

Hurricane 5.9 Annual General Meeting

Date:	12 th August 2011	Time: 5.30pm	Location: Yaverland, Isle of Wight
Attendees:	Nick Moore (NM) Chairman	Mark Mawditt (MM) Newsletter/Membership	
	Adam Charlesworth (AC) Fixtures	Andy Webb (AW) Master Boatbuilder/Training/Rules/Tech	
	Geoff Tindale (GT) Rules and Technical	Struan Wallace (SW) Treasurer	
	Maxine Oliver(MO) Secretary Web & Forum Administrator		
Apologies:	John Ready (JR) Marketing/Publications		
	Rob Stahl (RS) Rules and Technical		

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1.0	Apologies		
1.1	Apologies were received from John Ready and Rob Stahl.	Note	
2.0	Previous Minutes		
2.1	The previous minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Neil Connolly and seconded by Geoff Tindale.	Note	
3.0	Committee		
2.1	The current committee agreed to stand and continue in their roles and no objections were received.	Note	
	Nick Moore Chairman	John Ready Marketing/Public Relations	
	Mark Mawditt Newsletter/Membership	Adam Charlesworth Fixtures	
	Andy Webb Master Boatbuilder/Training/Rules/Tech	Struan Wallace Treasurer	
	Rob Stahl Rules and Technical	Maxine Oliver Secretary/Web and Forum	



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3.0	Chairmans' Report – see attached		
4.0	Treasurers' Report		
4.1	The Hurricane 5.9 accounts are very healthy with approximately £4,000 currently in the account after expenditure this year on the Dinghy show, Go-Pro camera, apparel and providing association beer at open events. The meeting agreed that an analysis of a detailed set of accounts was not needed at the meeting.	Note Note	
5.0	Fixtures		
5.1	Fixtures this year have been well supported as last year. Suggestions were requested from the floor that would encourage people to travel more next year. AC proposed that next year at open events 4 races are sailed on the Saturday and 2 on the Sunday that would allow those with long journeys to leave earlier. John Tuckwell stated that it would be tough to do 4 races on a Saturday and Nick Dorks agreed that even 3 races for an hour was enough for most people. Neil Connolly suggested we did fewer events but of a higher quality.	Note	
5.2	The committee asked the floor to give their feedback on joint fixtures with the F18's and it was agreed that this would be done outside of the AGM.	Note	
5.3	2012 Nationals were discussed and it was agreed that careful consideration would need to be given to the timing of this event so that it does not clash with the Olympics and other major sporting and National events taking place in 2012. It was agreed however, not to have the Nationals too early in the season and perhaps over a bank holiday. A show of hands was requested for those that preferred to have the Nationals inside or outside of the school holidays which resulted in a tie breaker 13/13.	Note	
5.4	The committee asked Starcross if they could hold an open meeting in 2012 and the likely dates. It was confirmed that they would be able to do this event in the first 2 weeks of September. The club would be limited to around 15 visitors boats. Starcross would check the tides and confirm the dates available.	Starcross Fleet Captain	



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5.5	It was provisionally confirmed that open meetings on the fixtures for 2012 so far would be Datchet, Rutland, Minnis Bay, Stone, Starcross, Regfest and the Nationals.	AC	
5.6	It was suggested from the floor that the committee looks into holding an event at Weymouth after the Olympics although this was confirmed by MM that it would be extremely expensive to do this as the Dart fleet were charged a £200 entry fee per boat.	AC	
5.7	The possibility of holding the Europeans in 2013 in Garda or Greece was announced to mark the ¼ century anniversary of the Hurricane fleet. Both destinations were very popular amongst the floor although a slight bias for Greece was recorded. The committee agreed to look into this and provide further details and costs in due course.	AC/MO	
6.0	Tech and Rules		
6.1	AW announced that the developments discussed at the last AGM have been tested over the last year by rules and tech committee members and the latest class rules have been posted on the web site.	Note	
7.0	Membership		
7.1	MM informed the floor that we have now 48 full members of the class association.	Note	
7.2	MM reported there have never been more than 6 Hurricanes for sale on Appollo Duck during the last year. Generally fleets are growing particularly at Datchet (14), Thorpe Bay(11), Starcross (11) and there are now 3 boats at Bala and the Open Dinghy Club also have 3 Hurricanes. John Tuckwell said that Dee is experiencing a resurgence and it was agreed that our biggest advert for the Class is getting a good fleet of boats that travel to open meetings and support those clubs that are flourishing.	Note	
7.3	With the fleets growing at certain clubs Neil Connolly asked what we could do to encourage some of these boats to travel and participate in open meetings. Pete Sherwin of Thorpe Bay suggested a flyer is sent to each member regarding events, training and socials. Also perhaps free entry to anyone entering an open event that has not travelled in the past or perhaps entry to open meetings is charged on a pro-rata basis.	MO	

