

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HANTS & DORSET AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE BTC ROWING CLUB, SOUTHAMPTON, ON SATURDAY, 24th MARCH 2017 at 10.30am.

There were 28 delegates in attendance when the Chairman Martin Bradbeer opened the meeting at 10.40am. All affiliated Clubs except Worthing and Dolphin were represented as were all events issued with a permit.

Prior to the start of the formal Agenda the Association President Pete Staddon made a presentation of British Rowing Long Service Certificates to Pat Glover and Alan Wigmore of Shanklin Sandown Rowing Club in recognition of the many years that they had served as Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials. Pat Glover accepted both certificates on behalf of himself and Alan who had given his apologies.

In addition to Alan's apologies were received from - Jimmy Jewell, H&D ARA Hon. Member; Steve Woods, Dolphin R. C; Kevin Ayles, H&D LVP; Mike Green, H&D LVP; Mark Sims, Christchurch R. C; Denny Woodford, H&D LVP and John Forrest of Shanklin Sandown Rowing Club.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were agreed to be a true record on a proposal from John Adams, seconded by John Bailey.

The Matters arising from previous meeting of the Association – the last AGM and the Council Meeting of the 19th October, that would not be covered in the agenda were – the First boat from Southampton mold to be built by Burgashell had still not been completed; A meeting was held with BR on 17/10/17 to consider changes required to Status Comparison Rules between H&D and BR following introduction by BR of Ranking System. This has been the subject of further discussion by the Rules and Competition Sub Committee; the new recommendation to regatta committees that where practical two buoys be placed a minimum of two lengths before the start line to assist the crews and the starters in lining up for the races was implemented by several regattas and hopefully more will do so in the coming season; The agreement that the Association should purchase a Defibrillator to be passed from event to event along with the Race Officials Safety Kits and Life Jackets was reviewed at the 2018 Safety Meeting and will be covered by the agenda item – the Report on Safety Meeting; There had still been no response from either Swanage Town Council or the local Newspaper that had printed the letter of complaint ref. litter left at Swanage Regatta following the Association Secretaries letter to them; The abuse that Penny Budd was subjected to while dealing with parking at the 2017 SCC at Dorney was apparently not discussed at the SCC AGM as requested; The final set of accounts for the 2017 SCC at Dorney will be presented as part of the Association Treasurers report; The result of the open aggregate shield which was awarded to Bexhill had been questioned – and the organizing committee has investigated this, and it is confirmed that the result was correct; All three H&D proposed changes to the South Coast Championship Council Rules had been submitted to the SCC AGM in line with Council Rules and were approved by the South Coast Council AGM; The Association Secretary wrote to BR to advise that the date for the BR offshore championships had been kept clear -and to complain about the need for full BR Membership to enter and the entry and boat hire fees. Although acknowledged, no other response has been received; The Association Secretary had not been advised on any progress with regards to a venue for the next H&D SCC in 2020; The refund of Race Officials BR Membership for insurance purposes had now been completed.

The Secretary's Report on the 2017 Season had not been previously circulated as had been intended so was read at the meeting and was accepted without amendment on a proposal from Martin Bradbeer, seconded by Pete Staddon

The Association Secretary then reported on the correspondence he had received and undertaken on behalf of the Association since the Council Meeting in November noting that all matters of correspondence that relate to Agenda items would be reported on and considered at that point in the meeting.

He reported that since the Autumn Council Meeting in October, he had on behalf of the Association, undertaken all the usual correspondence relating to Hants & Dorset ARA activities. This included preparation of information on the 2017 season for the British Rowing Almanac and South Coast Rowing handbook – which includes a comprehensive set of results including all winning crews and results from all Regatta's. The BR Almanac is published this month - March - and the Handbook in early May.

He had sent out the notices of and arranged the Racing Officials Meeting at BTC in January and the Water Safety Meeting at Ryde on the IW in February and both had separate reports as part of the Agenda documentation and would be reported on at the meeting. Communication from the Association is now, in almost every case, electronic and by E Mail only including

notices, agenda's and related documents for these meeting and the minutes from them – plus this AGM – and these are also all downloadable from the H&D ARA Web site.

On behalf of the Association he had attended, on a regular basis the Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meetings and National Water Safety Meeting held since the Autumn Council meeting in his capacity as Regional Rowing Safety Advisor to the Wessex Region and as a member of the Hants & Dorset Safety Commission. He had provided an element of secretarial and administrative services to the Associations Umpires Committee and the Safety Committee. He also attended the meetings of the Associations Rules and Competitions Sub Committees including one with representatives of British Rowing in attendance.

Following the Annual Presentation Dinner in November he wrote to Paula Williams to thank her for organizing the event last year - and to Barbara Carr to keep her informed on whom had won the Trophy donated in memory of her late husband Hank.

There were twenty-two fines imposed for Late Scratching against only fourteen last year (26 in 2015) - but none for failure to attend a pre-regatta briefing. Six of the fines imposed were the subject of appeals - which were reviewed by the Associations Executive Officers at the Autumn Council meeting with all six upheld and the fines have been or would be refunded.

He had received a fixture list from CARA and from WEARA – but no list of Association Officers and Club and Regatta officers as yet from either but their AGM's may not have taken place yet. He had provided both these Associations with a copy of the H&D ARA Fixture List for 2018 – and they will send them a copy of our handbook when published – but not to all their affiliated clubs – as we did last year – as this was part of our 2017 SCC communications

There has been no Association Bulletin sent out with information now being spread via the posting of Updates on the H&D Web Site and via the Associations Twitter feed and Face Book page. Between 1/3/16 and 1/3/17 around 119 Updates & Tweets and face book posts were sent out.

In line with this and the move towards E Mail Communication only the various forms required by Clubs and Events for the forthcoming season will be sent out by E Mail – and will available to be downloaded from the Hants & Dorset ARA Web site later this month/in early April – and in some cases they are already available. The Association Secretary is equally happy – indeed would prefer - to receive all these completed forms electronically by E Mail. Hard copies can be provided on request. The Race Officials availability sheets have already been E Mailed to all event secretaries. Race Officials will also be sent their forms for the season electronically and the secretary will be happy to receive them back in this format – and these forms can also be downloaded from the web site – with hard copies available on request.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Web site – at www.hdara.co.uk has been maintained – and is reasonably up to day – although information often changes and so keeping it completely up to date can be a challenge. Anyone spotting out of date or incorrect information should let the secretary know via the contact option on the web site – as a few have – and theses are usually corrected within forty-eight hours. It is worth keep an eye on the “update” page where the latest information is posted – and any updates posted are also automatically sent to the Associations Twitter feed (@hdara) and to its Facebook page. Where possible Event invitations and draws are added to and can be downloaded from their respective calendar entries on the Association Calendar on the home page. The minutes of all the H&D Meetings are available to down load from the site, there is an expanding safety sections including links to safety related videos and documents. The Secretary ahs added more and updated, but not completed, adding maps to event locations and event course maps – see each event entry in the events section. Between 1st March 2017 and 1st March 2018, the Web site had 48,069-page views (against 41,319 the previous year) – an average of 4,005 a month – around 15% more than last year - and there were 26,391 site visits (23,245 the previous year) – an average of 2,199 per month – around 10% more than last year. The H&D Twitter feed has 326 followers – up 10% on last year (291). There is no analysis from our Face Book pages – but through the efforts of Paula Williams and Dan Angell-Collins thousands of photos and comments from the season have been added.

The website also hosted the website for the 2017 South Coast Rowing Championships- in a special section – which had a well-publicized “quick link”. This has been significantly expanded during with a full set of results – with times for every crew in every event added after the Championships. The results remain in place at the moment but will be moved to the archive/historical pages later this year. In the absence of a Web site for the 2018 Championships at Deal – I have added

some information on this event to the SCC section of the H&D ARA web site and will add more as it becomes available. Currently if you "google" the 2018 South Coast Rowing Championships it takes you to these the H&D ARA web site.

As advised at the Autumn Council meeting there were three requests for additional Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Medals for 2017 received. The results for these Championship were analyzed and the agreed rule – that requires that Clubs must prove qualifying points were needed to secure the championship and that once a Championship is won any additional wins would not count towards qualification for an additional medal to be awarded – applied and the result were reviewed by Associations Executive Officers who agreed that the requests met the criteria laid down and the Autumn Council Meeting and agreed that the additional medals could be awarded at the Presentation Dinner – and that the rule should be amended to accommodate this – which will be ratified at this meeting.

The Association Secretary supported a bid by Christchurch rowing Club, which unfortunately failed, to get Mike Green named as a BBC Sports Personality Unsung Hero in 2017 and arranged the gift of some 2017 SCC merchandise for a Coalporters Pair as some small compensation for them missing their race because they were tied-up with car parking duties for the Association.

Since mid-January the Secretary has been involved in an ongoing dispute with British Rowing regarding their decision to withdraw from the long-standing agreement with the Association to allow, on payment of the appropriate fee, our events to use the BR Public Liability Insurance scheme – for which they gave us very little notice – just a few weeks before our first event. This followed a vague threat issued by BR at the pre-Christmas meeting we had with them. Their decision has been challenged and information has been provided on our safety procedures, Rules and Race Official' training – but BR have yet to respond – and we are actively pursuing alternative ways to secure the appropriate Public Liability Insurance cover with some success – and we may well be able to do away with this "BR benefit" for most or all of our events. BR's attitude has been very disappointing and our current relationship with them is somewhat strained. John Purkess added his comments on this issue and his attempt to find suitable insurance to cover Swanage Regatta.

