

Minutes of Solent Sunbeam Class Meeting

Sunday 19th April 2009
Itchenor Sailing Club

1.0 Present: Richard Pearson Class Captain
Julian Money Vice Captain
Anne Colbourne Social Secretary
Graham Colbourne Class Secretary
Mike Creagh Class Measurer

Sarah Pearson	Peter Clementson	Peter Nicholson	Richard Kent
John Ford	Ian & Sue Kay	Mike Williamson	
David & Rena Miller	Viv & Anna Williams	Duncan O'Kelly	David Weston
Tim Hill	Barry Sampson	Alan Stannah	Judy Howland-Jackson
Roger Wickens			

Apologies:

Mike Hollis	Andrew Russell	Mike Harting	Richard Dale
John Slatter	Jackie Stannah	Chris Hancock	Johnny Hornby
Susie Barker	Mike Jefferies	Stamford & Valerie Stoddard	
John & Valery Davis	Fleur O'Kelly	Nick & Juliette Leach	
Nick Danby	Derek Fawcett	Jacky Wickens	Simon Winterbourne
Tiffin Jones	Dave Weston	Rebecca Wickens	Mary Ross
Bill & Pam Dickson	Jim & Graine Hartley	Gayle Palmer	Susan Kent
Anthony & Jill Robinson		David & Norma Parfett	
Linda Jackson	Jussie Yeats	Malcolm Glaister (Emily Syndicate)	
Simon & Pam Crane	Roger Yeoman		

2.0 Previous Meeting Minutes

The Class Captain reviewed various items in the previous minutes. There were no corrections or comments. The Minutes were approved.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 The Class Captain asked to be kept informed if any owner plans to charter their boat. The Rees Reynolds trophy has been modified to add a further name plate.

4.0 Class Officers

No changes.

5.0 Changes in ownership, boats & shares for sale

5.1 Romany (V32) and Vanity (V34) are for sale.

5.2 Bill Dickson would like to sell his 1/2 share in Honey (V43).

5.3 Four boats are for sale in Falmouth: Gwenny (V3), Mary (V4), Verony (V19) and Kitty (V47).

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6.0 Class Revival / Class Promotion 2009

6.1 The Sunbeam Open Day (to be organised again by Gayle Palmer) is scheduled for Saturday 9th May 2009. Can owners and crews please confirm their availability to Gayle. Gayle will circulate full details of the day nearer the date.

7.0 Finance Report

7.1 In the Treasurer's absence the Class Captain presented the Finance Report.

7.2 The Class currently has cash reserves of about £5,523, having received £2,650 from sales of the Sunbeam Book.

7.3 Due to the surplus and in recognition of owners' contribution to the Sunbeam Book, boat subscriptions (£24) are waived for 2009 and again in 2010.

7.4 A proposal by the Class Captain to reduce the subscription of members and associates from £10 to £5 was rejected by the meeting. It was thought preferable to retain the subscriptions at £10 and use surplus funds to help promote the Class.

7.5 A proposal to reduce the Class Captain's expenses from £500 to £250 (in part to reflect the wide use of e-mail, rather than mailings to members) was also rejected.

7.6 The new Class website costs about £250 pa to operate and total Class expenditure is approximately £1,500 pa. The revised Budget for 2009 is attached.

7.7 Note: Invoices for Subscriptions (£10) and Winter Cocktail Party (£6.50) will be sent out shortly.

8.0 Crew Report

8.1 In Gayle Palmer's absence, the Class Captain reported that there are now some 70 crew on her list. Details and forms to advise crew requirements are on the website www.solentsunbeam.co.uk/crews_wanted.htm.

8.2 ISC is looking to create a crew matching facility on the ISC website. Gayle will liaise with ISC to ensure the two crew lists are compatible.

8.3 Members suggested the crew list should be made more easily available to owners (perhaps on the Class website). It was also suggested that all crew on the list be invited to the Open Day to give them a chance to meet owners.

9.0 Technical Matters

9.1 The Class Captain reminded the meeting of the new ISC Sailing Instructions and Dispute Procedures.

9.2 Peter Nicholson presented the proposal on a redesigned, one-design spinnaker and shorter spinnaker pole. Several members were doubtful of the paper's claims of no material increase in sheet or guy loads.

