

Notes of the North Wales Regional Committee of the WYA

10th December 2009 Port Dinorwic Sailing Club

Present

Mark Stafford Pen SC (Chairman) (Part Meeting)
Bill Barry RWYC
Mary Gowers LLSC
David Walton Llyn Brenig SC
Dave Challoner RWBSWC
Arny Brown BCSC
Phil Schofield BCSC
Peter Weekes RPSC
Mike Davis NSC
Lindsey Price PDSC

Apologies

Tim Bowdon Shotwick Lake SC
Tony Forster
Mark Rosenthal, Holyhead SC
Kevin Guinan BalaSC
Keith Rowlinson Clywedog SC
Rosy Hearn RPSC
Non Roberts Pwll SC
David Griffiths RWBSWC
Eifion Owen Pwll SC

In Attendance

Ruth Iliffe WYA

Matters Arising:

CYRC: Event proposed at LlandudnoSC on 19/20/6 not now going ahead. Event now at PenSC on 12 June.

CYRC dates now confirmed:

11th April Bala SC

9th May CH Y Felinheli Port Dinorwic SC

12th June Penmaenmawr SC

18th Sept Llyn Brenig SC incorporating the North Wales Schools

Championships

16th October Shotwick Lake SC- Series Finale and Prizegiving

Regional Committee: The role of the committee was discussed. There are 4 persons, qualified by membership, to vote. It takes decisions "By Consensus of the 4 members, influenced by other attendees".

Insurance for Committee actions: Certificates of Insurance have now been provided. When seen by the Sub Committee, some concerns were raised which need amplification. Civil Liabilities Insurance covers Volunteers acting for the WYA (but not for Powerboating). It was noted that the control of safety

boats should be clearly under individual clubs who will have relevant insurance. There is a need to note names and duties assigned to Volunteers.

Mark Butterfield will be sending out an email setting up “**Mark Layer**” **courses** for next year. He is willing to run Race Management **Courses for clubs** - suggested topics are: “Club Race Officer”, “Club Race Officer+”, “Regional Race Officer”, “National Race Officer”. Contact Mike, Mark or Ruth to progress. MB is willing to run Club Race Officer Courses anywhere, but not Thursday or Friday evenings.

Participation Funding: Now looking at trailer for Windsurfing. Mark is submitting a proposal for this tomorrow (Friday)

4) Winter Open Training: Ruth reported on progress. There is a shortage of volunteers for the Xmas regatta; one female is especially required for Christmas Regatta.

6) Regional Bank Account: Sub-committee still looking into this.

7) CYRC: As Laser Training is for up to age 21 this year, Mary suggested up to 21 for CYRC. It was agreed CYRC to be changed. The 5 General Handicap events in 2010 to have age limit raised to 21 (Yr of reaching age 21).

All Posters now need to be Bi-Lingual.

Pico Championship (may poss be National) will be on 3rd/4th July 2010.

8) Cruising: Contacts have not been progressed.

A Cruising Captain’s Course will probably be held in May.

PDSC will be having 2 evening lectures, one each in Jan and Feb. Details are to be passed to Ruth.

10) Pay and Play: There is an issue regarding Insurance requirements when loaning a boat “Away”. Members may not be able to insure a boat which they do not personally own. Members to please look into their own policies to see how this applies. Charging for use was discussed – PDSC charge £5/day, £3/evening, otherwise £3/hr.

V Team progress: Now waiting for Tenders.

Clubs and Coaching Conference: 25 people attended (up 16 from last year). It was felt everyone had had a useful day. RI noted that there is a need to book in onto courses in the future in advance or the event will not happen.

Regional Instructor Conference 21 March: John Thorn (National Sailing Coach) will be attending, together with Debbie Blanchford (RYA Sailability Development Manager).

Sailability: Keith Rollinson is moving this forward. 1 Challenger has been relocated from Llyn Brenig SC to Clywedog SC.

Rhyl Marine Lake: Ruth outlined the funding issues relevant to the development and use of the Lake. Rhyl YC are to be the user focus for the facility and Chris Strange of RYC is working with the Club to produce a Development Plan by Christmas.

Additional Grants: Llyn Brenig SC has recently received £7k for the purchase of 6 Optimists. Ruth Iliffe is to run a Funding Grant Workshop in the New Year (poss in Feb) and in the autumn. It is hoped SCW Representatives from relevant areas will attend.

Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop: to be held on 9 Feb at CH Pwllhelli SC. The cost is TBC, poss £5 fee.

Menai Straights Regatta : Dave Challinor advised that Wendy Jones was now dealing with dinghy/cruiser racing in the second week. The Puffin Island Race is on the Thursday, with possible supporting races on the Thursday and Friday.

Yahoo User Group: url to be distributed to committee members.

Mary Gowers offered to run familiarisation sessions on **SAILWAVE software**. This would be on a Saturday or Sunday, with an a.m. Beginners session and p.m. Advanced session.

Mary also suggested clubs could use **Online Registration** using a form of GoogleDocs. She is also willing to run a familiarisation session on this.

A.O.B.:

a) Ruth advised all clubs to check RYA Database details as she does refer to them, for mail outs and many are out of date. Ring up "Membership". Same applied to WYA Club database; clubs to please keep contact details upto date.

b) Dave Challinor advised there would be 4 days of Open Training for Toppers and Lasers@ RWBSWC during Whitweek half-term.

c) WYA AGM Nominations need to be in by 13th Jan.

Meeting Closed 21.15. Next Meeting to be held inconjunction with the ANWSC AGM- Date TBC.