The meeting then considered the Treasurer's Report and balance sheet which was circulated at the meeting [see attached. Appendix 2] and included the accounts of Swanage Regatta, the Presentation Dinner and the 2017 South Coast Rowing Championship Regatta. The accounts showed the Associations to be in a reasonable situation although the South Coast Championships Fund had reduced significantly as much of this had been used for the 2017 event. The Association auditor, Keith Warland, confirmed that he had examined the books and stated that in his view the accounts were in order and they were accepted by the meeting on a proposal from Pete Jacobs, seconded by John Bailey.

It was noted that Worthing had not paid their affiliation fee for 2017 although they have been reminded on several occasions. They will be reminded again when the affiliation invoices are sent out for 2018 and expected to clear their arrears or their affiliation will be suspended and expulsion for non-payment considered. It was also noted that the stock of Coxswains caps was down to four – and Keith Warland was asked to get a quote for some more. With regards to SCC Medals – H&DARA have plenty of stock – but it is known that CARA do not have enough to cover this year's Championships. It was proposed by Jeff Watling, seconded by Keith Warland and agreed by the meeting that if requested H&DARA would sell CARA enough SCC Medals to cover this year's requirements to CARA for £7 a medal – the going rate.

The Election of the Association Officers for 2018 then took place as follows - Pete Staddon of Christchurch Rowing Club, having served for two years stood down thanking the meeting for the privilege and support received. He was handed his Past Presidents medal by the Chairman Martin Bradbeer and thanked for his time in office. Jeff Watling of Southsea was proposed as the Associations New President by Martin Bradbeer, seconded by Steve Bull and was unanimously elected by the meeting. The Chairman – Martin Bradbeer of Itchen Imperial was unanimously re-elected, for a fifth and final year on a proposal from Pete Jacobs, seconded by Sue Sothcott. The treasurer – Sue Sothcott of Poole Rowing Club was unanimously re-elected for a fourth year on a proposal from Pete Staddon, seconded by John Adams. The Association Secretary – Steve Bull – was also unanimously re-elected on a proposal from Martin Bradbeer, seconded by John Bailey and this included the agreement of a continued Secretaries Honorarium of £500. Following his re-election, the Association Secretary reiterated his intention to stand down as the Association Secretary at the next AGM of the Association in March 2019 and some succession planning was underway. Keith Warland of Coalporters Rowing Club was re-elected as Hon Auditor on a proposal from Sue Sothcott, seconded by Pete Staddon. Trustees to the Association - John Bailey, Ian Hutchings and Mike Green were re-appointed unanimously on a proposal from Martin Bradbeer, seconded by John Adams. It was noted that Hon. Member Jimmy Jewell and the Associations Life Vice Presidents – C. Eales, I. Hutchings, B.

Hartland, E. Shergold, S. Moody, M. Green, P. Glover, P. Trist, K. Warland, S. Bull, J. Bailey, D. Woodford, R. Sivier, M. Viner, A. Wigmore. J. Bryant, K. Ayles, J. Purkess, John Adams and S. Sothcott retained their positions and did not need re-electing although a new Life Vice President was unanimously added – retiring President Pete Staddon of Christchurch – on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by John Bailey.

The continued publication of the South Coast Rowing/Hants & Dorset ARA Handbook had been agreed at the Autumn Council Meeting which had been advised that Jimmy Jewell has agreed to be the editor of the handbook once again and his printer has indicated that the cost will be similar. The Association Secretary had been processing the various reports, results and changes required and most of these are now with the Printers – with just the changes made at this meeting to be submitted plus the updated directory. The only Club who had yet to submit their details was Dolphin. The number printed would be returned to 2016 level as, with CARA hosting the 2018 South Coast Championships there was no need to provide WEARA and CARA Clubs with copies this time. The Treasurer pointed out that in 2017 the Handbook cost £887 compared to £787 in 2016 and that the contribution from the clubs to offset this was £597 (13 x £46). She therefore proposed that the Club contribution was increased to £60 which would bring in £780 and this proposal was seconded by Andy Parkinson and agreed by the meeting.

The South Coast levy on entry fees - currently £1 per seat – was reviewed by the meeting and it was agreed on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by Sue Sothcott to keep this the same for 2018. It was pointed out to the Association Secretary that his summary of the South Coast Levy income and expenditure since it was introduced in 2004 had an error in that the Regatta Levy for 2007 had been duplicated – reducing the Total Levy income by £3,689. After making the correction – and assuming income from the Levy from 2018 through to the next H&DARA SCC in 2020 remains about the same – the Association would have around £20,000 available by then. (*see summary attached*). It was noted that Southsea Regatta – which was cancelled part way through – had not paid any SCC Levy – although entry fees of crews and scullers that had raced had been retained – with cancelled events refunded. In view of the costs incurred by Southsea the meeting agreed not to chase the outstanding SCC Levy payments and allow Southsea to retain them to help cover the regatta costs incurred.

The rates of subscription event permit fees and entry fees for the year were then discussed by the meeting and it was agreed on a Proposal from Pete Jacob, seconded by James Foad and passed by 13 for to 5 against, that the entry fee should be increased by £1 to £5 per seat plus the £1 SCC Levy making a total of £6 per seat but that the permit fee of £20 should remain unchanged. It was also agreed, on a proposal from Sue Sothcott, second by Steve Bull and passed unanimously that the subscription of £2.50 per registered member/minimum £60 should remain unchanged so with the agreed increase in the Handbook fee the minimum contribution would now £120.

The Regatta dates for 2018 were confirmed as follows -

**Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association.
2018 FIXTURES.**

Day	Date	Month	Bank Holiday.	H&D ARA Championship Regatta's are shown in CAPITALS.	Approx. start time if advised. (all TBC)	Actual or Earliest Date Entries can close. (3 week rule)
Sat	13 th	January		H&D Race Officials Meeting, BTC.	10.30	
Sat	26 th	January		SCC Council AGM. Christchurch.	11.00	
Sat	17 th	February		H&D Safety. IW. Newport, Shanklin visit. Meeting at Ryde.	9.00	
Sat	3rd	March		[Head of the Adur (CARA Event)].		
Sun	4th	March		Christchurch Head of the Stour.		11/2/18.
Sat	10th	March				
Sat	17th	March				
Sun	18th	March		BTC Spring HORR	11.00	25/2/18.
Sat	24 th	March		H&D AGM. BTC. TBC.	10.30	
Sat	31st	March	Easter			

Sat	7th	April				
Sat	14th	April		Southampton Coastal HERR.	11:30	24/3/18.
Sat	21st	April		(Junior Inter Regional Regatta, Nottingham).		
Sat	28th	April				
Sat	5th	May	Early	COALPORTERS REGATTA.		14/4/18.
Sat	12th	May				
Sat	19th	May		LYMINGTON. TBC. [Great Coal Row].		28/4/18.
Sun	20th	May		[Great Coal Row].		
Sat	26th	May	Spring	CHRISTCHURCH	09:00	5/5/18.
Sat	2nd	June		RYDE REGATTA.	12:40	18/5/18.
Sun	3rd	June		SHANKLIN REGATTA.	11:00	13/5/18.
Sat	9th	June		ITCHEN	11:00	19/5/18.
Sat	16th	June		WOOLSTON	11:00	26/5/18.
Sat	23rd	June		SWANAGE.	10:30	2/6/18.
Sat	30th	June		POOLE	10:30	9/6/18.
Sat	7th	July				
Sat	14th	July		BTC	11:15	23/6/18.
Sun	15th	July				
Sat	21st	July		SOUTHSEA		30/6/18.
Sat	28th	July		NEWPORT REGATTA. Fours.	14:00	7/7/18.
Sun	29th	July		NEWPORT REGATTA. Small & Junior.	14:30	7/7/18.
Sat	4th	August		BOURNEMOUTH. TBC. Maybe at Hamworthy Park, Poole.		
Sun	5 th	August		H&DARA & SCC Row-off's. If reqd. Dock Head, Soton.	11:00	
Sat	11th	August				
Sat	18th	August		[BR Offshore Rowing Championships. Sandbanks, Poole.]		
Sun	19th	August		[BR Offshore Rowing Championships. Sandbanks, Poole.]		
Sat	25th	August	Late.			
Sat	1st	September				
Sat	8th	September		SOUTHCOAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS. Deal/CARA.		18/8/18.
Sat	29th	September		Itchen Imperial Junior Sprint Regatta.		
NOT YET REQUESTED				Itchen Eights & Fours.		

It was noted that further to the discussions at the Autumn Council Meeting Coalporters Regatta was confirmed for the 5th May and Bournemouth Regatta would take place at Hamworthy Park on the 4th August and that the dates of the BR Offshore Rowing Regatta had been kept clear as requested by British Rowing.

