

**ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB
COWES CLASSICS WEEK 2015 & 2016
MAIN DISCUSSION POINTS & ACTIONS ARISING
FROM A MEETING OF CLASS CAPTAINS
Held on Wednesday 18 November 2015 at Royal Southampton YC**



Present: Peter Taylor - RLYC – Chair
Jos Coad – Bembridge OD
Brian Corbett – Old Gaffer
Peter Dickson – Metre Boats CRO
Tony Glover – Swallow Class
Amanda Harding – Dayboats CRO
Christine Hopkins – Old Gaffer
David Hopkins – Old Gaffer
Paul Kelsey – Cowes XOD
John Long – XOD Class
Bob Milner – XOD Class CRO
Duncan O’Kelly – Solent Sunbeam
Gill Smith - CRO
John Tremlett – Itchenor XOD
Jill Stevenson - Regatta Secretary, RLYC

2016 Event Dates : Monday 11th to Friday 15th July 2016

All recognised that it had been a hard and windy week. Each day there had been more wind than forecast.

XODs: Desire for 1nm beat. Ideally 2 x 1¼ hr races each day, including Friday, for an 8 race series. 3 too many in a day unless races have been lost or predicted to be lost and become a necessity to achieve series. 2nd race could be Round the Cans to Cowes. Would welcome racing in west Solent.

VHF from CRO could not be heard by fleet at CCYC. Prep flags P, U, B – maybe P, B on 2nd race on Friday for speed.

BODs: Superb racing. Wish to race out of the shipping lanes. Finish at Cowes welcome if achievable.
Enjoyed the Pursuit Race held in previous years.

Solent A lot of waiting around – for which specific reasons were noted and apologies given. Prepared

Sunbeam: to compromise on race course perfection to get racing away. At least 2, preferably 3 days, finish at Cowes. Windward mark could be fixed mark. **Ensure SI provision for this.**

Swallows: Mix of w/l and round the cans. Welcome a finish at Cowes. Note National Champs at Bembridge weekend preceding.

Entry Expectation 2016

BOD – 9 (school teachers); Daring – 17/18; Sunbeam – 15 (slightly down); XOD – 60 +/- 10%; Swallows – hope for 8; Old Gaffers working hard to increase; maybe some Wooden Dragons; 1 or 2 Loch Longs possible; Flying Fifteens?; Tempest World Championships during week – 20-25; Brown Boats?; Tofinous being targeted for Spirit of Tradition class.

A separate circuit will be run for the Tempests. RLYC retains its limit of 3 classes per circuit. There are no other major events in the same week, so the Solent will be less crowded than for some years. The Tempests may run some separate social occasions, and the event will continue to run two events each evening where demand requires it, and for choice.

Website, Entry, Results: No issues

Race Programme: All agreed to 8 race series for Committee Boat circuits, 2 each day. **RLYC to consider Pursuit race vs. Class race on Monday.** Tuesday to Friday starts at 1030.

SIs: Repeat XOD specials from 2015 : boats check in at CB each day & 20 minute time limit. **Noted not all competitors checked in – consider RO Protest with penalty a donation to charity.**

Moorings/Harbour: CHC are aware of issue of two Sunbeams hitting whilst turning on the tide. **Strops were too short for all boats.** The proposed mooring plan will be circulated as soon as available from CHC.

Launch Service: No issues.

Safety: All race committee boats remain on stand-by for towing at the end of the day. **Competitors to be reminded to kedge on bank and await tow if no wind to cross the shipping channel.** ROs receive shipping update at mid-day.

Socials: CCYC, RVYC , Haines @ RYS, ISC – particularly top floor, Regatta Dinner – all welcomed. Prize giving free to all and revised format generally welcomed. Suggested schedule for 1500. PMN: John Long suggested Friday is a racing day. Fix prize giving at 1700 with food appropriate for time of day. Will be later in 2016 with 2 races scheduled. **Request for Jazz on preceding weekend. Investigate Classic Boat Museum availability for Reception – Paul Kelsey.**

Bloodhound has expressed an interest to travel south to celebrate her 80th anniversary and will join in the week if she comes to Cowes.

Marina for Yacht Moorings: Approach Cowes Yacht Haven to compare facilities with Shepards Wharf.