

CIVIL SERVICE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting

of the Civil Service Sailing Association held on

Saturday 21st November at 2.00pm

Owing to COVID restrictions, the meeting was postponed in April and was held online by Zoom

There were 23 members present. Apologies were received from Andy Smith.

1. Commodore's Address

The Commodore summarised the Annual Report, which gives details of the various clubs who had sent reports. His address is attached.

2. Presentation of Awards

Golden Jubilee Plate

Awarded to Keith Kendall for leading the re-establishment of the CSSA National Dinghy Championships

Barge Trophy

Awarded to Alison Hutton for re-establishing RYA practical offshore training within CSSA

Stanley Swan Trophy

Awarded to Deborah Ward for her "ladies sailing" article in CS sailing.

Seal Cup

Daniel Goodman (helm) and Debbie Clark (crew) - 1st place overall in the CSSC/A National Dinghy Regatta sailing an RS800 based at Littleton SC.

Eric Seal Memorial Trophy

Awarded to Diamond Light Source B team – skipper Nick Rees – for best combined performance in the 2019 IDOR races.

3. Minutes of the 61st AGM held on 11th April 2019

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4. Adoption of the Annual Report for 2019

The Annual Report was agreed unanimously

Proposed – Rob Stephens

Seconded – John Ainsworth

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the 2019 Annual Accounts

Copies of the Treasurer's Report and audited Accounts for 2019 were provided in CS Sailing and on the website.

Adoption of CSSA's 2019 Treasurer's Report:

Proposed - Dave Grundy

Seconded – John Ainsworth

Agreed unanimously

Adoption of CSSA's 2019 Annual Accounts

Proposed – Fiona Jack

Seconded – James Savage

Agreed unanimously

6. Appointment of Auditor

Our auditors for many years have been Wilkins Kennedy Audit Services. The Treasurer recommended they should be reappointed for 2020.

Proposed – Paul Brereton

Seconded – John Ainsworth

Agreed, nem con.

7. Appointment of Officers and Committee members

No individual elections were required this year. There are vacant posts listed on the CSSA website.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1440.

Commodore's address to the CSSA AGM 2020

Opening

I'd like to draw your attention to successes taken from the CSSA Annual Report featured in Civil Service Sailing magazine and posted on the Civil Service Sailing web pages. Our navy of volunteers provided numerous, much enjoyed, sailing activities aboard larger and smaller craft during the 2019 season.

CSSA Awards and Trophies

Alison Hutton - the **Barge Trophy** for re-establishing RYA practical offshore training within CSSA with a RYA Registered Training Centre at 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club.

Deborah Ward - the **Stanley Swan Trophy** for her 'ladies sailing' article.

Keith Kendal - the **Golden Jubilee Plate** for leading the re-establishment of the CSSA National Dinghy Regatta and the hosting of a very successful and well run and well received regatta on Plymouth Sound from Hooe Point Sailing Club.

Daniel Goodman (helm) and Debbie Clark (crew) - the **Seal Cup** for 1st place overall in the CSSC/A National Dinghy Regatta sailing an RS800 based at Littleton Sailing Club.

Diamond Light Source B team - the **Eric Seal Memorial Trophy** for the best performance in the "Inshore" and "Offshore" races of the 2019 Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta.

Offshore

5 Kingdoms, Liverpool provided summer cruising in the Clyde and the Hebrides. Channel Sailing Division, Hamble, Southampton and East Coast Yacht Division, Shotley, Ipswich provided cruising in the English Channel and along the French Atlantic coast as far as La Rochelle. Day Sails and Sea Times were well supported.

Civil Service Offshore Racing Club mounted a 2019 Fastnet campaign of qualifying events and the Fastnet itself aboard a chartered First 40. 5 Kingdoms raced with Liverpool Yacht Club. The combined 5 Kingdoms and Jumbles Ladies crew felt a great sense of achievement after the challenges of the Liverpool Yacht Club Ladies' Race.

The Inter-Departmental Regatta – IDOR 2019 – saw fifteen crews representing Departments or CSSA Clubs enjoying excellent competition and social events over the 5-day event. Civil Service Offshore Racing had two entries and 5 Kingdoms one entry. Civil Service Offshore Racing won the CSORC Shield for the best placed CSSA Club entry. Diamond Light Source won the overall Departmental trophy.

5 Kingdoms renewed its RYA Registered Training Centre status during 2019 for Clyde based yacht training. Experienced skippers helped develop member sailing skills under the Channel Sailing Division mentoring scheme.

Portsmouth Offshore Group, POG, Gosport held a luncheon to mark Mike Childs' 19 years of service to the Group. The new lift launch facility has been a success. The excellent turnout by POG member volunteers for work parties continues to be key to keeping charges low and keeping the facilities in good order. POG's programme of rallies and races were as popular in 2019 as ever.

Onshore

Hooe Point, Plymouth has Club dinghies for racing and RYA training and more than 60 vessel moorings with a waiting list. Membership was stable but with more active dinghy sailors in 2019. Additional pontoons were installed and a complete refurbishment of the ladies changing rooms.

Hooe Point's highlight of 2019 was hosting the CSSC National Dinghy Regatta. 22 boats enjoyed both the excellent racing on Plymouth Sound and the social events that were laid on for visiting sailors over the two days. The event was a credit to the club and its volunteers. Mark Prue (helm) and Ben Evans (crew) won the Dinghy Championship Bowl for 1st CSSA boat (2nd overall). Hooe Point SC won the Littleton Bell for the best placed club team.

Jumbles Sailing Club, Bolton was reinvigorated during 2019 with a CSSA loan providing a new pontoon and members' hard graft producing an enlarged slipway, and refreshed boat and social facilities. Two teenagers qualified as dinghy instructors in 2019. Jumbles is run by members for members and is a club for the community welcoming local groups.

Littleton Sailing Club, Spelthorne, Surrey saw the junior section go from strength to strength in 2019 with strong parent support through 'Youngsters Afloat'. Strong racing sailors of all ages at the club represented Littleton at national events. Adult RYA training delivered 16 new sailors eager to continue their sailing activities. Lease negotiations with the CSSC continued.

Rutland Civil Service Sailing Club members had a successful 2019 summer immersed in Rutland Sailing Club activity from gate duties to racing and providing Taster Days through CSSC. Rutland Civil Service boats contributed to the Rutland Sailing Club 2019 Public Open Day providing opportunity to sail keel boats.

CSSA Membership

Membership grew to over 2,500 with a record 120 new members joining during the 2019 summer season. IDOR is a major source of recruitment.

Finances

CSSA's finances to the end of 2019 remain strong.

The prospect improved for receiving Maurice Gates' bequest to help CSSA fund ocean going yachts. Legal proceedings continued. CSSA may have opportunity to review and restructure funding of offshore and dinghy sailing.

A few words about 2020

2020 has been a challenging year. It's been gratifying to see our clubs providing members with opportunity take fresh air and enjoy time on the water so far as they can within government guidance. We've assessed our clubs' financial positions and found that all have survived 2020 in reasonable health. Financial aid from CSSA is available if it proves to be required. The first call on CSSA support may come in early 2021.

Thank you

On your behalf, I thank all our CSSA volunteers (work parties, maintenance teams, committees, skippers, and many more) for their delivery of good, safe, enjoyable sail cruising and racing for all of us. Thank you.

Brian Stevenson
General Secretary CSSA
Date 23rd November 2020