, Phantom – Port Dinorwic Laser – Mary Catamaran - Penmaenmawr 	Mark Bill
4. Winter Open Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth will e-mail clubs end June/early July to organise a meeting to set up the winter training programme. The participating clubs will most likely stay the same – Port Dinorwic, Holyhead, Dovey and Shotwick. 	Ruth
5. NW Sailing Optimist Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merrion Edwards is willing to set up some self funded coaching for intermediate and above Optimist sailors before this Summer's major events, and possibly to continue after the Summer. • A vote of thanks to Merrion was proposed from the committee. 	
6. Club Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club audit form has been amended to include all information that is required from clubs – this will be ready to be sent out in the next few days. 	
7. Regional Action Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary has now put the Action Plan into time order, and actions due are up to date so far. Mary has spoken to Nicky Forshaw and she has agreed to take on the equipment section of the audit. Mark proposed a vote of thanks to Nicky, this was seconded by Bill and carried. The Action Plan needs continual tracking to ensure all actions are completed or commenced on time. 	
8. Environmental Report	<p>As Tim was unable to attend this meeting he produced the following report:</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOLUNTEERING Made contact with RYA Volunteer Development Officer Jackie Bennetts. Approached her about attending WYA Conference March 09? Ruth can you confirm the date yet? I circulated the information received from her and I have no problem in meeting the Development Plan time scales and actions. • ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING Rhyl Harbour Information sent from WYA Office re pontoon development / construction in Rhyl harbour. 	

	<p>Spoke to representative of Rhyl Yacht Club and they are in favour of development. The development does not affect navigation. Responded to HQ supporting development.</p> <p>North West England & North Wales Shoreline Management Plan</p> <p>We have registered our interests to be consulted on the above which will cover the North Wales Coast from Great Ormes Head northwards.</p> <p>Gwynt-y-Mor Windfarm</p> <p>We have been approached to actively support a wind farm development off the North Wales Coast. I have obtained copies of correspondence from RYA HQ regarding proposal.</p> <p>RYA policy is to make comments on wind farms where they affect navigation but not to actively support or object to the principle of wind farms.</p> <p>My recommendation would be that we should follow RYA policy and not actively support wind farm development.</p>	
9. Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill – keen to set up a series of winter talks around the clubs, e.g. VHF, first aid, electrics on cruisers, weather. • Bill - Plas Menai will be providing some keel boat training this summer. The keel boat squad is up and running and working well. • Mary – Data from action plan from Ruth needed by 1st July. • Ruth – Port Dinorwic and Shotwick have both had very successful open days with 25-30 new sailors turning up to take part. • Ruth - Shotwick SC have been awarded Volvo Championship Club status, this is now the second in North Wales. Rybrook the local Volvo dealer are keen to get involved in any way they can, e.g. raffle prizes. • Ruth – would like to see some Catamaran open days being held at Penmaenmawr and Bala. Bala SC are holding the British Junior Championship this summer with coached support available to anyone. 	
	There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.	
Next Meetings Boatshow: Regional Comm.:	<p>Thursday July 10th 2008 7.30pm Royal Welsh</p> <p>Thursday Sept 18th 2008 7.30pm Port Dinorwic</p> <p>Thursday Nov 20th 2008 7.30pm Royal Welsh</p>	