

# ISORA – Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association



## ISORA - 2016 AGM Minutes

Held at National Yacht Club  
On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 1500hrs

<p><b>1. Apologies:-</b></p>	<p>Kuba Szymanski, Keith Mander, Charlene Howard, Vincent Farrell, Andrew Hall, Richard Tudor, Paul Hampson, John Loughery.</p>
	<p><b>Present:-</b> Peter Ryan, Geraint Williams, Stephen Tudor, Paul Sutton, Neil Eatough, Chris Power Smith, Michael Horgan, Peter Samuel, Grant Kinsman, Peter Dunlon, Vicky Cox, Mark Thompson, Paddy Gregory, Peter Hall, John Hughes, Liam Shanahan, Ben Shanahan, Frank Cleere, William Parry-Jones, Derek Matthews</p> <p>A list of those present is attached.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those present for attending.</p>
<p><b>2. Agree Minutes of Last AGM</b></p>	<p>Minutes of the 2015 AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were issued and were agreed as a fair record of the meeting. Proposed by Peter Dunlop and seconded Chris Power Smith.</p>
<p><b>3. Chairman's report</b></p>	<p>The chairman read out his report and this was accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Grant Kinsman, seconded by Geraint Williams.</p> <p>He was congratulated on another great season</p>
<p><b>4. Accounts for 2015</b></p>	<p>The Secretary issued a financial statement showing:</p> <p>Income of £880 and €18,335 and expenditure to-date of £1,587 and €16,187</p> <p>The surplus (<b>Deficit</b>) on the accounts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK accounts - Nat West Account the surplus amount to <b>-£707</b></li> <li>• Bank of Ireland Account the surplus / deficit €2,147</li> </ul> <p><b>Bank Accounts</b></p> <p>ISORA has two accounts (Nat West in the UK and Bank of Ireland)</p> <p>Signatories for the IR Bank are Peter Ryan and Michael Hogan. The UK Nat West signatories are Stephen Tudor and Geraint Williams.</p> <p><b>Total in the bank accounts amount as follows:</b></p> <p>The sum in the UK Nat West Bank is £3,526.86 (£4,233.86 in 2015) and BoI €4,852.52 (€5,511.85 in 2015).</p> <p>BUT expenses for the prize giving still to be accounted for.</p> <p><b>Sponsorship</b></p> <p>The sponsor income of €6,500 was critical to the ability to run the YB trackers.</p> <p>The chairman explained that the association is run on a volunteer basis and that there are no administrative charges.</p>



