

Minutes of Solent Sunbeam Spring Meeting

Sunday 25th April 2010
Itchenor Sailing Club

1.0 Present: Julian Money Class Captain
 Graham Colbourne Vice Captain
 Anne Colbourne Social Secretary

Richard Pearson	Sarah Pearson	Peter Nicholson	Sue Smith
John Slatter	Richard Kent	Gayle Palmer	Duncan O'Kelly
John Davis	Viv & Anna Williams	David Weston	Richard Dale
Tim Hill	Robin Hancock	Alan Stannah	Judy Howland-Jackson
John Quaile	Anthony & Jill Robinson		Bill Dickson
Roger Wickens			

Apologies:

Andrew Russell	Jackie Stannah	Johnny Hornby	Susie Barker
Juliette Leach	Angie Palmer	Linda Jackson	Roger & Cheryl Yeoman
Tiffin Jones	Valerie Davis	Mike Creagh	Simon & Pam Crane
Pam Dickson	Simon Ratcliffe	Ian & Sue Kay	John Ford
Fleur O'Kelly	Rebecca Wickens	David & Rena Miller	
Barry Sampson	Mary Ross	Stamford & Valerie Stoddard	
Nick Leach	Simon Willbourn	Mike Hollis	Gladys Slatter
Jan Wareham	John Tanner	Petra Tanner	Tina Webster
Sue Kent	Paul Deeney		

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 Election of Class Officers

3.1 There were no changes to the Class officers.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 The Class Captain confirmed that the Class had recommended to the ISC Sailing Committee a single penalty turn, which had now been adopted by the Club.

4.2 The Class Captain confirmed there was not currently sufficient support for any change to the spinnaker design and the issue would be dropped. Also, owners were about 50:50 on a shorter spinnaker pole. It was agreed the maximum length would remain unchanged, but owners were, of course, able to use shorter poles if they wished.

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5.0 Sailing Programme

- 5.1 Owners were equally divided between sailing in Classic Week & Cowes Week, so the Class would be represented at both events in 2010. The Class decided to retain racing on the second Saturday of Cowes Week and the Betty Moore dinner.
- 5.2 The Class Captain suggested making ISC Points Week the Class Annual Championships. After discussion, it was decided to make no change for 2010.
- 5.3 He also reminded Members of the Westmacott Regatta being held on 12th – 13th June 2010. The organisers would very much like to have a Sunbeam represented.
- 5.4 To celebrate their 125th anniversary, it is proposed to have a Bembridge Weekend in June next year (2011). This will probably replace one of the Outer Harbour races.
- 5.5 Team racing against Falmouth is provisionally planned for the weekend 10th – 12th September 2010 at ISC.

6.0 Changes in ownership, boats & shares for sale

- 6.1 Bryony (V13), Daisy (V31), Vanity (V34) and Fleury (V41) are for sale.
- 6.2 Why (V28) has been purchased by Robert Eggleton and John Rippon.
- 6.3 In Falmouth, Verony (V19) has been bought by Stuart Sawyer and Mary (V4) by Ian Winzar.
- 6.4 Mystery (V16) and Symphony (V33) are looking for partners. Fay (V24) is looking for a working party to share running costs.

7.0 Class Revival / Class Promotion

- 7.1 We appear to have generated a lot of interest in the Sunbeam Class recently and several potential new owners and crew are looking at the Class.
- 7.2 There was a detailed discussion on taking a stand at the Southampton Boat Show to promote the Class in September 2010, but it was decided that the significant funds involved would be better employed on other initiatives.
- 7.3 Sue Smith volunteered to organise a promotional video of the Class and ISC.
- 7.4 The Class Captain agreed to establish a Marketing Committee, possibly including a Press Officer.
- 7.5 He also agreed to investigate getting coverage on Radio Solent's Friday evening sailing broadcast.

8.0 Finance Report

- 8.1 In the absence of the Treasurer, the Vice Captain presented the Finance Report.
- 8.2 The Class currently has cash reserves of about £2,900. The Treasurer had agreed to produce a full income & expenditure report, which will be e-mailed to Members.