With the balance sheet for Swanage Regatta having already been approved by the meeting (profit £999.32) the format of the Committee was given consideration and with most of the Clubs and individuals who had supported the event in recent years pledging their continued support the meeting agreed that the existing format should continue with the Association Secretary coordinating the preparations as he had in the past few years. The complaint made to the local Newspaper regarding litter left after the Regatta – which the Association Secretary had responded too but had received no further comments from the Newspaper or the Swanage Town Council was mentioned – with the need for Clubs to take more responsibility stressed and additional checks and policing by the committee. Other concerns where safety cover and where we lost so much time – the regatta finishing around ninety minutes behind schedule – although some of this due the safety boat issues but Clubs need to be better organized and take more responsibility for getting crews afloat on time and minimizing crew and boat changes. The meeting also agreed on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by Sue Sothcott that the associations should take up the offer from Itchen Imperial to undertake the repairs to several Swanage Trophies at a cost to the Association of £518. There had also been an approach and offer from the Mayflower Rowing Club to bring some FISA boats to the event for display and to trial use – but it was felt that this was not practical on the day of the Regatta as we already struggled for both time and space. The Sunday would be a possibility and perhaps they should contact the Swanage Gig Club regarding this,

A report on the recent South Coast Council Meeting and changes to the South Coast Council Rules was then reviewed – a report on the AGM having been circulated in advance by Hants & Dorset ARA SCC delegate Denny Woodford. [see attached – Appendix 4.]. In Denis's absence Colin Eales, the Secretary of the South Coast Council presented the report and commented on the site meeting at Deal on the 10th March which he and Denny had attended. He gave a brief description on the three courses – which are all 1700m long (Juniors - 1000m and that no matter which course was used no 1 position would be inshore. He stated that if cancelled on the Saturday they would try and run the full program on the Sunday and that Officials would go afloat at Ramsgate.

The Race Officials for the 2018 South Coast Rowing Championships at Deal, following the recommendation from the Race officials meeting were then appointed, on a proposal from Jeff Watling, seconded by John Adams, as follows – Championships & Open Regatta. CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE – Andy Parsons. STARTER – John Purkess. JUDGE – Martin Bradbeer. OPEN UMPIRE – Pete Staddon. RESERVES – John Adams, Roger Hames, Steve Bull. Boat Inspections – Steve Bull. As a one-day event with limited junior events appointed Race officials would cover all events.

The Associations delegates to the South Coast Council – were then elected. On a proposal from Martin Bradbeer, seconded by Bob Sivier – Denny Woodford of BTC, Andy William of Coalporters and Ray Murphy of Poole were all re-elected unanimously. It was noted that the H&DARA has the following Life Members of the South Coast Council - Brent Hartland, Ted Shergold, Keith Warland and Bob Sivier.

The meeting then considered the venue and Organisation of the 2020 South Coast Championship Regatta the next Championship due to be hosted by the H&DARA. The Association Secretary reported that he had not received any further communication following the discussion on the is subject at the Autumn Council meeting – where Langstone Harbor, Swanage and Netley were briefly discussed. He also advised the meeting that the Association would be expected to make a presentation to the next SCC Council AGM in January 2019 on the proposed venue and date – so a discussion and decision on this had to be taken by the Associations Autumn Council meeting later this year. He personally advocated a return to Dorney Lake despite the cost as he believed it provided the fairest course and the 2017 Championships at Dorney was a great success. The cost of returning to Dorney – as one of the critical factors, was briefly discussed – Dorney 2017 had cost £24,408 to stage with an income of £9,630 – so used £14,772 Of SCC Levy. By 2020 – if the current rule was maintained – the levy would be around £20,684 – so assuming a similar income we could afford to go to Dorney again in 2020 but it would pretty much wipe out the levy unless other income streams could be found. In the absence of any firm proposals from the meeting The Association Secretary suggested that the 2017 SCC Committee be recalled to discuss the options and formulate a plan, which was endorsed by the meeting and the Chairman of that committee – John Purkess agreed to do that.

The meeting then briefly considered reports from Rules and Competitions Sub Committees which meets on an “as required” basis and had met twice since the Autumn Council Meeting – on the 23rd January and the 20th March but both were very badly attended with just Ryde, BTC, Itchen, Southampton and Southsea Rowing Clubs represented. At these meetings the following items were discussed, and solutions suggested – and these were broadly agreed by the meeting –

1. BR Revised Competition Structure – where it was agreed that Hants and Dorset would not be adopting BR Competition Structure and no adoption of BROE2 for H&D Events and the issue of translation from BR PRIs to H&D Status and vice versa was discussed. For translation from H&D status to PRIs it was agreed to allow H&D rowers to accumulate PRIs in the same way as any other person, by racing in river events and accumulating PRIs, which are separate for rowing, sculling and coxing. For translation between PRIs and HD Status it is very difficult to cross translate because we are comparing a system based on side by side racing with one which takes account of all results, including head races. For 2018 the following was proposed: If rowers with previous river experience wish to row in H&D events they should be members of an H&D Club and registered with the H&D to race. Club secretaries will be expected to declare the number of BROE side by side finals won by the river rower, plus any BR points and PRIs and agree with the H&D Secretary a suitable status for the individual concerned, sculling and/or rowing. The intention being to ensure fair competition all round.
2. Potential Rule Changes. The Autumn Council Meeting approved the changes regarding the withholding of H&D Championship points and the effect on Status and the awarding of additional Championship Medals and the sub committee had agreed the wording as requested – which was discussed under the next agenda item. Also discussed was an item from the Race Officials Meeting where there was uncertainty over a crew/sculler crossing the finish line outside the mark but then doubling back to return inside the line – and weather this was allowed. It was agreed that - if stated in program/briefing/notes – the finish line extends indefinitely – and therefore when the

bow reaches the extended line you have completed the course – and if outside the mark you are disqualified – and cannot double back – which can make things difficult for the judges and can be a safety hazard. It was agreed that the following needed to be added to local event rules: Where the outer finish post also acts as the outside mark of the finish line, as at Ryde Regatta. All crews must finish inside this outside post. Any crew finishing outside this outside post will be disqualified and, for safety reasons, may not turn and pass the post again.

3. A Revised Excel based H&D Entry form as used for Swanage Regatta 2017 was discussed and with minor amendments it was agreed that this should be trialed during the 2018 season.
4. Southsea Regatta. Following the cancellation of Southsea Regatta after 20 events in 2017 the Southsea Regatta subcommittee carried out a review and came up with proposals to make the event more manageable: These have been discussed by both associations and the following have emerged as acceptable and were agreed - Reduce length of course to 1,860m with a contingency to reduce to 1,560m if forecast rough; Remove open double sculls event (non-championship; Reschedule events so that more SCC events are run (heats and finals) earlier in the day; Publish a contingency plan for holding SCC events if regatta likely to be cancelled.
5. Timing of master's events. Masters rowers from BTC have requested that master's 40 and master's 50 events are not raced together as this reduces chances for doubling up. Potential to run alongside Men's J/S 4+. Also seems sensible to avoid Ladies Masters at Southsea as some mixed crews regularly racing at CARA regattas in men's master's events. The meeting agreed that this was a very reasonable request. No rule changes necessary but regatta secretaries please note when deciding on the draw and running order of events.
6. South Coast Championship Rules. All the H&DARA proposals had been approved at the SCC AGM and are recorded elsewhere in these minutes.
7. BR Coastal Rowing Championships 17th and 18th August. Feedback from Wessex SE Coast meeting on Sunday 18th March 2018 at Southsea noted where it was reported that BR was promoting the offshore championship with the long term aim of getting rowing back into the 2032 Commonwealth Games and a possible Commonwealth Regatta in 2022 (Birmingham) with the Potential for offshore events also to be included in the Olympic Games? The FISA Championships were set up in 2012 based on a club entry system and have proved to be very popular to the extent that FISA are restricting the number of entries per country. Barbara, the Chair of the Organizing Committee stated that they were looking at ways to work with coastal associations; Jo Johnston is the event safety advisor. The Regatta is an adult only event, min age 18 including coxswains. Main event will be an offshore regatta with 4K heats and 6 K finals. Same format at FISA World Champs. Held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th August. Training days on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday 17th and Saturday morning 18th will be a sprint event and restricted to the Commonwealth Crews. Notice of the regatta giving full details will be posted after next committee meeting on 6th April - all entries through BROE2 - bulletins on BR Website. Poole Council will promote locally. Minimum of Silver BR membership will be required. BR looking for support from Coastal clubs as follows - umpires, control commission (boat inspections) and people to volunteer generally, safety boats (they have umpires' boats), public address, Video recording, including drones if allowed. (South Coast Journalism and Matt Mitchell?), Life-guarding, Generator.
8. Role of the Association Secretary. The Association has yet to complete his Task list and little progress has been made.

The meeting then considered amendments and additions to Association Rules which had been approved by the Autumn Council Meeting – with the wording circulated prior to the meeting. The changes amend the Associations Status Rules and Championship Event Rules to bring them in line with existing/historical practice whereby the H&D Secretary, whilst with holding the awarding of the H&D Championship point for contravention of the registration rule has interpreted the win as a qualifying win under the H&D Status rules and the rule relating to the award of additional Championship medals so that these could be awarded at the Associations Presentation Dinner. The meeting also agreed to maintain the current rule regarding promotion from Novice status – one win in fours and two in single sculls. [See Appendix 5 – attached].

