

Bowmoor Sailing Club
Sailing Committee Meeting Tuesday 15 December 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Rick Plummer, Doug Roberts, Brian Smith, Olly Hopkins, John Banbrook, Mike Dyer, Nigel Fletcher, John Murrell, Geoff Silcock

Apologies:

Charlie Sansom,

1. Matters arising from the last minutes

John Banbrook has not yet discussed with Charlie Sansom the possible use of tracker technology to help with race results.

It was agreed that Facebook will continue to be used for any last minute notification of race cancellation rather than moving to WhatsApp

2. Current Race format

General agreement that the current format of a pursuit race followed back-to-back by a class race is working OK and should continue. Numbers have been eased by the onset of winter weather, the end of the youth Hour of Power, and the Laser racing continuing on Saturdays. There was earlier some unhappiness from the slowest boats feeling excluded from the pursuits. Where the slowest boats do attend for racing, OODs should try and select a pursuit format that includes them. **John Banbrook** will print-off a selection of pursuit sheets for the race hut to make this easier.

3. Racing Start Times

It was agreed to bring the race schedule forward to an 11am start (from the present 12 noon). **John Banbrook** to arrange an announcement via Facebook, website and Bowsprit.

4. Safe Numbers for Racing

It was agreed to increase to 35 (from the present 30) the number of bookable slots for the Sunday races. This is partly taking account of the no-shows where people do not cancel their slots. **John Banbrook** to talk to Charlie Sansom.

5. DutyMan Update.

There are a number of unfilled slots, but generally volunteers have been found. Where people have volunteered it is important that the information is passed to Nigel so that they can be listed on DutyMan.

6. Booking System

The website booking system seems to be working very well. For the racing slots the people who have booked is visible, but not the boat class. This information is really needed by the OOD if it can be made available. **Action Charlie**

7. 2021 Sailing Programme

A programme through to March 2022 has been circulated. Please pass any planned future events to Rick for recording, even if provisional.

The February 20th Supernova Championship is very unlikely to go ahead. **Brian** to discuss with Class Association after Christmas.

The March 27th Laser/Byte open, and the possible April Phantom open are at risk, and would only be possible if we were at Tier 1.

Come and Try Days will probably not be possible before June.

8. AOB

Can the anemometer display be made available in the James Room? There may be a solution by affixing the display to the window. **John Murrell and Doug**

Special handicap for RS200 without spinnaker. The RS200 class association does list a PN of 1090 for the boat without spinnaker (checked after the meeting), so the club can use this. It was agreed that it should be used to help relative novices, rather than tactically by experienced crews in strong winds for example.