



# Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association.

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To: All Association Clubs, Regatta's  
Executive Officers & Vice Presidents.  
cc Colin Eales, Chairman Wessex Regional Rowing Council.

## **ASSOCIATION BULLETIN - JULY, 2014.**

### **MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL.**

#### **Saturday, 9th August, 2014, after BTC Regatta.**

There will be a Meeting of the Association Council on Saturday, 9th August, 2014 after BTC Regatta, at a location to be advised – but probably near the refreshment tent, with reference to the Associations Constitution - Rules (7) and (12)(see over). The meeting will be held immediately before or after the prize giving depending on the circumstances - an announcement will be made over the PA system.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-

- 1) To confirm the Associations Champions in each status and to make arrangements for a "row-off" if applicable.
- 2) To consider if the Association will enter 3<sup>rd</sup> crews in Championship events if SCC Rule 25 (B) invoked (see over).
- 3) To agree the Associations representative Crews for the South Coast Championship Regatta to be held at Swanage, Dorset, on Saturday, 13th September, 2014 and to make arrangements for any "row-offs" that may be required.
- 4) Any Other Business - submitted in accordance with Association Rules.

Voting rights at the council meeting are the Associations Executive Officers, the Associations Life Vice Presidents plus one delegates from each affiliated Club and one delegate from each affiliated Event(H&D Constitution Rules number (7/7.1). Officers and delegates must be in attendance to vote and the vote will be by card - which will be issued at or before the meeting.

#### **Alternative arrangements if BTC Regatta is cancelled or abandoned.**

- 1) If the BTC Regatta is abandoned after the start of the Regatta the Council meeting will take place at the Regatta as soon as practical - the time will be announced over the PA System at the Regatta.
  - 2) If the Regatta is cancelled the day before the Regatta due to the forecast, or on the morning of the Regatta, but before it starts, the meeting will take place at BTC Rowing Club at 1.00pm on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August.
- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DELEGATES ARE AWARE OF THESE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

### **Annual General Meeting.**

The Associations Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 22nd March, 2014 - and while the minutes have been available to download from the Web site for some time I am now circulating a hard copy for your information. Please keep hold of this copy as, in order to save time, printing and postage I do not intend to circulate these again for the next AGM – although they can be downloaded from the web site at any time.

### **Entry Information, Entry Fees, The Web Site – [www.hdara.co.uk](http://www.hdara.co.uk) and “Twitter”.**

Every season a number of Clubs contact me because they have not received event invitations or notification of when entries close – and I have to provide them with this information, assuming I have received it as Association Secretary, which is not always the case. There is a growing trend for Event Secretaries to either hand out invitations at an earlier event – or just to send them by E Mail. In both cases they sometimes fail to reach the right person. Event Secretaries should take a “belt and braces” approach – and back-up an E Mail



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invitation with a hard copy in the post. The other source of information Clubs should be aware of the is the Hants & Dorset ARA Web Site – [www.hdara.co.uk](http://www.hdara.co.uk) – when (if) I receive the regatta information I usually add this to the H&D Calendar, which is on the home page of the Web site. I also add the date entries close as a separate calendar entry. If you click on either – you should get additional information – the invitation – which can also usually be downloaded in pdf. Format. Where possible the draw and program are also added and available to download when known. I will usually put a statement in the “latest information” section, on the left-hand side of the home page – when an item is added to the Calendar and this is also usually sent out as a “tweet” – so if you have a “twitter” account – follow @hdara and you should receive these notifications.

### **2014 Swanage Regatta – Saturday, 21st June. A Big Thank You.**

Once again, on behalf of the Association can I thank you all for the part you played in what I believe was another very successful regatta. Its popularity remains as high as ever - with 161 entries according to Sue/166 according to me - after late entries received. (Sue's is probably the correct figure - mine is from the results sheet hurriedly produced on the day). This is either a new record or very close to the record - and it was certainly a record number of events staged. We had a few issues - minor issues with the radios and a safety boat - and the regatta did run pretty late. Not quite sure where we lost so much time - probably a combination of buoy adjustments along with re-rows/re-starts, however in the sunshine no one seemed to mind too much! I think the solution to the "road works on the prom/trailer issue" worked pretty well - and a special thank-you to Roger Hames and Southampton R. C. for picking this one-up. The risk of thanking Clubs and individuals is that I will miss someone - but here goes - the Race Officials, Controllers and Commentators of course - including Max who did a great job chasing up the crews; BTC for the PA system, Tables and Chairs; Denny Woodford for the Trophies; Sue for Regatta Control, contact with Swanage Council - and so much more - plus Alison from Poole at Regatta control; Poole for the Control Tent and more Tables and chairs and a safety boat; Lymington and Christchurch for safety boats, Pete Staddon from Christchurch and Dave Smith from Westover for laying the course plus Pete for all the other things he does - Radios, Boat Marshal, receiving and sorting out the cups etc... etc.; Tim Bull - for the program and more; Ryde & Josie for the Officials lunches. Special mention for Royston of Christchurch who worked hard all day organising safety boats - and Mike Kelly - who happened to have a Rib with him and helped out when the Lymington RIB broke down. I will have missed someone - sorry! As always the Association welcomes any constructive criticism or suggestions for improvement. I had a number of people I did not know approach me at Christchurch Regatta and say what a good regatta it was - and I have had E Mails from others congratulating and thanking-us - which is always nice to receive. With the thanks of the Association once again to all who helped.