The Election of Racing Officials for 2018, a report on the Officials Meeting of 13/1/18 and the Election of the Umpires Committee [see attached. Appendix 6.] was then discussed and agreed. The Racing Officials were re-elected on bloc - on a proposal from Sue Sothcott, seconded by Pete Staddon - as follows – Association Racing Officials. FULL OFFICIALS. (21). John Adams, John Bailey, Steve Bull, Pat Glover, Carole Wall, Ian Hutchings, John Purkess, Pete Staddon, Mark Viner, Keith Warland, Alan Wigmore, Denis Woodford, Martin Bradbeer, Alan Stewart, Andy Parsons, Sharon Ayles, Penny Budd, Ray Murphy, Steve Maxwell, Simon Clements. Pending promotion to full Official (4). Garry Walters, Roger Hames, Alison Houlton, Alex Robertson. ASSISTANT OFFICIALS. (6). Dave Lathem, Dan Angell-Collins, Simon Whiting, Nigel Perry, Andy Stewart, Bryony Reeve. Under the same proposal the umpires committee was also re-elected as follows - Chairman – Andy

Parsons. Commission Members - John Purkess, John Bailey, Martin Bradbeer, Keith Warland, Alan Wigmore – and all other recommendations proposed by the Race Officials meeting were accepted by the meeting including the refunding of British Rowing Membership Fees of at Silver level that race Officials are obliged to take out for insurance purposes and the £100 charge, per official, for each club staging a Hants & Dorset ARA Event where a permit was issued, that failed to provide two race officials who were available for at least three events.

The analysis of race official's availability in the 2017 season meant that the recommendation to AGM for fines was as follows - ITCHEN, LYMINNGTON, SOUTHSEA and NEWPORT had one race Official who meets the criteria and should be fined £100. Southsea mentioned that they faced the same issue with CARA – where they only had one official and faced a similar fine and asked if in the circumstances there could be some dispensation. While there was some sympathy with them the meeting rejected this proposal.

Colin Eales, the Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council gave a verbal report on the activities of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council where he commented on - BR Members and the possibility that this might move to four categories - Race/Row/Coach + £10/Supporter; a new BR initiative – the Power 8 Sprints (350m) which should be Televisual and on TV on the 22nd July; BR relations with the H&D ARA; The offshore Coastal Championships and changes at BR. On a proposal from Steve Bull – seconded by Colin Eales the meeting agreed to continue with a £300 financial contribution to the Wessex Regional Rowing Council – and it was noted that CARA donated £150 last year – and it was hoped that they would agree a similar contribution to the H&DARA when their AGM was held on the 7th April.

The meeting then reviewed the report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting held on of 17/2/18 at Ryde on the IW, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting [*See attached Appendix 7*] with all the recommendations made accepted by the meeting and a Safety Committee for 2017 of - Chairman – Mark Viner and Sub Committee Members – Steve Bull, Gary Joyce, Mick Gisborne and Adam Radcliffe re-appointed on a proposal from Pete Staddon, seconded by Pete Jacobs. It was noted that clubs were commended for this Safety meeting being the first to be held that all clubs were represented – despite the venue being the IW. The meeting also confirmed the decision taken at last year's AGM, but not implemented, that following a recommendation from the last and this year's Association Safety meeting the Association purchased a defibrillator, to take round to events and the Clubs agreed to make a contribution of up to £100 towards this.

The Prize Presentation arrangements for 2018 was then briefly discussed, the balance sheet having already been approved earlier in the meeting. The arrangements for the 2018 dinner, which Paula Williams of Coalporters had agreed to organize on behalf of the Association once again, were in hand with event probably taking place on Saturday, 10th November at the Novotel in Southampton.

The only matters of Any Other Business discussed were –

- The need to replace the H&DARA Large Marker Buoys used at H&D events and owned by the Association which had suffered significant damage – in the main because they were dragged across the beach by users. The meeting agreed that replacements should be purchased which Pete Staddon would arrange.
- Dominic Brancaleone of Bournemouth briefed the meeting on a recent safety incident on the head of the Stour which had received much publicity. He explained the circumstance and Steve Bull, the regions safety adviser, confirmed that an incident report had been received from Bournemouth R C and that discussions were ongoing regarding outcome and conclusions and that BR were also aware of the incident and it had, in part, resulted in a BR Safety Alert being issued. Concern was expressed at the publicity the event received some of which was inaccurate and the actions of the safety boat and its driver.
- The meeting expressed its disappointment that the Bournemouth Regatta site on Bournemouth beach had been lost – for this year at least.

There were no other items of any other business and it was agreed that the date, time and place of the Autumn Council Meeting would be agreed by the Associations Executive Officers once the Southampton F. C. Fixtures were known – and the Chairman then brought the meeting to a close at 14.53pm.

[The Minutes were taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary in April 2018 and he attached appendices form an integral part of these minutes].

_____ Chairman, Hants & Dorset ARA.

Date: _____

Appendix 1. The Association Secretaries Report on the Hants & Dorset ARA 2017 Coastal Season.

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[Appendix 1.] The Association Secretaries Report on the Hants & Dorset ARA 2017 Coastal Season.

The Association Secretaries Report on the Hants & Dorset ARA 2017 Coastal Season.

Apart from the Lymington/Milford-on-Sea Regatta, which was unfortunately cancelled twice due to the conditions the other twelve Hants & Dorset Championship Regatta's were held – although Southsea had to be abandoned, in worsening conditions, after just five Finals had taken place. There were relatively minor restrictions on other events – with some races lost to the prevailing conditions or tide and Newport becoming a fours only Regatta after a clash of events on the River Medina led to the cancellation of the Junior and small boat planned for the second day. Three head races and one Junior Regatta were also due to be staged under the Hants & Dorset ARA umbrella, although one was lost to the weather and another head race was cancelled due to lack of entries

Despite these issues entries were around 10% higher than in 2016 at 1,944 across all events, including late entries, and eleven of the thirteen championship regattas had entries of more than one hundred crews and scullers – the exceptions being Christchurch and Newport which were fours only events. Inevitably as a regatta combining both H&DARA and CARA crews Southsea had the largest entry at 263. The largest H&D only regatta was Poole with 163 closely followed by the Association organized Swanage Regatta at 161.

The Men's Senior Fours Championship was won convincingly by Itchen Imperial who won eight of the eleven championship races with BTC winning two and Christchurch one. Itchen and BTC therefore represented the Association at the South Coast Championships with Itchen confirming their superiority with a fine win with BTC finishing in a very respectable 3rd place.

The Men's Junior Senior Fours H&D Championship was won by Christchurch, with seven wins, their main opposition coming from BTC who won twice with Bournemouth and Itchen each securing one win. Christchurch and BTC therefore represented the Association at the South Coast Championships where BTC, surprisingly, turned the table on their H&D Rivals to win the Championship with Christchurch finishing in second place.

The Men's Coastal Junior Fours was comfortably won by Itchen Imperial with nine wins with Bournemouth – with two wins – mounting the only serious challenge to their dominance. These two went on to represent the Association at the Championships where form was maintained with Itchen winning and Bournemouth finishing in 2nd place.

Their three wins in the Men's Novice Fours should have made Christchurch Rowing Club the outright winners of the Hants & Dorset ARA Championship, but an admin issue where they failed to register one of their oarsman resulted in a point being withheld and BTC's two wins giving them a share. There were also single wins for Southampton, Coalporters, Newport, Poole, Southsea and Itchen.

In the Ladies Senior Fours there was a return to form for Coalporters who comfortably won the H&D Championship recording nine wins with single wins for Southampton and Newport – their Clubs First Senior win in a Ladies Four. Coalporters and Southampton represented the Association at the South Coast Regatta where once again form was maintained with Coalporters winning and Southampton finishing in 2nd place.

Ryde' Coastal Junior Ladies Four dominated their H&D Championship winning all but one of the eleven events staged where Itchen took the honors. These two crews represented the Association with Ryde dominating once again to finish comfortable winners.

The competition in the Ladies Novice Fours was fierce with Bournemouth emerging as champions with three wins from Itchen and Christchurch with two apiece and single wins for BTC and Poole.

In the Mixed Masters Fours two crews from Poole won eight of the available races between them to take the Hants & Dorset ARA Championship with Coalporters and Itchen winning one each. WEARA's failure to provide any representative crews in this event led to all three of the H&DARA winning Clubs being able to represent the Association – although this was the one championship that escaped us with Poole finishing 2nd behind CARA's Folkestone and Itchen finishing in 3rd place.

The Ladies Masters Hants & Dorset Championship was very competitive with three winning Clubs – BTC taking the Association Championship with seven wins from Southampton with three and Christchurch with two.

In the coxless Pairs events there was a comfortable win for Itchen in the Senior Men's Championship with Shanklin in the runners-up slot with two wins and Christchurch taking the other available point. Itchen also dominated the Men's Coastal Junior Pairs winning eight of the available nine events with Bournemouth winning the other. The Ladies Senior Pairs was won by last year's Junior Champions from Lymington – with five wins – the challenge coming from Coalporters who won twice and Shanklin who won once. The winning Shanklin crew had already won the Ladies Coastal Junior Pairs event with eight wins – their only challenge coming from Poole who won once.

In the Men's Senior Sculls Championship there was a predictable championship win for Itchen's James Foad returning to Coastal rowing after retiring from the GB squad who won five events – but he did not have it all his own way – and faced strong challenge from Shanklin's Alec Robertson and BTC's Adam Ratcliffe who each won two events. The Men's Coastal Junior Sculls Championship was probably the closest fought championship of the season with the outcome not decided until the last Regatta where Christchurch's Jack Rose won his fifth event to take the title from Ryde's Dale Buckett who finished the season with four points. Southsea's four wins from two scullers were enough to claim the Men's Novice Sculls championship where Poole had two wins and Itchen and Christchurch one each. In the Ladies Senior Sculls Jess Bull of Itchen retained her title with four wins although it was a closer fought contest than last year with challenges from Poole's Katie Crane with two wins and Newport's Emily Oatley with one. The Ladies Coastal Junior Sculls championship was totally dominated by Shanklin's Daisy Faithfull who won all eight events held and the Ladies Novice Sculls was split between three Clubs – Newport, Ryde and Poole each with two points with Coalporters and Southampton each winning once.

