

Minutes of Solent Sunbeam Class Meeting
Sunday 19th October 2008
Itchenor Sailing Club

1.0 Present: Richard Pearson Class Captain
 Julian Money Vice Captain
 Rebecca Wickens Treasurer
 Sue Kent Social Secretary

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| Gayle Palmer | Anne Colbourne | Judy Howland Jackson |
| Viv Williams | Anna Williams | Bill Dickson |
| Richard Dale | Sue Barker | Peter Craig Wood |
| Richard Kent | Roger Wickens | Jacky Wickens |
| Mary Ross | Mike Creagh | John Ford |
| Sarah Pearson | Anthony Robinson | Alan Stannah |
| Simon Willbourn | Stamford Stoddard | Valerie Stoddard |
| Tim Hill | | |

Apologies:

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| Duncan & Fleur O'Kelly | David & Rena Miller | Jussie Yeats |
| Andrew Russell | Malcolm Glaister | Simon Crane |
| Mike Hollis | Tessa Murdock | Mike Law |
| Barry Sampson | Paul Deeney | Dave Weston |
| Nick Timberlake | Alan & Chris Clatworthy | John & Val Davis |
| Graham Colbourne | Pam Dickson | Gill Robinson |
| Jackie Stannah | Gavin Palmer | Angie Palmer |

Before the meeting commenced, there was a one minute silence in memory of Peter Mazotti, previous owner of Penny V42 who had very sadly passed away on October 16th.

2.0 Previous Meeting Minutes:

No corrections or comments. The Minutes were approved.

3.0 Matters Arising not included in the Agenda:

Revised Class handbook for Itchenor and Falmouth to be finalised over this winter

4.0 Class Officers:

Richard Pearson has expressed willingness to continue to serve as Class Captain for a further year due to Julian Money's work commitments. This was proposed, seconded and accepted unanimously. The class are very grateful for Richard's commitment to the role.

Election of Class Secretary – Graham Colbourne has expressed willingness to serve as Class Secretary which has been proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

5.0 Social Secretary:

Sue Kent to stand down. The Class presented a gift to Sue, in thanks for all of her hard work and efforts over the past three years. It was proposed that Anne Colbourne is to take on the role of Social Secretary which was seconded and agreed unanimously.

6.0 Changes in ownership and boats or boat-shares for sale:

Mystery V16 – Working or Full Partner needed.

Romany V32 – For sale

Vanity V34 – For sale

Fleury V41 – Has been taken off the market and we are delighted that John and Val will continue another season sailing.

7.0 Class Revival / Class Promotion 2008:

Open Day: This was extremely successful and attracted a good turnout and it has extended the interest in the crew list.

There was a strong recommendation that a Sunbeam person should be on the club's General Committee to continue to promote the class.

Graham Colbourne is on the Development Committee and is keeping an eye on the extensive buildings work.

Alan Stannah has very kindly donated an advertisement in a Downhill Skiing magazine to attract skiers to come and sail Sunbeams during the summer months. Thank you to Julian Money for organising the advertisement.

Henry Adams 2008 Sponsorship: Did not quite go to plan. However, promotional work in the UK and in foreign parts is ongoing. The best form of promotion seems to be word of mouth and inviting people into the class. Gayle Palmer suggested if people have their own websites, they could put a link to the Solent Sunbeam website.

8.0 Financial Report:

Report from Becky Wickens: There is £1,400 in the Solent Sunbeam Class account with still a few outstanding payments to be collected.

Class Pitch Pine audit: Richard Pearson went to check on it and although it is still in good condition, he wants it to be moved over to Haines Boatyard as soon as possible.

Mast audit: Haines have 2 masts belonging to Sunbeams plus another belonging to Haines Boatyard. Anthony Robinson presented to the class a plan of a new mast configuration to replace the existing mast which is to be discontinued. The new Seldon section will be slightly more economical than the existing mast but is 0.8 kilo heavier.

JM asked how often rigging should be replaced and Mike Creagh recommended replacing the lowers every five years and the remainder every seven years.

Book Account: Peter Nicholson explained the Golden shares have been paid back. A total of £39,000 has been spent on the project with a remaining 615 books still unsold and a surplus of £4,351.86 in the bank. It is proposed to send £1,500 back to Falmouth, £1,500 in to the Solent Sunbeam Class account and each Solent Sunbeam (23 boats) to be credited with £50. Ray Steadman and Jonathan Money who made separate donation will also be credited with £50. All Itchenor boats are given the right to have two free books which will make excellent Christmas gifts. The account therefore will now be closed, leaving 550 books which are being stored very kindly by Roger Wickens. It is the responsibility of the class to manage the remaining consignment of books at a recommended selling price of £25.00. It was suggested that £50 credit should be allocated to reduce the boat subs for the next two years.

It was also suggested that the 16 Associate Members who help fund the project should each be offered a free book.

The Whimsey log has been beautifully restored and digitised by Peter Nicholson who I am sure will let people have access to, if required.

The book has been a tremendous success due to an idea from Bill Dickson which was researched, written and put together by Peter Nicholson and executed by Julian Money's team. The class congratulated Peter Nicholson on his amazing hard work and dedication to putting this project together including raising lottery money and managing the project very professionally.

9.0 Crew:

Gayle Palmer reported the crews were good at telling her their availabilities. However, the owners were not as obliging to tell her of crew requirements which means low turn-outs. Gayle has approximately 50 crew on her list that are available. It was suggested that we consider a combined crew list for all keelboats which may be available on the club website. GP to investigate. Carolyn Brigg who had just joined the meeting confirmed the Swallows are investigating a Crew Master for the Swallow fleet.

