

## SALTERNS SAILING CLUB AGM MINUTES 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2013

**Apologies** Valeria Sesto, David Simpson, Ben Vines

Martin welcomed everyone to the AGM.

The Minutes of AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012 were approved.

### Adoption of proposed amendments to the bylaws.

The following new bylaws were approved: -

- **Bylaw 8.24.** The Trustees of the club will take responsibility for appointing the RYA Principal role and approving the Organisation and Management Documents that are prepared each year for the Club's formal inspection by the RYA as an RYA training centre. The Trustees may seek support from a qualified Chief Instructor in preparing the documentation required by the RYA.
- **Bylaw 8.25.** All Management Committee Meetings shall have an Agenda and Minutes of the previous meeting for approval circulated by e-mail to the registered e-mail address of each Committee Member and Trustee at least 48 hours before the date of the next meeting.

Martin explained that the reason for the proposed new bylaw 8.24 was because David Simpson would be standing down as the club's Chief Instructor having been in position for the last 7 years. The club had been very fortunate to have had David in this role for such a long time and Martin expressed his thanks on behalf of the Salterns for all he had done for the club.

The Chief Instructor role is an important position for the club because without it we would not be able to function as an RYA training centre and therefore there would be no Moppy Camps.

Given there is no immediate successor to David, the Trustees will take responsibility for appointing the RYA Principal role and also seek support from a qualified Chief Instructor going forward.

### Reports

Commodore's report – Louisa Briggs

Louisa explained how this year had gone by so quickly with many successful events including the Easter Egg Hunt, 2 Moppy Camps, Over The Wall Event, fleet racing and Children In Need. The JC were thanked for working very hard to make these events run smoothly. Louisa has really enjoyed herself, made a lot of firm friends and has had a lot of fun. She thanked Martin and the MC for their support and wished James Eady good luck for the year ahead.

Louisa presented Ollie Tait with the Commodores Silver Tray **trophy** for being the most helpful JC member.

### President's Report - Martin Gorman

Martin reported that the year started with a very ambitious programme of repairs and improvements. This started with the demolition of the old wooden shed in the woods and replacing it with the new green shed.

This then paved the way for repairs to the muddy roadside grass verge. Diggers and excavators moved in to cart away the mud and, once the old roadside kennels had been dismantled the whole area was backfilled, levelled and made ready. Plastic "grasscrete" sheets were laid and seeded to create the new parking area.

New double stacked oppie racks were erected, which was a much needed improvement as it effectively doubled the storage capacity and in turn reduced the impact on the road with fewer families needing to trailer their oppies to the club and block the lane while unloading.

Finally, Martin reported that a new and permanent dry tacking platform with oppie had been positioned next to the green "Man Shed", another welcome addition to the club, which proved invaluable during the year.

Martin thanked Andrew Eady for all his help and enthusiasm in procuring these changes. We couldn't have done it without him.

Martin thanked Gina for organising the Working Party in March.

He also thanked Louisa and the JC for all their hard work organising the various events.

Mark and Toby were thanked for organising the Moth and Tera Racing respectively.

It was noted that Bronze Fleet had gone from strength to strength with a lot of sailors having moved to the Silver Fleet on the river, which is a testament to the quality of the instructors. Vale and Ben were thanked for leading Bronze Fleet.

Martin said he was stepping down as President after 3 years and thanked the entire MC for their support over this time. He said it would not have been possible to fulfill the role without the MC's help, dedication and enthusiasm.

Martin finished by wishing Gina the very best of luck for the future.

### Vice President's report - Gina Bassett.

60 members came to the Working Party

Gina reported that a new digipad was installed for security. The code will change next year. New floodlights, stopcock and taps had been installed.

The outside will need painting next year and Gina asked if there were any willing volunteers prepared to run the working party 2014.

Membership Secretary's report - Lisa Thatcher

35 new members joined at the beginning of the season.

85 families are now on the waiting list

All members should have received the membership renewal email. 28 renewals had been returned so far.

Lisa reminded everyone that the deadline for Early Bird discount was 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and the final deadline for all renewals being 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Treasurer's report - Patricia Sey.

The accounts for 2013 were currently being finalised and would be ready in the New Year.

Patricia reported that the club remained in good financial health.

Major expenditure for the year included the purchase of 12 new Optiqube sailboats. Other notable expenditure included the new oppie racks and roadside ground works.

Rear Commodore House – Birgitta Hancock

Birgitta will be stepping down at the end of 2014 . Any volunteers will be more than welcome to shadow her this coming year.

Rear Commodore of Sailing- Mark Williams

The racing sessions have been increased from 6 to 8 sessions to accommodate more sailors. There were 17 different competitors in the Moth Racing with all conditions sailed in.

Junior Liaison - David Briggs

This year we have had a very happy and committed JC. Their role had been to teach and guide younger members and be ambassadors for the club. They had to plan ahead, allocate responsibilities, organise activities and have Committee meetings. They had a very successful Bonding Day at Calshott Activity Centre. They helped at the Working Party, Induction Days, main events including Moppy camps, Children in Need 24 hour sail as well as attending their individual duties. They have all worked well and with maturity. Most of the JC want to remain in post next year with other club members wanting to join. They have made firm friends and have had great fun.

3 members will be standing down.

David thanked Louisa for all her hard work as Commodore.

Harry Fitzsimmons and Sam Woodhouse had shown commitment to sailing by regularly training and competing at national and international level. They will still help at the club when they can and David wished them well in the future.

## Old Salts- John Claridge

John Claridge, a past Commodore and ex-trustee of the Club spoke on behalf of the Old Salts.