Itchen's seven Hants & Dorset ARA Championships – with a total of forty-seven points won during the season meant that they easily retained the R. S. O "Hank Carr" memorial Trophy which is awarded to the Club who wins the most points – although there was an exceptional performance from Shanklin who finished in the runners-up slot with twenty-two points won. Christchurch's nineteen points gave them 3rd place.

The prestigious coxswain of the year Trophy was awarded to Itchen's Own Barnaby with BTC's Chole Weaver runner-up – and the Daily Echo Trophy resented in memory of Arthur Chatfield for services to Hants & Dorset ARA and Coastal Rowing was awarded to Southsea's Jeff Watling.

There were seven hundred and fifty-five individuals registered to race in the Hants & Dorset ARA in 2017 – just five more than in 2016. Four hundred and thirty-five of these were men – with three hundred and twenty women. The largest Club was Christchurch with one hundred and twenty-one members registered to race, 2nd was Coalporters with one hundred and twelve and then BTC with seventy.

Although numbers registered remains flat and we have not experienced the same increase in registration after the 2016 Olympics as we did after 2012 where total registrations briefly exceeded eight hundred, with all but one regatta held having an increase in entries, alongside a very successful South Coast Championship Regatta both on and off the water hosted by the Association I feel we can regard the 2017 season as a successful one with the Association retaining its position as the most successful of the three South Coast Rowing Associations. Plenty of challenges remain, not least our relationship with British Rowing, but I believe we can head into 2018 well prepared for what the future may bring.

Steve Bull,
Association Secretary.
November 2017.

Appendix 2. Treasurer's Report and balance sheet.

**Hants & Dorset ARA
Accounts 2017**

Income

Affiliation Fees	£2,540.50	
South Coast Levy	£3,558.00	
Racing Permits	£320.00	
Fines	£825.00	
Interest	£12.37	
		£7,255.87

Expenditure

H&D Safety Kit	£186.19	
H&D Umpires Kit	£0.00	
Handbook Printing	£887.00	
SCC Levy	£750.00	
Wessex Contribution	£300.00	
Secretary Honorarium	£500.00	
Medals & Engraving	£1,605.01	
Officials BR Fee Refunds	£648.00	
Postage	£104.78	
Printing & Stationery	£116.57	
IT Expenses	£172.58	
		£5,270.13

Surplus / Deficit on H&D ARA		
Activities	£1,985.74	
Surplus / Deficit on Swanage Regatta	£999.32	
Surplus / Deficit on	-	
SCRC 2017	£13,066.79	
		-

TOTAL Surplus / Deficit **£10,081.73**

Reserves B/F from Previous Year	
Bank Account	£13,190.13
Savings Account	£24,237.35

SWANAGE 2017

Swanage

Income

Entry Fees	£2,425.00	
		£2,425.00

Expenditure

First Aid	£350.00	
South Coast Levy	£469.00	
Umpire Boat	£150.00	
Trophies	£346.68	
Liability Insurance	£110.00	
		£1,425.68

**Surplus / Deficit on Swanage
Regatta** **£999.32**

SCRC 2017 - Dorney

Income	£9,530.42
Expenditure	£22,597.21

**Surplus / Deficit on
SCRC 2017** **£13,066.79**

*Detailed Breakdown Overleaf including 2018
Transactions*

Club / Regatta	Affiliation Fees	SCC Levy
Bournemouth	£136.00	£330
BTC	£258.50	£307
Christchurch	£361.00	£268
Coalporters	£226.00	£298
Dolphin	£106.00	

Cash in Hand (with Secretary)	£16.81		Itchen	£193.50	£388
	£37,444.29		Lymington	£286.00	
Profit / Loss for Period	£10,081.73		Newport	£131.00	£184
TOTAL RESERVES	£27,362.56		Poole	£248.50	£420
Financed by:			Ryde	£153.50	£257
Bank Account	£11,754.85		Shanklin	£123.50	£295
Savings Account	£15,511.72		Southampton	£141.00	£342
Cash in Hand (with Secretary)	£95.99		Southsea	£176.00	£0
	£27,362.56		Swanage	N/A	£469
			Worthing	£0.00	£0
			£2,540.50	£3,558.00	

Appendix 3. SCC Levy Summary.

SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY. 2018 Updated: 05/04/2018

Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association.

SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2004.	1923	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2005.	1665	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2006.	3460	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2007.	3689	
	10737	
Handed to 2007 South Coast Organising Committee - Balance still available after 2007 South Coast Championships Regatta.		6753.5
	3983.5	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2008.	3702	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2009.	3398	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2010.	3943	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2011.	3951	
	18977.5	
Handed to 2011 South Coast Organising Committee - Balance still available after 2011 South Coast Championships Regatta.		11402
	7575.5	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2012.	3483	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2013.	4346	
SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2014.	4823	
	20227.5	
Handed to 2014 South Coast Organising Committee - Balance still available after 2014 South Coast Championships Regatta.		7000
	13227.5	

SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2015. 4617
 SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2016. 3553

SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - REGATTA LEVY - 2017.

Club	Fours	Pairs	Sculls	Levy Payment	Date Paid	Regatta Date
Shanklin	£192	£58	£45	£295	16/05/2017	14/05/2017
Ryde	£152	£64	£41	£257	22/05/2017	13/05/2017
Itchen	£272	£64	£52	£388	23/05/2017	20/05/2017
Lymington				Cancelled	N/A	27/05/2017
Christchurch	£268	£0	£0	£268	15/06/2017	03/06/2017
Swanage	£372	£48	£49	£469	N/A	17/06/2017
Woolston	£260	£50	£32	£342	28/06/2017	24/06/2017
Coalporters	£236	£38	£24	£298	10/07/2017	01/07/2017
Newport	£184	£0	£0	£184	06/09/2017	09/07/2017
Southsea				Cancelled	N/A	15/07/2017
BTC	£204	£74	£29	£307	30/10/2017	22/07/2017
Poole	£308	£62	£50	£420	30/10/2017	29/07/2017
Bournemouth	£236	£52	£42	£330	16/08/2017	12/08/2017
				£3,558	To be Transferred to Savings A/C	
				£7,116		

3558

Available for 2017 H&D ARA South Coast Championship Regatta.

2017

24956

Handed to 2017 South Coast Organising Committee - Balance still available after 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta.

14,772

10184

Estimated additional SCC Levy by 2020 if current rule maintained. Based on 2016 income.

10500

Available for 2020 SCC

20684

Appendix 4. Report from South Coast Council AGM. Held at Christchurch Rowing Club on Saturday, 27th January 2018.

Present: C. Eales Hon Sec.

CARA - J. Hutton. G. Dawes. J. Holmes.

WEARA - J. Perry. R. Mallett. S. Worley.

H&D - D. Woodford. R. Murphy. K. Warland.

Life Members. - T. Shergold. |H. Bastone.

Minutes from the General Meeting held at Eton Dorney on Friday 1st September and Post-Regatta were read and approved with no matters arising.

Finance

The amount the organising association can claim towards the Championships to be raised from £735.00 to £1000.00.

Balance at the bank £3100. 22.

Eton Dorney Championships 2017

All delegates agreed that H&D produced an excellent event with only minor hiccups to report.

Deal 2018 - 62nd Championship

G. Holmes presented a document outlining the event which will be circulated to all clubs in due course. A website is not planned. Information will be by e-mail or postal drop. Course inspection will be 17th March 2018.

Rule Changes

- 1) The term "Veteran" is to be replaced with the term "Masters" wherever it occurs in the rules. Carried 9 - 0. Rules 15, 15a, 15c, 28, 29, 70 (CARA).
- 2) That in the J14 and J16 boy's events clubs can have one female person as a member of the crew. Carried 9 - 0.
- 3) To bring the start procedure in line with Hants and Dorset and CARA and remove the command "set" and use only "go" to coincide with the dropping of the yellow flag. Carried 9 - 0.

Rule 25 (G)

Proposed by CARA Rule Change withdrawn.

J14- J16 boy's quads and J14 - J16 girl's quads. A proposal was submitted by WEARA to upgrade these four events to full Championship status. After extensive discussion it was decided on a 6 - 3 vote to reject this proposal to enable the three Associations to consult at their respective AGM meetings with firm proposals including rule changes and submit proposals for end of November for submission in readiness for January 2019 AGM.

Phased or make whoever wins SCC Champions. Implications.

It would also be helpful, due to security considerations at Southsea Regatta if South Coast Championship Trophies could be returned at the respective Association AGM's and the Secretary of the South Coast Council will arrange collection.

Denis Woodford. H&D ARA Delegate. 13/2/18.

*Appendix 5. Amendments and additions to Association Rules.
The changes to the existing Rules are shown in **RED/Italics** below.*

Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

HANTS AND DORSET ARA STATUS RULES

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSMAN.