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- 9.3 Mike Creagh opined that spinnaker pole length was more important than sail area in determining guy loads. Also ease of sail handling (as determined by sale design as well as sail area) was as important as theoretical sheet loads.
- 9.4 Peter Nicholson and Tim Hill said they had used spinnakers considerably larger than the 214 sqft being proposed and found them easy to handle.
- 9.5 Roger Wickens was concerned a larger spinnaker could detract from the Sunbeam's attraction as a boat that can be sailed competitively by husband and wife crews.
- 9.6 Till Hill thought aesthetics were important and that a larger, better designed spinnaker would balance the boat, take the class forward and help attract new members.
- 9.7 Viv Williams suggested a shorter pole (say 9') combined with a 10 – 15% increase in spinnaker size could attract wider support from owners.
- 9.8 A vote of Peter Nicholson & Tim Hill's proposal was rejected by 12 votes to 9 (including proxy votes).
- 9.9 Alan Stannah advised that he would order a new spinnaker (with luff of 22' and girth & foot of 10' to give a sail area of 188 sqft), to test its performance and handling. The Class has agreed to order a 9' carbon fibre pole for members to test.
- 9.10 The Sunbeam mast section is to change, but we still have three of the old section masts in stock.
- 9.11 The new Class Handbook should be available shortly from Falmouth.
- 10.0 Class Racing Programme for 2009
- 10.1 The Falmouth 85th celebration will be on 12th – 16th June. Very attractive launch, mooring and accommodation rates are available. Falmouth expect to field 17 boats. At this stage Danny, Mystery, Query, and Fay or Penny will represent Itchenor. Other members will also be attending and will be available to crew. It was agreed that points will not be awarded to Itchenor races during the Falmouth 85th.
- 10.2 Seven or eight Sunbeams will be taking part in the Metre & Classic Regatta (20th – 24th July 2008) – Dainty, Fay, Fleury, Honey, Jenny, Mystery, Query(?), Penny.
- 10.3 Between 11 – 13 Sunbeams are expected for Cowes Week. The reduced numbers from last year mean we will probably have a merged start with another class. The views on racing on the second Saturday were inconclusive and will be considered again in the autumn. There was concern that having both the Classic Regatta and Cowes was splitting the fleet. If numbers dropped further at Cowes the Sunbeam Class would lose their start. It was hoped that with less entries in 2009, the cost premium for Cowes Week might decline making Cowes more financially attractive in 2010.
- 10.4 This year Points Week (24th – 28th August) will be combined with the other ISC keel boat classes. Up to 15 Sunbeams are expected to race for at least some of the week.

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11.0 Social Programme

11.1 The Class Captain thanked Roger & Jacky Wickens for kindly hosting the Winter Cocktail Party.

11.2 The Henry Chisholm dinner will be held on Sunday 3rd May.

11.3 Cowes 2009

- a) Saturday 18th July – Dainty Dish dinner at the Royal Squadron (thanks to Mike Williamson for arranging).
- b) Saturday 1st August – BBQ at Ivy Cottage.
- c) Tuesday 4th August – ISC cocktail party at the RYS.
- d) Thursday 6th August – Roger & Jacky Wickens have again kindly offered to host the Class Cocktail party.
- e) Thursday 6th August – Class dinner at the Prospect
- f) Saturday 8th August – Betty Moore Dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club

11.4 Points Week – proposed events

- a) Monday 24th August – Chichester Theatre “Oklahoma”. Please book via Liz Fox asap.
- b) Tuesday 25th August – cocktail party
- c) Wednesday (morning) 26th August – tennis
- d) Wednesday 26th August – supper and games
- e) Thursday (morning) 27th August – croquet
- f) Thursday 27th August – usual evening Sunbeam race & supper
- e) Friday 28th August – Sunbeam & Swallow dinner and prize giving at ISC

12.0 Thursday Evening Racing

12.1 Viv Williams has agreed to organise the racing again for this year. Race Officers are required for each race. Please contact Viv.

12.2 This year the Class will endeavour to arrange races to both Bosham and Hayling Island for dinner.

13.0 Class Measurer’s Report

13.1 Mike Creagh advised that both Emily and Why were splined this winter – Emily to the maximum permitted and two planks on Why.

13.2 Sails will in future be measured in metres, but the results will be converted back into decimal feet and sails marked accordingly.

14.0 Class Regalia

14.1 Sarah Pearson reported the Class now has a good stock of regalia and she will bring samples along to the Club regularly.

15.0 ISC

15.1 The Club has agreed that guests on Thursday nights will be charged at members’ discounted rates if their food and drinks are paid by members’ cards.

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- 16.0 AOB
- 16.1 The Class Captain confirmed that Junior Fortnight organisers ask to use vacated Itchenor moorings during Cowes Week.
- 16.2 Peter Nicholson asked if the Class Captain would ensure a record of all boat and owner changes was kept up to date, to supplement the data in the Sunbeam Book.
- 17.0 Date of Next Meeting
- 18.1 The next meeting will be held on Sunday 11th October 2009 at ISC.

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