### **2014 South Coast Championships – hosted by your Association - at Swanage.**

It's the Hants & Dorset Rowing Associations turn to host the 2014 South Coast rowing Championship which will take place over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September – at Swanage – with the traditional championship and open events on the Saturday and a Junior and small boats Regatta events on the Sunday. A small but dedicated organising committee drawn from the H&D ARA Clubs is meeting on a regular basis to organise the event and they would welcome additions to this committee or volunteers to help over the weekend with the many tasks that's have to be undertaken. Attracting volunteers – especially to help on the day – has been very difficult this time – so please offer to help if you can. Offers of help to Tim Bull at Tel: 01590 683887. Mobile: 07778240652. Mail: [timothy.bull@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:timothy.bull@tiscali.co.uk)

For more information on the Championship Regatta see the regatta web site – which is part of the Hants & Dorset ARA Web site - [www.hdara.co.uk](http://www.hdara.co.uk) There are dedicated web site/web pages for the 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships Regatta covering - the venue/course, accommodation, regatta information – where



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you can download the entry pack, the branded merchandise, the committee, safety and the history of the Championships. They can be found by clicking on SCC Regatta Tab - on the left hand side of the H&D Web Site home page or via the quick link - [www.hdara.co.uk/scc](http://www.hdara.co.uk/scc)

Branded Merchandise. The branded merchandise for this event is being produced by our friends at Rock the Boat and has already been on display at a number of Hants & Dorset ARA Regatta's this season where samples can be viewed. See the SCC2014 website at - [www.hdara.co.uk/scc](http://www.hdara.co.uk/scc) - for more details. ORDERS CAN ONLY BE PLACED VIA THE ROCK THE BOAT WEB SITE – at <http://www.rock-the-boat.co.uk/list-4-prodlist-76> - although there will be stock on sale at the Championships on the “Rock the Boat” stall. The 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships Merchandise from “Rock the Boat” consists of -

- Navy short and long sleeved t-shirts (unisex and fitted for women) printed front and back.
  - Navy hoodies embroidered and printed & a bright blue alternative option.
  - Navy embroidered ¼ zip sweatshirts.
  - Navy and white rugby shirt.
  - White performance tees with printed front.
- all in a range of sizes and reasonable prices.

### Event Sponsorship, 2014 South Coast Championship Regatta.

It is estimated that the Regatta will cost around £15,000 to stage and while much of the funding is in place through the South Coast Levy imposed on Regatta entry fees we do hope to raise additional funding through event sponsorship, program advertising and trade stands as we have in the past. In 2007 and 2011 a number of the Associations affiliated clubs and individuals supported the Championships by sponsoring an event and we are hoping that some of you will be prepared to do so again in 2014. We are hoping that those interested would be willing to make a donation of £100 to sponsor one of the events at the regatta – but have to say that the response to date – with time running out – has been disappointing. If you or your Club are able to support us please contact me at the reply to address above and thank you for your consideration – and if you know of anyone else who might be interested in supporting the event or a company who might be interested in our event sponsorship, program advertising or retail stand opportunities please let us know.

### South Coast Rowing Handbook

The 2014/2015 South Coast Rowing Handbook - giving contact details of all the Associations Executive Officers, Vice Presidents, Sub Committees and Delegates, Regatta Secretaries and Racing Officials - as well as results from the 2013 season has now been distributed. This was once again a single Association booklet time because the West of England and CARA had no interest in participating which is a pity – but their loss. With this year's SCC being hosted by the Association, as agreed, the number of Handbooks sent to each club was reduced – to allow us to send a copy to every Club affiliated to the other two South Coast Rowing Associations – CARA and WEARA. I do have a few copies so any club or individual who would like another one please E Mail me on – [stephencbull@gmail.com](mailto:stephencbull@gmail.com) or call me on 01983 566481 and I will send another one out – on a “first come – first serve” basis.

### H&D Fixtures - 2015.

Forms ( & Tide Tables) to request your Regatta date for 2015 were sent to all Event Secretaries in mid June – and a number have now been returned - can those who have not yet responded do so as soon as possible. At the time of writing date requests had been received from - RYDE, ITCHEN, WOOLSTON, CHRISTCHURCH, POOLE, NEWPORT and SWANAGE as well as the Head of the Stour. This leaves the following outstanding – COALPORTERS, SHANKLIN, BOURNEMOUTH, MILFORD, SOUTHSEA and BTC – along with the Wessex Junior



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Regatta at Bryanston the Southampton Head's and the Itchen Junior Regatta. Please note - events must submit at least a first and second choice of dates.

### Hants & Dorset Presentation Dinner & Autumn Delegates Meeting.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Autumn Delegates Meeting will take place on **SATURDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** at the ITCHEN IMPERIAL CLUBHOUSE, Southampton – please note the change from the usual venue. The presentation dinner takes place on **SATURDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** at the Novotel in Southampton with details to follow soon.

### Wessex Regional Rowing Council.

There was a possibility that there would be a Wessex Meeting on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July – probably at Christchurch - but at the time of writing this News Bulletin this had not been confirmed.

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, September at 6.30pm, probably at Lymington, then the AGM is on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at Southsea or Southampton Rowing Club.

### Championship Table.

The first issue of the Championship table was published on-line after Christchurch Regatta – the half way stage – the latest version (after Itchen or Newport – depending on how quickly the results are received) is attached.

### Diary Dates.

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. 7.00pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. Lymington. TBC.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. Autumn Delegates Meeting. Itchen Imperial Rowing Club, Southampton.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Annual Presentation Dinner, Novotell, Southampton.

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council AGM and Meeting. At Southsea or Southampton.

Steve Bull, Association Secretary. July, 2013.

**Attached:** [may not be if sent by E Mail].

- 1) Notice of Executive Meeting.
- 2) Minutes of AGM – 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014.
- 3) H&D Championship Table.