1.0. NOVICE STATUS.

1.1. The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status.

1.2. Novice Oarsman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.*

1.2.1. A Novice Oarsman is one who *has been H&D registered but* has never won a Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarsman wins a Championship point he becomes a Junior Oarsman.

1.2.2. He is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for him.

1.3. Novice Oarsman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.*

1.3.1. A Novice oarsman is one who *has been H&D registered but* has never won or only won one Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta.

1.3.2. Single Championship points wins will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarsman having a Championship point wiped clear twice (Note. This applies to sweep oar events only and not to Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

1.3.3. Immediately he wins two Championship points at Novice status (see rule 1.3.4.) he becomes a Junior oarsman.

1.3.4. He is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for him.

2.0. JUNIOR STATUS

2.1. Junior Oarsman. A Junior oarsman is one who has *been H&D registered but has* won a Championship point or points at Novice status or above (as specified under Rule 1.2. or 1.3.) at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.

2.2. Immediately he wins two Championship points at Junior status (see rule 2.3.) he becomes a Junior Senior oarsman, but he may continue to row in Junior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won his second Championship point.

2.3. He is eligible to compete in races at Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Junior status for him.

3.0. JUNIOR SENIOR STATUS.

3.1. Junior Senior Oarsman. A Junior Senior oarsman is one who has *been H&D registered but has* won Championship points at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Junior Senior status.

3.2. Immediately he wins two Championship points at Junior Senior status (see rule 3.3.) he becomes a Senior oarsman but he may continue to row in Junior Senior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won his second Championship point.

3.3. He is eligible to compete in races at Junior Senior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Junior Senior status for him.

4.0. SENIOR STATUS.

4.1. Senior Oarsman. A Senior Oarsman is one who has won two Championship points at Junior Senior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSWOMAN.

5.0. NOVICE STATUS.

5.1. The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status.

5.2. Novice Oarswoman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.*

5.2.1. A Novice oarswoman is one who has *been H&D registered but* has never won a Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice oarswomen wins a Championship point she becomes a Junior oarswoman.

5.2.2. She is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for her.

5.3. Novice Oarswoman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.*

5.3.1. A Novice oarswoman is one who *has been H&D registered but* has never won or only won one Championship, point in an open race with oars at a Regatta.

5.3.2. Single Championship points will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarswomen having a Championship point wiped clear twice (Note. This applies to sweep oar events only and not to Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

5.3.3. Immediately she wins two Championship points at Novice status (see rule 5.3.4.) she becomes a Junior oarswoman.

5.3.4. She is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for her.

6.0. JUNIOR STATUS.

6.1. Junior Oarswoman. A Junior oarswoman is one who has *been H&D registered but has* won a Championship point or points at Novice status or above (as specified under Rule 5.2. and 5.3.) at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.

6.2. Immediately she wins two Championship points at Junior status (see rule 6.3.) she becomes a Senior oarswoman, but may continue to row in Junior racing for the rest of the season in which she has won her second Championship point.

6.3. She is eligible to compete in races at Junior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Junior status for her.

7.0. SENIOR STATUS.

7.1. Senior Oarswoman. A Senior oarswoman is one who has won two Championship points at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF MASTERS.

8.0. MASTERS 40 STATUS

8.1. Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman. A Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman is one who has *been H&D registered and* attained the age of 40 years on the day of the Regatta.

8.2. A Masters 40 crew must have a minimum age of 40.

8.3. Mixed crews are allowed and one member of a crew can be from another Club provided they meet the criteria of a Masters 40, but a composite crew cannot be awarded a H & D Championship point – the point being awarded to the first full Club crew to finish as long as two full club crews started the race.

8.4. If one Masters 40 crew member is from another Club the Crew shall take the name of the Club with most members.

8.5. If one crew member is from another Club he/she must be registered with the H&D ARA for that Club.

8.6. If one crew member is from another Club he/she should wear the racing colours of that Club.

9.0. MASTERS 50 STATUS

9.1. Masters 50 Oarsman/Woman. A Masters 50 Oarsman/Woman is one who has attained the age of 50 years on the day of the Regatta.

9.2. A Masters 50 crew must have a minimum age of 50.

9.3. Mixed crews are allowed and one member of a crew can be from another Club provided they meet the criteria of Masters 50.

9.4. If one Masters 50 crew member is from another Club the Crew shall take the name of the Club with most members.

9.5. If one crew member is from another Club he/she must be registered with the H&D ARA for that Club.

9.6. If one crew member is from another Club he/she should wear the racing colours of that Club.

9.7. Masters 50 races are not Championship events

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.

10.0. NOVICE SCULLER STATUS.

10.1. A Novice Sculler. A Novice sculler is one who *has been H&D registered* but has never won or won one sculling Championship point in a sculling race at any open Regatta.

10.2. Immediately a Novice Sculler wins a second sculling Championship point (see rule 10.3.) he/she becomes a Junior Sculler.

10.3. He/she is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as a win at Novice status for him/her.

11.0. JUNIOR SCULLER STATUS.

11.1. A Junior Sculler. A Junior sculler is one who *has been H&D registered* but has won two sculling Championship points at Novice status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.

11.2. Immediately he/she wins two Championship points at junior status (see rule 11.3.) he/she becomes a Senior sculler but may continue to row in Junior sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won their second Championship point.

11.3. He/she is eligible to compete in sculling races at Junior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as a win at Junior status for him/her.

12.0. SENIOR SCULLER STATUS.

12.1. A Senior Sculler. A Senior sculler is one who has won two sculling Championship points at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF J16 OARSMAN/WOMAN.

13.0. J16 Oarsman/women. A J16 Oarsman/Women is a competitor who has not attained sixteen years of age before the first of September preceding the event.

Note: British Rowing J16 age qualification rule states (part relevant to J16 only) – Reference 3-3-2 Juniors.

c. A J16 is a competitor who had not attained the age sixteen years of age before the first day of September preceding the event.

13.1. J16 Crews can be mixed gender and composite crews are allowed

13.2. J16 races are not Championship events.

GENERAL STATUS RULES.

14.0. WINS AT A HIGHER STATUS.

14.1. Immediately an oarsperson or sculler wins two Championship points (see rule 16.0.) in a higher status to their current status they are immediately promoted to the status in which these points were awarded.

15.0. REINSTATEMENT TO LOWER STATUS.

15.1. Under no circumstances can an oarsman/woman be reinstated to a lower status after he/she has won a race which qualifies him/her for a higher status.

16.0. NO CHANGE TO STATUS.

16.1. If no Championship Points are awarded then there is no change to an Oarsmans/Oarswomans status (*see rule 17.0*).

16.2. Event wins in Masters 40, Masters 50 and J16 (or under i.e. J15 etc.) races shall not affect an Oarsmans/Oarswomans status.

17.0 CHANGE OF STATUS WHEN NO CHAMPIONSHIP POINT IS AWARDED.

17.1. Should a club not be awarded a championship point under H&D ARA Championship Event rule 9.1 then the win will count as a qualifying win for all crew members at their current status.

18.0. EFFECTIVE START OF STATUS.

18.1. An oarsman/woman's status shall be in accordance with the classifications set out above and shall take immediate effect.

19.0. STATUS OF COXSWAINS.

19.1. Coxswains. There is no classification.

20.0. EFFECT OF SWEEP STATUS AND SCULLING STATUS.

20.1. The sweep status of an oarsman/woman shall not effect his/her status as a sculler or vice versa.

21.0. STATUS RULES ON NON-H&D ARA COMPETITORS.

21.1. The Associations Rules as to status shall apply to competitors from other associations competing in events held under the Rules of the Association.

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Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

HANTS AND DORSET ARA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT RULES

1.0. Hants & Dorset ARA Championship events.

1.1. The following events are H&D ARA Championship events.

Mens Coxed Senior Fours

Mens Coxed Junior Senior Fours

Mens Coxed Junior Fours

Mens Coxed Novice Fours

Mens Coxed Masters 40 Fours

Mens Senior Pairs

Mens Junior Pairs

Mens Senior Sculls

Mens Junior Sculls

Mens Novice Sculls

Ladies Coxed Senior Fours

Ladies Coxed Junior Fours

Ladies Coxed Novice Fours

Ladies Coxed Masters 40 Fours

Ladies Senior Pairs
Ladies Junior Pairs
Ladies Senior Sculls
Ladies Junior Sculls
Ladies Novice Sculls

2.0. CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS FOR SCULLING EVENTS.

2.1. Sculling events are individual H&D Championship events except Novice Sculls which is a Club Championships.

3.0. CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS FOR SWEEP OAR EVENTS.

3.0 Sweep oar events are club H&D Championship events.

4.0. AWARDING OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

4.1. The Championship point in any Championship event will be awarded to the first crew of an affiliated H&D club to cross the finish line subject to H&D Regatta, Race, Status, Registration and Competition and Event rules. A win shall count as one point.

5.0. SWEEP RACE QUALIFICATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

5.1. No championship point shall be awarded in a sweep oar championship race unless at least two Clubs are entered for the event at the start of the Regatta.

6.0. SCULLING RACE QUALIFICATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

6.1. No championship point shall be awarded in a sculling championship race unless two Scullers are entered for the event at the start of the Regatta.

7.0. AWARDING OF POINT IN RACE WON BY NON-AFFILIATED CLUB.

7.1. If a race is won by a Club not affiliated to the H & D A. R. A. then the Championship point shall be awarded to the first affiliated crew home in the final, except in the case of Novice Fours, when no point shall be awarded. If no affiliated crew is in the final no point shall be awarded.