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- 8.3 After discussion, it was proposed that the levy per boat be raised to £50 to generate funds to help promote the Solent Sunbeam Class. The proposal was agreed by Members and also that a detailed expenditure report would be made available to show how the additional funds had been spent. The Sunbeam Associate membership fee remains at £10.
- 9.0 Crew Report
- 9.1 Gayle Palmer 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.
- 9.2 Gayle Palmer will provide boat owners the crew list, on request.
- 10.0 Technical Matters
- 10.1 Anthony Robinson reminded Members that the original Seldon mast section was no longer available. After considerable negotiations, Seldon has agreed to deliver two new masts within the next 3 - 4 weeks. A third mast will arrive shortly thereafter. The Class owns two masts; Haines normally holds another on their own account mast.
- 10.2 Anthony Robinson also reminded Members that shrouds should be at least 5mm with upper and lowers being replaced every 5 years. Although jib luff wires are generally less than 5mm, the forestay should support the mast if (when) the luff wire breaks.
- 10.3 Richard Pearson has produced a draft revised Handbook & Rules. After comments and proof reading, the Class Captain agreed to arrange for the Handbook & Rules to be printed to fit the existing Sunbeam binders.
- 10.4 Richard Pearson has also agreed to draft a Sunbeam tuning guide, with the help of other owners.
- 11.0 ISC Open Day
- 11.1 There was considerable discussion about the ISC Open Day on Sunday 16th May 2010. The Class Captain received many offers to assist on the day and various Sunbeams will be available for morning racing and afternoon cruising with our guests.
- 11.2 Owners were encouraged to fly Battle Flags and Members to wear Sunbeam shirts on the day. It was agreed that Penny (V42) would be on the ISC jetty, dressed overall.
- 12.0 Social Programme
- 12.1 The Social Secretary apologised that the Winter Cocktail Party had been cancelled because of the winter snow.
- 12.2 She also outlined details of the forthcoming Sir Henry Chisholm dinner (Sunday 2nd May).
- 12.3 Proposed social events for Cowes Week are:
- a) Dainty Dish dinner at RYS (Saturday 17th July 2010) .
 - b) BBQ at Ivy Cottage or 24 Castle Road (Saturday 31st July 2010)

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- c) ISC cocktail party at RYS (Tuesday 3rd August 2010)
- d) Class cocktail party at Roger & Jacky Wickens followed by dinner at The Prospect (Thursday 5th August 2010)
- e) Betty Moore Dinner at the Corinthian (Saturday 7th August 2010)

12.4 ISC Points Week

- a) Keelboat cocktail party (Monday 23rd August 2010)
- b) "42nd Street" at Chichester Festival Theatre (Tuesday 24th August 2010)
(please book through Liz Fox)
- c) Keelboat pig roast & party at Ted & Liz Roose (Wednesday 25th August 2010)
- d) Tea & joint prize giving at ISC followed by Keelboat dinner (Friday 27th August 2010)

13.0 Thursday Evening Racing

- 13.1 Viv Williams reported we have 19 Thursday evening races planned for the season. The race to Bosham is scheduled for 8th July and the date for the race the Hayling Island will be advised nearer the time.
- 13.2 Mary Ross & John Ford will be organising 80th birthday celebrations on Thursday 24th June 2010 for those sailing that evening.

14.0 Class Measurer's Report

- 14.1 Mike Creagh was not able to attend, but it is understood there are no outstanding issues. He has measured Betty (V51) and approved her dimensions.

15.0 Class Regalia

- 15.1 Sarah Pearson reported the Class had some stock of regalia but she is very willing to order items to meet individual's requirements.

16.0 ISC

- 16.1 The Club has decided that an individual guest may now sail from the Club 5 times in one season (previously 10 times).

17.0 AOB

- 17.1 Alan Stannah & Roger Wickens provided an update on Mary (V51) the GRP "Sunbeam".
 - a) There have been many decisions to make and a few issues to resolve but construction is broadly on schedule. The hull has been moulded and should be delivered to Haines towards the end of May for completion. It is still hoped to launch V51 in time for Cowes Week. A launch party has been attentively scheduled for Thursday 1st July 2010.
 - b) The weight of V51 has been a major issue. During the winter 10 Sunbeams were weighed (7 in Bosham and 3 by Haines). The average weight was 1880kg with the range plus or minus 40kg. Interestingly, Roger Wickens is still undecided whether a heavier (longer water line) Sunbeam is faster or slower. (Danny, V26, is on the heavy side).

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- c) After considerable debate it was agreed that V51 could race on the following basis. During normal ISC racing, V51 will be helmed by as many owners as possible. When racing V51, points will be awarded to the helm's own boat (obviously the helm's own boat must not also be racing!). During Cowes Week, V51 may race with the Sunbeam fleet, but will not make a declaration at the end of each race and hence not be included in the overall scoring. It is hoped that through this programme of racing the relative performance of V51 will become apparent. Members accepted that these arrangements might well require amendment based on actual results and other factors.
- 17.2 There was a detailed discussion on whether owners of Solent Sunbeams should now be allowed to epoxy their boats. Unfortunately Mike Andrews was unable to attend to present his paper.
- a) It was agreed that Anthony Robinson and the Technical Committee (John Davis, Richard Pearson, Anthony Robinson) will present a recommendation together with draft rule changes to the Autumn Meeting for a decision.
 - b) An indicative vote of owners present at the Meeting recorded 13 boats in favour in principle of permitting Sunbeams to be epoxied, subject to agreeing precise details.
 - c) Anthony Robinson reminded owners that Haines had limited capacity and, depending on a boat's initial condition, could probably only epoxy 3 – 4 boats per annum.
- 17.3 Anne Colbourne produced the updated version of the Solent Sunbeam Handbook. Copies are available from her or the ISC Office.
- 17.4 Anthony Robinson gave Members an update on the proposed development of Haines including greater use of the Bluegates site, building a storage barn on the Triangle (site next to Bluegates) and winter open storage in the Itchenor car park. The proposals are subject to fine-tuning based on feedback from the public and formal planning permission.
- 18.0 Date of Next Meeting
- 18.1 The next meeting will be held on at 2pm on Sunday 7th November 2010 at ISC.