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7.4	John Tuckwell from Towergate Mardon said that he would pull off a report on members of the Hurricane fleet that receive a discount when insuring with him. John also asked if we could provide him with details of our members that are fully paid up. MO to put the details on the web site.	MO	
8.0	Any Other Business		
8.1	In order to keep the web site and forum active all members were reminded that whoever comes 4 th in an open event and misses out on the chocolates gets to do the write up and send it to MO to put on the web. Also the 4 th placed person gets to wear the Go-Pro head cam in the next race. MO also requested information from all clubs, write ups, stories and events taking place at club level.	ALL	
8.2	Concerns were raised by various members at the quality of the jib in particular the zip continually breaking and in some instances the window breaking. The committee agreed to speak to Hydes in connection with this. AW stated that both he and GT have measured many jibs for both fullness and shape and confirmed that they are all cut the same.	AW	
8.3	GT requested that the rules and tech look into changing the jib to a fully battened jib with a longer luff length and to be the same colour as the mainsail. NM stated that whilst the class can look into making these changes and the implications that these changes may make to the rating the class has gone through a metamorphosis in the last few years and that no further major changes will be made to the boat for the next 2-3 years. The class will now enjoy a period of consolidation and will not keep making changes.	Note	
8.4	Trevor Bawden suggested that we use the Nacra tiller extension which are cheaper and far better quality. AW said that he will look into this and revert.	AW	
8.5	AW/GT agreed to look into the Hurricane using a similar tack line system for the spinnaker that the F18's use.	AW/GT	



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Chairmans' Report by Nick Moore

2011 has been a very good year for the Hurricane's with the class growing from strength to strength. It is generally felt that there has been a continued and healthy interest in the class this year and many of those expressing an interest will join the class next season. A number of people coming into the fleet in two sail mode due to the fantastic value for money, quickly progress to SX mode. A further 8 SX kits have been completed to date bringing the overall conversions to 100.

The Hurricane continues to prove to be a very competitive catamaran and a very affordable price and a friendly, open and active class is attracting cat sailors from other classes.

The Dinghy show in March was a huge success and thanks to Ashley Machin for providing his boat to be exhibited at the show and the enthusiastic team that manned the stand.

It was with great sadness to hear of the death of a very popular member Chris Hull from Thorpe Bay and his memorial regatta at Thorpe Bay was a fitting tribute to him with many Hurricane and other cat sailors braving the elements. Chris would have loved it.

The Rules and Tech committee have been busy testing and bringing in the new developments with the 9:1 main sheet system, tiller extension, boom and these changes have been populated on the web site. There are no other changes to the boat to take place however, the committee welcome any ideas from individuals which could improve the boat by way of making it more efficient and safer to sail.

Overall the turnout at open events has been good and attracted more boats on the start line at each event despite concerns last year that the economic climate may deter travel – 11 at Datchet, 16 boats at Rutland and 14 at Stone.

John Ready has carried out a number of coaching sessions this year at Datchet and is more than happy to travel to other clubs where there is a requirement and there is interest from members to take up this offer. John requests £50 each is donated to the class association for this service.

I would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support
AW Sailboats, Towergate Mardon, Hyde Sails and Spartan Wetsuits

The Nationals here with 27 boats is testament to the renewed interest in the Class showing that it is the best “bang for your buck” in Catamaran sailing with several crews returning to the Class.

Many thanks to Ian Molyneaux and Yaverland Sailing Club for organising and holding this event. I think it is brilliant to see crews coming from Ireland, Devon, the East coast and willing to help each other in terms of crew availability and double stacking boats.