8.0. CLAIMING CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

8.1. Within 7 days of each event clubs shall forward to the Association the names of their winning crews in order to claim championship points and failing to do so may result in the loss of such points at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

9.0. WITHHOLDING OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

9.1. Should any of the names listed as the winning crew on a championship point claim received from any club be found to have not been registered as required under H&D ARA Registration and Competition rules 5.1 and 5.2 then the championship point will not be awarded.

10.0. AWARDING OF THE H&D CHAMPIONSHIP.

10.1 The H&D Championship for any Championship event will be awarded to the club obtaining the greatest number of points in the respective championship races at regattas recognised by the H&D ARA for championship points in one year (subject to these rules).

11.0. MINIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS FOR AWARDING OF CHAMPIONSHIP.

11.1. A H & D Championship will only be awarded if at least three Championship points have been awarded for that Championship event at Regattas during the season.

12.0. SETTLEMENT OF TIES IN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

12.1. In the event of two or more Clubs having the same number of points, the matter shall be decided by a race or races of the Clubs concerned, such race or races to be held as directed by the Association except in the case of Novice Fours where the Championship will be shared between the Clubs with the greatest number of points.

13.0. AWARDING OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS.

13.1. The H&D A.R.A. will award a championship medal to each member of the championship crew so nominated to receive the medal by the championship winning club.

14.0. AWARDING OF ADDITIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS.

14.1. Additional Championship Medals may be awarded subject to the following conditions being met

- Applicants must have competed as a member of the championship crew and won at least three Championship points in that crew before qualification for a medal can be discussed.
- Clubs must prove qualifying points were needed to secure the championship. Once a Championship is won any additional wins would not count towards qualification for an additional medal to be awarded.
- Clubs must submit a written request *to the association secretary by 31st September following the end of the regatta season. The association secretary will investigate to confirm that all requirements for the awarding of an additional medal have been met. ~~prior to delegates meeting where said request is to be read out with supporting evidence, however decision and vote would be deferred to the~~*

~~Associations AGM to allow all parties time to investigate evidence and circumstances and to eliminate any problems at the presentation dinner.~~

- The application will be discussed between the members of the Executive Committee. **If agreed the association secretary will notify the club in time for the medal to be awarded at the presentation dinner. before the AGM and a recommendation as to whether to accept or decline the application would be announced at the meeting.**

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Appendix 6. Summary of Hants & Dorset ARA Association Racing Officials Meeting of 13/1/18, held at the BTC Clubhouse, Southampton for H&DARA AGM of 24th March 2018.

Of the 29 Full and Assistant Race Officials on the H&D ARA Register 15 attended the meeting with apologies received from 6 and no communication from 4.

The Umpires Committee Chairman, Andy Parsons, then presented his Chairman's report. A comment from the floor included the need to enforce starting rules and disqualify if necessary – especially with master's crews who were generally seen as the worse culprits – but that there should be slightly more licence given with Novices and Juniors (age). Crutch straps on Life Jackets were mentioned. An internal document published which bank details of some of the Race Officials would not be repeated.

Andy Parsons gave a report on the National Umpires Committee meeting he had recently attended – subjects covered included - The old and NEW BROE system; the new ranking points system; annual umpire seminars for training all umpires; Offshore rowing rules; Heel restraint rules; the National Sprint Championships; umpires recruitment promotional item in regatta programmes – agreed we try this approach in the H&D; RowHow; GDPR (general data protection rules) training - H & D ARA should get advice on requirements for compliance as serious penalties will be applied for breaches of the rules from about May this year.

Membership of the Umpires Committee recommendation to H&D AGM - Chairman - Andy Parsons, Coalporters Rowing Club; Committee Members - John Bailey, Southampton A. R. C.; Keith Warland, Coalporters A. R. C.; Alan Wigmore, Shanklin Sandown Rowing Club; Martin Bradbeer, Itchen Imperial R. C. and John Purkess, BTC Rowing Club. Plus, Andy Parsons and Keith Warland to organise and allocate the Assistant Race Officials. The position of John Bailey was considered as he was stepping down as a race official this year – although would continue to act as a controller at some events, but it was felt that his long experience as a race official and Umpires committee members justified his continuation as a member of the Umpires Committee for at least another year. **Agreement of H&DARA AGM required.** John Bailey – will stay as racing official.

The examination of Full and Assistant Racing Officials – including the mentoring, assessing and reporting on Assistant Race Officials. Full officials due to take their three-year exam – who would be sent their question papers shortly were – John Adams, Pat Glover, Denis Woodford, John Purkess, Carole Wall, Sharon Ayles and Penny Budd - a total of seven – with John Bailey standing down. Carole Wall wished to continue although due to family commitments would probably only be available for two events. The meeting agreed that there were special circumstances and that she should be allowed to continue in the role while only committing to two events. Mentoring and Assessing of Assistant Officials - the current methods and procedures were to be continued. The status of the existing Assistants was as follows – Invitation to be assessed as full official – Alison Houlton, Alex Robertson, Garry Walters and Roger Hames. Leave as Assistant for 2018 - Dave Lathem, Dan Angell-Collins, Nigel Perry, Andy Stewart, Simon Whiting. New Assistant appointed – Bryony Reeve, Ryde.

Race Officials Officiated and Reports Received was analysed. Noted - only a few Race Officials complete reports for Head races or Junior Events and Assistant Race Officials are particularly poor at submitting reports. With regards to the reports completed by Race Officials the meeting agreed that the current method of reporting should remain unchanged.

The charge made on H&D Affiliated Clubs who run a Regatta but who do not provide a minimum of two racing Officials available for at least three Regattas was reviewed (currently £100 per official) – and it was agreed that the recommendation to the AGM should be that this should remain unchanged for 2018. The analysis of race official's availability in the 2017 season (*see attached, Appendix D*), meant that the recommendation to AGM for fines is as follows - ITCHEN, LYMINNGTON, SOUTHSEA and NEWPORT have one race Official who meets the criteria and should be fined £100. Southsea mentioned that they faced the same issue with CARA – where they only had one official and faced a similar fine and asked if in the circumstances there could be some dispensation. While there was some sympathy with this view

expressed others disagreed - it would have to be agreed at the AGM. Worthing. **Agreement of H&DARA AGM required.**

Race Officials availability forms had been received – *or have since been received* - from all race Officials except – Dave Latham, Dan Angell-Collins and Nigel Perry and would be published shortly.

After analysis of the availability forms the recommendation to go to the AGM of the selection of race officials for 2018 South Coast Championships Regatta at Deal on the 8th September 2018 was agreed as follows -

Championships & Open & Junior Regatta.

Championship Umpire.	ANDY PARSONS.
Open Umpire.	PETE STADDON.
Starter.	JOHN PURKISS.
Judge.	MARTIN BRADBEER.
One or more reserves.	JOHN ADAMS, ROGER HAMES, STEVE BULL.
Boat Inspection.	STEVE BULL.

Agreement of H&DARA AGM required.

The method of selecting the H&D Coxswain of the Year was considered and while not perfect it was agreed that the current method, where race officials on the day nominate up to three coxswains in order – with points allocated as follows - – 1st nominated 5 point + “Cox of the Day awards; 2nd nominated – 3 points; 3rd nominated – 1 point should be continued. The terms of reference would remain the same.

The only existing rules the meeting was asked to clarify came from the Race Officials Reports from Ryde Regatta where there was uncertainty over a crew/sculler crossing the finish line outside the mark but then doubling back to return inside the line – and weather this is allowed. It was agreed that - if stated in program/briefing/notes – the finish line extends indefinitely – and therefore when the bow reaches the extended line you have completed the course – and if outside the mark you are disqualified – and cannot double back – which can make things difficult for the judges and can be a safety hazard. A slight adjustment to Rule 7.2 is probably needed.

Recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules, for forwarding to the Associations AGM. The meeting reviewed and accepted recommendations from the Rules Sub Committee Ref. Rules for Boat racing and Regatta Rules and the Octobers H&DARA Council meeting.

The Rules subcommittee is also looking at a revised Excel based entry form and will look at rules, about, notifying: scratching's, name changes or late entries prior to events to reduce the amount of “on the day” administration for events.

The Southsea Regatta Committee had made several recommendations for improvements accepted at the Autumn Council Meeting except – “1-hour warning of likely cancellation to enable top events to be completed and other events to be completed if and as conditions improve.” The meeting agreed that this was practical, and this aspect of their proposals was rejected.

The meeting also considered and agreed with the recommendations for amendment to the Rules of the South Coast Rowing Council.

The meeting reviewed the Insurance of Race Officials via British Rowing Membership. (2017 - £30 – BR non-racing/Silver membership – refunded in full). It was believed that the BR Non-racing/Silver membership was to remain at £30 or perhaps increase slightly for 2018 and it was agreed that a recommendation should go to the AGM to continue to reimburse racing officials for the cost of a BR Silver membership at the rate of £30 – or any increased rate implemented by British Rowing. **Agreement of H&DARA AGM required.**

The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials was reviewed by the meeting. No additions were considered necessary by the meeting.

Steve Bull, Association Secretary. February 2018.

Appendix 7 Summary of Hants & Dorset ARA Association (Wessex Region) Safety Meeting on Saturday, 17th February 2018 at Ryde Rowing Club.