	<p>It was proposed that the entry fees remain at the 2016 level and that entry fees to be paid on-line by Pay Pal with the entry form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Series</b> - Euro €360 or sterling equivalent at time of payment</li> <li>• <b>Single Race</b> - €100 or sterling equivalent at time of payment</li> </ul> <p>Paul Sutton proposed that we accept the financial position and the proposed race entry fee. This was seconded by Liam Shanahan.</p>
<b>5. Constitution</b>	Liam Shanahan proposed that the new published Constitution should be approved and this was endorsed unanimously by a show of hands.
<b>6. Election Of Officers</b>	<p>The Chairman explained that he and the Vice Chairman and Secretary would step down after 2017 and that he would be contacting those who had offered to help (in the survey) to see if the work load in 2017 could be shared and in doing this volunteers for Officer roles may materialise.</p> <p>The Officers for the Association for the 2016 Series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Ryan – Chairman</li> <li>• Gerry Williams - Vice Chairman</li> <li>• Vincent Farrell – Treasurer</li> <li>• Stephen Tudor – Secretary</li> </ul> <p>The committee comprises of the following:  <a href="#">Name the members here</a></p> <p>These were proposed and all approved by all present. Liam Shanahan and Peter Dunlop.</p>
<b>7. Race Management</b>	<p><b>ISAF Categories</b> The Secretary explained the revised ISAF Category definitions and all accepted the use of the definitions: Category 3+ and Category 4 which are published on the web site.</p> <p><b>Pre &amp; Post Race Declarations</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the entry form is the pre-race declaration and that the declaration at the end of the race confirmed full compliance by skippers (and crew). The declaration is on the web site.</p> <p><b>Scoring and Weighting</b></p> <p><b>Weighting</b> - It was agreed that if a race was set with a weighting this would not change – even if the race for any reason was changed. It was also accepted that the race weighting would be amended by reducing the night race to be 1.0 – otherwise all would remain as 2016</p> <p><b>Class Split</b> - The Class split would be considered when entries are known to probably include a Class 0 for boats of 1.035 or more.</p> <p><b>Echo/NHS</b> - ISORA secretary would, over the winter months, work on overcoming the technical difficulties in implementing the scoring of races using Echo and / or NHS</p> <p><b>Avery Crest YB Tracker</b></p> <p>The tracking of races in 2016 has been a great success and ISORA is developing new ideas on the use of the tracking with YB staff. This is putting ISORA on the cutting edge of race management includes start and finish timings as well as monitoring mark rounding's (virtual and actual) this is achieved by increasing the ping rate without a corresponding increase in cost. There is, however, a need for a reliable shore side race controller for 2017.</p> <p><b>Virtual Waypoints</b></p> <p>All accepted the use of Virtual Waypoints and virtual gates for 2017 with an aim of providing upwind and down-wind legs.</p>



	<p><b>AIS</b></p> <p>The use of AIS is mandatory (if it is fitted to the boat). All competitors are encouraged to purchase a transiting AIS on safety grounds. It is particularly useful for shore crew to track boats during deliveries.</p> <p><b>Auto Helms</b></p> <p>The Secretary explained the current position – auto helms are allowed Unless the SI’s prohibit). The matter was discussed with varying opinions being recognised.</p> <p>It was resolved that Auto Helms would be allowed in 2017 and the situation would be monitored. The spirit of the intention is to encourage participation not to provide leading boats an added advantage.</p> <p><b>Professional Crews</b></p> <p>Liam Shanahan explained the unfair advantages that professional crews presented and the divisive effect on the spirit of ISORA. There was an opposing view of wanting to race against the best and that this was not presently a problem in ISORA.</p> <p>It was agreed that competitors should be from ISAF Categories Groups 1. Boats with ISAF Group 3 crew would be entered into a separate overall series, would not qualify for the Corinthian race win or series win.</p> <p><b>Safety Courses</b></p> <p>INSS proposed a syllabus for the ISORA offshore course. The main purpose of this course was to prepare boats, skippers and crew to take part in ISORA.</p> <p>It was agreed that ISORA would endorse this course. Any similar courses would also be endorsed. It was preferred that and such courses be accredited to the ISA or the RYA.</p>
<p><b>8. Race Schedule and other matters</b></p>	<p>The draft race schedule was circulated with a list of possible races for 2017. It was agreed that the D2D would be starred by ISORA and that it would count towards the new '<b>ISORA Points Series</b>' which would be awarded to the competitor boat with the highest '<i>Total Score</i>' with no discards.</p> <p>The Overall Championship for the prestigious <b>RDYC Wolf’s Head</b> would remain as the highest points in the boats best five races, excluding the starred race, and provided that the boat competed in 5 qualifying races but.</p> <p>Following a discussion, a revised schedule of races for 2017 was accepted by all present with the ability for the Chairman to amend and adapt as becomes necessary when discussing with visiting ports.</p> <p>It was agreed that the schedule would be circulated and placed on the web site as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p>	<p>There was no other business. Peter Ryan, from the chair, thanked everyone for their valued contribution, hoped that everyone would enjoy the prize giving party and wished all great sailing for 2017.</p> <p>Chris Power-Smith, on behalf of all of ISORA thanked Peter for his hard work.</p>
<p>Meeting Ended 1630hrs</p>	
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