

Bowmoor Sailing Club
Sailing Committee Meeting Tuesday 9 March 2021
Virtual Meeting via Teams

Attendees:

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

2. Update by Rear Cdr from Exec. Meetings and from RYA (Peter Bone)

The Exec Committee has continued to meet, but not quite as frequently as before. Forward dates depend on Government rulings, but currently look like 29 March for restricted sailing and racing, with further relaxation dates of 12 April and 17 May. Formal RYA courses are not likely to be possible until after 21 June.

3. Booking System

The booking system will come into force from 29 March, with some adjustments being made to the time slots for swimming and sailing. The chart prepared by Charlie will be circulated.

The general limit will be 30 boats for racing, but the booking system will allow for 35 boat slots as experience has shown that there are always no-shows.

4. Initial Race Programme

For the 7 Sundays from 4 April to 16 May plus Easter Monday the plan is to have a 90 minute Optimist pursuit starting at 11am, followed by class starts from 1.15pm. Class starts will comprise Fast Handicap, Aero and Slow Handicap.

Wednesday evening racing is planned to start from 21 April, probably with pursuit racing. RYA PN handicaps are unchanged from 2020 with Fast Handicap less than 1099.

5. Open Events

The Laser/Byte Open originally scheduled for 27 March, and the Phantom Open originally scheduled for 17 April will be postponed/cancelled. Fleet captains to communicate with class organisations. The present thinking is that there will be no open events until after 21 June.

Rick to circulate an updated draft programme so that open meeting and other dates can be selected.

6. Duty Teams and DutyMan

For the first 7 weeks of racing duty teams to total 4 people. Two in the race hut to be from the same household if possible, and also ideally a household group in the powerboat.

Rick to set up the duty slots in the DutyMan allocation roster and put it out for self-selection by volunteers.

7. Powerboats

Nigel clarified which boats are useable, and will follow through on necessary servicing. The Jaffa needs work associated with a safety lock inhibiting engine start when in gear, and the spare small fuel tank has a leaking connector.

8. Dye Treatment

The first dose of 20x5l cans has been done. John B will do another batch next weekend.

9. Racing Marks

Mark 5 is still on the shore, with Mark 3 in the reeds. New green mark covers are available to replace the even-numbered dirty orange ones. Restrictions may mean that this work is best done later.

Next meeting planned for 13 April.