



Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association.

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cc Colin Eales, Chairman Wessex Regional Rowing Council.

ASSOCIATION BULLETIN – February/March, 2014.

Annual General Meeting. The Associations Annual General Meeting takes place on Saturday, 22nd March at 10.30am at the BTC Clubhouse and the notice of the meeting and Agenda are enclosed with various attachments. Please make sure your delegates have had the opportunity to view them and are aware of your Clubs views - which may help to minimize discussion and speedup the meeting. In particular I draw your attention to the proposed revision of the Rules relating to Regatta's, events and boat racing – which could be the subject of a lengthy debate. In a further attempt to try and speed-up the meeting some of the items on the Agenda are supported by brief written reports. These will not be read out at the meeting unless requested – but consideration will be given to any parts of the report that need discussion, approval or some sort of decision made. Also - **Return of Trophies at the AGM** - Club and Regatta Secretaries - please see enclosed note reference return of Trophies at Hants & Dorset AGM – and please note that under a new rule passed by the South Coast Rowing Council in January – this **now includes all Trophies won at the South Coast Rowing Championships** - formally traditionally returned at Southsea Regatta

Autumn Delegates Meeting + H&D Officials Meeting and Water Safety Meeting. If available and I have been able to get them printed in time - the minutes of the Autumn Council meeting, held on Saturday, 19th October, 2013, and the Race Officials meeting of 18th January and the Safety Meeting of 1st February, this year – are attached. If not they will be sent as soon as possible under separate cover. The minutes of the Council Meeting and the Race Officials Meeting are available to download now from the Hants & Dorset ARA web site – at www-hdara.co.uk – in the downloads section – and the minutes of the safety meeting will be available shortly.

H&D ARA Web Site. Some areas of the Hants & Dorset ARA web site at - www.hdara.co.uk – do require updating for the latest information received from the Clubs and events – and this will be completed as soon as possible. Keep an eye on the “updates” section of the web site for the latest changes – which are also sent to the Associations Twitter feed (@hdara) and to its facebook page. The web site also hosts the site for the 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships, at Swanage, the next to be hosted by the Association – and this is being updated on a regular basis with more information being added – as we close in on the event. Access to the South Coast Championship pages is via the link at the top of the web site or via a quick link - www.hdara.co.uk/scc If you do spot any errors or links not working on the site please E Mail me (which you can do direct from the site - click on contact - top right). I am sure there are some!

Affiliation Fees - 2014. The note regarding affiliation fees for 2014 will be sent out after the AGM in case there is a change to any of the charges.

Documentation for 2014 Season + Race Officials Availability. The forms for Clubs (registration, entry forms etc..) and the documents for the Event Secretaries (permit form, results sheet etc..) should be available at the AGM. The first draft of the Officials availability for each Regatta/Event is attached (Event Secretaries only).

2014 Fixture List. Subject to ratification at the AGM the 2014 Fixture list is now complete - see the list in the AGM package.

South Coast Rowing Handbook , Contact Information, Addresses etc.. The H&D Web site (www.hdara.co.uk) has been updated, or will soon be updated, with the latest changes to club, event, race official and safety advisors contact details where advised plus the dates of Hants & Dorset events in 2014. All this contact information plus last years results, a report on the season, the 2013 South Coast Championships and contact information for CARA and WEARA Clubs will be published in the Hants & Dorset ARA South Coast Rowing Handbook which we hope will be available in early May.

Hants & Dorset ARA Sub Committees. The Rules and Competition Sub Committees have continued to meet every other month – alternating with the Wessex Meetings – although the attendance has been disappointing. The sub committees



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have completed a huge amount of work on your behalf as you will see in the AGM package. A special thanks to Jeff Watling of Southsea, Adam Ratcliffe of BTC and Gary Joyce of Itchen who have been the driving forces.

Also the organising committee for the **2014 South Coast Championship Regatta** at Swanage is now meeting monthly – and our struggling a little for support – so anyone who would be prepared to play an active part – in the build up to the regatta – or over the regatta weekend – please contact – Tim Bull - timothy.bull@tiscali.co.uk

Safety. I am pleased to be able to report that all Hants & Dorset Clubs have completed their 2013 Club Safety Audit which this year once again took the form of a Gap Analysis – it was however disappointing that two Clubs – CHRISTCHURCH and SOUTHAMPTON failed to send representatives to the recent safety meeting.

The Safety Committee aims to carry out Boats Inspections at around four events this season - including some head races – and to repeat last years Life-Jacket inspection – and to carry out some 100% heel restraint checks - so be ready! Please pay particular attention to heel restraints – which are consistantly the biggest single fault found in boat inspections – can be life threatening – but are probably the eaiest to fix!

Can I also remind Clubs that all safety incidents should be reported on line (recordable and reportable) via the British Rowing web site – www.britishrowing.org – click on to the “online services” arrow at the top left of the site – and klik on “incident reporting” on the drop down menu – and follow the instructions. Please note anyone can submit an incident report – which will be forwarded to Club and Regional Safety Advisors (so long as they have registered).

Diary Dates.

Tuesday, 18th March. 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. Southsea.

Saturday, 22nd March. 10.30am. H&D AGM. BTC Rowing Club, Southampton.

Tuesday, 20st May. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. 6.30pm. Coalporters.

Tuesday, 22nd July 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. If required. Christchurch.

Tuesday 23rd September. 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. Lymington.

Saturday, 8th November. Provisional date - Annual Presentation Dinner, Novotell, Southampton.

Tuesday, 18th November 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council AGM and Meeting. Southampton or Southsea.

Steve Bull, Association Secretary. February/March,

2014.

Attached: [not if sent by E Mail].

- 1) Notice and Agenda for AGM plus attachments.
- 2) Note ref. return of Trophies at AGM (Club and Event Secretaries only).
- 3) Minutes of the Autumn Delegates Meeting, Saturday, 19th October, 2013 – if available.
- 4) Minutes of the Racing Officials Meeting of Saturday, 19th January, 2014 – if available.
- 5) Minutes of the Safety Meeting of 1st February, 2014 - if available.
- 6) Availability of Race Officials (Event Secretaries only).