10. Technical Matters:

RYA Disputes Charter: There will be three training sessions for advisors on 22nd November 2008, 21st March 2009 and 26th April 2009. People nominated to be trained as advised have all been notified. Seminar open to all members to explaining rule changes and new dispute procedures will take place on 22nd March, 18th April and 9th May 2009.

Spinnakers & Poles: Tim Hill very enthusiastically presented the benefits, as he saw it, of a larger Spinnaker emphasising that the class need refreshing if we are to be attracting new people and sell boats. Tim said the plastic Sunbeam Roger and Alan proposed to build has gone. However, it did create some interest and became a talking point for a period of time. Tim presented the look of the new sized spinnaker which is approximately 200 Sq Ft (existing is 155 Sq Ft). He also demonstrated the height of the pole fixing rings on the mast which is approximately 9 inches below the present fixing ring. He suggested the lower ring and shorter pole would make handling much easier. Becky Wickens said her boats' pole rings were already low and saw no benefit from the larger spinnaker. There are definitely concerns that the larger spinnaker may be too powerful for a husband and wife crew when the boats are at their limits and this would result in a major change to the characteristics of Sunbeam sailing. It was also pointed out that the larger spinnaker is available for anyone to try out on Thursday evenings. It has also been recommended that a husband and wife crew give it a go to see how they get on.

11.0 Class Racing Programme for 2009:

Any changes to come back to Richard Pearson by 22nd October. It was suggested that the Nab Tower charity race should be included in the programme. T Hill to provide RP with details.

Falmouth 85th Championships: Three dates have been proposed, 23rd-26th August after Fowey week which clashed with ISC Points Week. The two other dates were 15th-19th June, 4th-6th September 2009. There were seven boats interested, possibly more for 15th-19th June which will be proposed to Roger Gaffrey at their AGM next month. Only one boat was interested in the August proposal

Cowes Classic Keelboat Regatta: This regatta will not count for McMeekin points and a cup will have to be found for presentation.

Westmacott & Victory Class Anniversary Regatta: To be held in Portsmouth on 6th and 7th June 2009. Only two boats showed any interest and it was suggested to hold this event at the Cowes Classic Keelboat Regatta.

12.0 Social Programme:

Winter Cocktail Party: Ann Colbourne is to agree venue and dates. It is currently looking to be Saturday 31st January. The majority at the meeting felt it was not necessary to organise a Class supper afterwards preferring to make their own arrangements.

NB: Since the meeting a date and venue have been agreed – 10th January at Longmore by kind invitation of Roger and Jacky Wickens. Further information will follow.

There was a big thank you from Sue Kent to Fleur & Duncan, Roger & Jacky, Alan & Jackie and Viv & Anna for hosting previous events.

The Prospect has been booked in Cowes as usual for Thursday of Cowes week but the availability of the RYS for the Dainty Dish will need to be checked. If not available the Royal Corinthian is an alternative. Anne Colbourne and Sue Kent to arrange a hand over.

13.0 Thursday Evening Racing

Viv Williams said there were less races cancelled this year than last year. He also pointed out that the food at the beginning of the season was not up to an acceptable standard and this may have put some members off. The quality and price of food for next year will be taken up with the club.

It was suggested that each boat and particularly the race organiser should take note of the Buttery's telephone number in case of emergencies. Last season Dolphin had broken down but somebody had the Buttery number to summon assistance. N.B. Dolphin is equipped with a VHF to call the Coast Guard in case of a true Emergency

14.0 Class Measurer's Report:

Mike Creagh advised that sails were consistent and of good quality and this year he measured 25
In 2007 – 22, 2006 - 30, 2005 -15.
Gayle Palmer requested more training as back-up Measurer.

15.0 Class Regalia:

Please contact Sarah Pearson for any stock items e.g. Fleecees, Polo Shirts, Sweatshirts and Ties.

16.0 ISC:

It was reiterated that we should have a Sunbeam member on the ISC General Committee.
Volunteers welcome. Richard will speak to the Commodore.
Subscriptions: it seems that the lower sub for 65 year olds has now risen to 66 which will be
worth clarifying. N.B. ISC 2008 Handbook page 9 makes it clear that Memberships Classes is
age in years at 01/01 of each year

17.0 AOB:

Chartering Sunbeams: It was thought of as an idea but felt that our boats are precious and
needed skilful sailors to race them.
2009 Calendar: Peter Nicholson has very kindly put together a Solent Sunbeam Calendar and
recommending a price between £8 and £15 depending on the amount ordered by class members.
There was definite interest from the majority of the Sunbeamers for Peter to produce a minimum
of 40 calendars. **NB:** since the meeting, Peter has managed to get the price down to £7 per
calendar and these will be produced for people to buy within a week or two.
The Octogenarian Bowl: Age is to stay at 80. It was decided that eligibility should be extended
to include those who have reach 80 and not sailing but who had made a significant contribution
to the class.
Cowes Wash Up: A show of hands for committee boat starts was not a good response. Richard
Pearson sees little point in attending the meeting. Tim Hill requested that we challenge the
Cowes mooring fee rates which Richard Pearson will do by letter.
The Rees Reynolds Trophy: This requires modification for new name plates to be positioned.
Ideas are welcome.

18.0 Date of next meeting: To be decided.

N.B The next meeting will be held at ISC at 14:00 on Sunday 19th April