He said that Major Hibbert had set the club up in the early 60's for young people to learn to sail safely. The club was for young children and run by children. This was a successful concept and still relevant today, with the MC acting as guidance.

Anyone who had been a member of Salterns Sailing Club automatically became an 'Old Salt' when they leave. The idea being that the Old Salts would be available to help the club when needed.

John said the club looked better than ever and progressing well. He thanked all the outgoing Committee and welcomed the new.

## ELECTIONS

### JC - Standing for election

James Eady	Commodore
Ollie Tait	Vice Commodore (joint)
Emelia Hancock	Vice Commodore (joint)
Amelia Williams	Rear Commodore

### JC - Standing for re - election

Charlotte Slater	Natasha Fowle
Seb Ayris	Tamsin Ayris
Alice Smethurst	Charlotte Bassett
Louis Thatcher	William Briggs

### JC – new members standing for election

William Hancock	George Perera
Jonny Tait	Millie Melanaphy

### New Commodore

James thanked Louisa for being a fantastic Commodore. He thanked Martin for being President for the past 3 years, David Simpson, the MC and the JC for all their involvement.

James has been a member of Salterns for 7 years. He has sailed in the Silver and Gold Fleets before going on to the Circuit. He has been in Squads in both an Optimist and a Laser. He admits to being shy but is more than happy to get his hands dirty! He is planning on bringing more events into next years schedule.

James presented Louisa with the Commodores Pennant.

Jack Cox (Commodore 2012) presented Louisa with the Commodores Clock.

### MC - Standing for election

Gina Bassett	President
Sophie Bolton	Moppy Camp Coordinator
Helen Wood	Bronze Fleet leader

### MC - Standing for re - election

Membership Secretary	Lisa Thatcher
Treasurer	Patricia Sey
Rear Commodore House	Birgitta Hancock
Rear Commodore Sailing	Mark Williams
CiN Coordinator	Nikki Manns
Associate Group Leader	Toby Collins
Junior Liaison Officer	Andrew Eady
General members	Martin Gorman
	David Simpson
	David Smethurst
	Ben Vines

### Volunteers offering to join MC

The following members have volunteered to help in 2014 but their nominations were not received until after the 14 day deadline pre the AGM -

Claire Atherton	Honorary Secretary
Cliff Ayris	Joint Bosun
Andy Maskell	Joint Bosun
Marcus Melenaphy	Joint Bosun

Their support is welcomed and they will assist on the MC but they cannot be formally elected on to the MC until the next AGM.

## New President

Gina said she was very thrilled to be voted in as President. There were several past Presidents present at the AGM and they have big footsteps to follow. Gina also said she was delighted James was Commodore and wished him the best of luck.

## **PRIZES AND TROPHIES - presented by Kirstie Urwin.**

CiN Pudsey Award <b>trophy</b>	Lymington Junior School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Highest CiN sponsorship amount raised	Manns Family £310
2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest CiN sponsorship amount raised	James Eady £405
1 <sup>st</sup> Highest CiN sponsorship amount raised	Ling Family £1,235

(and winner of the 1 hour 1-2-1 private tuition with Sir Ben Ainslie)

Nikki thanked the CiN team and especially Jo who would be stepping down.

Model Boat Race	1 <sup>st</sup> Anna Maskill
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Imogen Baxter
	3 <sup>rd</sup> James Baxter
Poly Oppie Open <b>Trophy</b>	Jack Manns
Bronze Fleet	Most Improved boy- Sam de la Feuillade
	Most improved girl - Alice Wood

## Tera Racing

Junior Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup> – Max Beresford-Davies (trophy)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Olivia Perera
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Jack Manns
Senior Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup> - Gareth Davies (trophy)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Andrew Crawford
	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Emily Beresford- Davies

## Moth Racing

Most Improved sailor	Reece Powell (trophy)
	1 <sup>st</sup> - Tom Davies (trophy)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sam Woodhouse (trophy)
	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Amelia Williams (trophy)

## **Salterns Spirit Trophy**

A new trophy which is to be awarded on an annual basis in recognition of a junior member's contribution to the club during the year.

Martin presented the trophy to a person who had consistently shown enthusiasm throughout the year and always willing to join in. The award went to Jack Manns – a deserving recipient with a big smile!

## **Gold Pennant Award- Jeff Dudley**

The Gold Pennant may be awarded because that person has achieved a series of top class racing results at national and international level. Not just a one-off result or over a short period, but showing very high achievement over a couple of years or more.

It may be because a former Salterns sailor has made a very substantial contribution to sailing in a wider sense and been a first class ambassador for Salterns.

We like to feel that anyone who has a Salterns gold pennant will behave in a way that speaks well of the club. Someone who sets a good example to younger sailors

This year the award was presented to Kirstie Urwin.

### Her achievements: 2012

420 Youth Girls National Champion

Selected as Team GBR ISAF Ladies representative in a double handed dinghy.

Ladies 420 Junior European Champion

420 National Champion

### 2013

Invited to train alongside Olympic Development Squad

Ladies 470 Junior European Championships 5<sup>th</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> GBR boat.

470 Junior World Championships 15<sup>th</sup> Overall

Kirstie also coaches the girls Optimists in Lymington when free.

Kirstie thanked everyone at the club. She learnt to sail at Salterns and has many good memories and made lots of friends. Her sailing has been fuelled with passion and you can achieve as much as you want through sailing.

### Any Other Business

Jeff finished by saying that Salterns had been blessed to have had Martin as President for the last 3 years. There is a fine balance between success and enjoying yourself and Martin had worked hard to achieve both. Thank you.