Prior to the start of the meeting those in attendance joined the Water Safety Committee members in a re-audit of the Safety procedures and facilities of the Newport, Shanklin and Ryde Rowing Club – and Ryde’s boathouse at the Folly. All proved to be satisfactory although there were some areas to be addressed and these were all in hand. Those in attendance were particularly impressed with Shanklin’s use of google folders and QR code to record safety information – which was regarded as an example of good practice.

Present: For the first all H&DARA Clubs & Events were represented at the meeting. Non-H&D affiliated Wessex Clubs/Schools and Universities were invited but none attended. Jo Johnston, RRRSA of Wessex East was invited but did not attend.

The Association Secretaries Report to the H&D Autumn Delegates Meeting and the Wessex Region AGM, which had been previously circulated was approved by the meeting a summary of the activities and meetings of British Rowing National Safety Committee (NSC) which he attends in his capacity as the regions Regional Rowing Safety Adviser (RRSA).

The Meeting was then briefed on the recently launched revised British Rowing Row Safe – and the Coastal Section and the RowSafe - update for April 2018. The section on Coastal Rowing Coastal and Inshore Rowing (10.1) is predominantly based on the submission the H&DARA Safety committee made to the NSC around two years ago – and as suggested it relates to what we have termed “Inshore Coastal Rowing” as opposed to Offshore – FISA, Gig etc. BR have now added a new section to RowSafe covering “offshore” coastal rowing.

The RRSA then reported on the 2017/2018 BR Club Safety Audits which was launched on the 2nd of October and had to be submitted by the 27th November 2017 with suspension from BR events from 1st January for any club which had not complied as it remains a recognised part of the BR affiliation process. All Wessex Clubs audits had now been accepted. Two Clubs had still not submitted their Audit by 1st January and were suspended from Racing/OARSA by BR for failure to comply. These were Southampton University and Bournemouth University - Southampton University responded after a further reminder in January. Bournemouth University finally submitted an audit on 9th Feb. Seven Club Audits were initially not accepted – due to missing /incorrect responses, failure to upload risk assessments or “host Club issues”. Solent University Boat Club – although hosted by Coalporters they are not affiliated to British Rowing.

The audit spreadsheet was analysed and any Questions that had five or more “to be addressed” - there were 9. Possible solutions were discussed. The aim is to reduce this year on year.

On Line Incident Reporting – analysis of eighth year. The meeting briefly reviewed the reasons why incidents need to be reported – and the process involved. Some national statistics were available and were shared with the meeting. There were 2269 incidents reported. Of those, 742 (33%) (604 in 2016) involved simple capsizes and 1527 (67%) (1196 in 2016) described as “significant” incidents. BR NSC also recognizes a problem with under reporting – which the hope to address in the coming year. BR figures show that of the 563 Clubs, 257 of them did not report an incident in 2017 – which is 46 %. In Wessex West – we are actually better than most – 25 Clubs – no reports from 8 – 32% - 4th best behind North West, East Midland and West Midland. Wessex West Clubs not reporting – BTC, Bryanston Buffalos, Canford Crocodiles & School, Portsmouth University, Ryde School Boat Club, Southampton University Medical School BC and Winchester College.

The RRSA explained that he can “open” incident for comment/ discussion - and send them to other clubs and individuals involved if a BR membership number is known – and/or other RRSA’s. He recorded that in 2017 he opened 11 Incident Reports for comment – 4 of these related to the Boat inspections which did receive some comments/responses. Five of the others were opened because more than one club was involved – and/or he had only received an Incident report from one of them – or only from an Event Official – this prompted additional comments on two of them – but no further information on three – two involving Newport. One other was to seek clarification that no other club was involved – and one was to allow the attachment of some related files.

Nationally the RRSA was invited to comment on 53 reports from other regions and did so when he thought he had something to contribute. 4 were of relevance and discussed further - 1) Use of coke as a post capsize treatment - there is no medical evidence that supports this. 2) Advise about algae blooms. 3) Towers - the driver is responsible for his load. 4) Tragic death of coach. + support for witnesses.

With regards to Safety Incidents Reported by H&D (& Wessex) Clubs in 2017 in the Wessex Region – 137 Incidents recorded in the region – with just 11 came from CARA Clubs, leaving 126 from H&D/Wessex Clubs of which 4 were linked/duplicated – leaving 122. 4 of these were for H&D ARA Boat Inspections & 5 were event summaries - leaving 113 of which 43 were simple capsizes. Christchurch had recorded more than 50 – when most other clubs record between 1

and 9. 101 of the incidents reported were in training – 16 at events – with 13 at HDARA event and 3 from non-H&D events. Capsize at 49 was the most common incident with collision at 40 next. Discussed in more detail - the “A” frame on Ryde R. C. Trailer snapped. – River Itchen and Stour both seem quite dangerous places! (busy!);

Safety incidents Reported by H&D (& Wessex) Clubs in 2017 at Hants & Dorset Events. There were 18 events – including 3 Head Races of which 1 was cancelled, 1 Junior Regatta –with 1 cancelled (Newport) and 1 Regatta that were cancelled (Milford). [19 last year]. Summary of incidents were received from Ryde, Shanklin, Swanage, Southsea and the Itchen Junior Regatta. In addition, there were 18 Incident reports received (8 last year). Some reports were duplicated. Eight of the events held indicated – “no significant safety incidents”. H&D race officials reports noted 19 safety related incidents – slightly more than the 14-recorded last year - an indication of better reporting by H&D Race Officials.

H&D Safety Committee Boat Inspections undertaken in 2017 and the plans for 2018. Unannounced and random boat inspections were undertaken by the H&D ARA Safety Committee at four H&D events during the season – Itchen, Swanage, Woolston and BTC Regatta's. A total of 90 boats of all types were inspected with 35 faults found - some boats having more than one fault. The number of boats inspected was very slightly more than last year (2016 - 88) and the number of faults found showed a significant increase - up from 27 last year – for the 2nd year in succession which is of concern. As ever the largest fault found was heel restraints – at 23 - around 60% - bow ball issues and lack of boat ID being the other significant ones. A full heel restraint check on every boat present was undertaken at Woolston - with 49 boats checked - and a full inspection of Coxswains Life Jackets was also undertaken at Woolston - with 31 Life Jackets examined with 16 failures (some had more than one fault). The BR incident reporting system was used to summarise the results of the boat inspections once again and the National Safety Committee regard this as an example of good practice and are encouraging other regions to adopt this system.

This year no Clubs went through the inspection process with no fault found during any of the equipment inspections and so no awards in recognition on this were made this year. The meeting agreed that the process should remain the same for the 2018 season.

With regards to heel restraints the NSC had recommend changing to FISA Rule ref. Heel Restraints – which is very similar to the H&DARA recommendation issued in 2017 (below the fixed point or below the horizontal). and after some debate have now agreed to introduce FISA rule from 1 April 2019 so the official statement is now - ***The heel restraint rule will be changed in 2019 to bring it into line with the equivalent FISA rule.*** I think that's a “win” for the NSC. Be aware of different “rule” at BR & H&D events in 2018.

Regatta/Event Audits received and a report on last season's audits and plans for 2018. The RRSA reported that all H&D (Wessex) events submitted an event safety audit with risk assessments, safety and communication plans – with emergency plans accompanying most. These were reviewed and approved by the RRSA and BR advised so that the BR Event Public Liability Insurance would be issued by BR on payment of the appropriate fee. The policy in 2017 had been that – re-audits would only be undertaken where requested or where concerns were raised and on an occasional random basis as it was felt that the race officials reporting system already hi-lighted safety concerns and this would be used alongside safety committee member's observations to hi-light events where a re-audit would take place. It was also agreed that Clubs who failed to send a representative to the Safety Meeting –events audited. The meeting agreed that this policy should continue in 2018 however as all Clubs were represented at the meeting there were no events that were automatically tagged for a re-audit in 2018. ***Agreement of H&DARA AGM required.***

The meeting was then briefed on and discussed the decision by BR that they will no longer honour the long standing agreement between BR & H&DARA to allow H&D Events to take out BR Public Liability Insurance. The BR statement read – *"There has been a long standing agreement between BR and the Coastal Associations (WEARA, Hants & Dorset and CARA) that as long as their competitions that are requesting BR insurance have been approved by their respective Associations and they confirm that a risk assessment and safety plan have been submitted, then we (BR) are able to include them on our insurance. However the requirements for insurance have recently been reviewed by insurers and in order to continue insuring events that are not affiliated to British Rowing, we are required by our Insurers to confirm the following: The competition is run: under British Rowing Rules of Racing, in full compliance of RowSafe, with the appropriate risk assessments documentation provided with current British Rowing umpires, with a Race Committee of at least 3 Umpires to comply with the Rules of Racing. This clearly reflects a reconsideration of the risk by insurers who have indicated that compliance with the BR provisions in the Rules of Racing is a condition precedent to the granting of cover. Effectively, a non-affiliated competition which doesn't meet this criteria will have to provide its own insurance cover. Accordingly, we are sorry that on this occasion, we are unable to assist you."*

The Hants & Dorset ARA has responded stating that that as far as we are concerned H&D Events do meet this criteria in the sense that while not operating under the BR Rules of Racing the H&D ARA Rules of Racing are very

similar especially regarding safety; H&D Clubs and Events fully comply with Row Safe; H&DARA have their own certificated and qualified umpires - who are represented on the BR Umpires Committee and we have an event committee similar to BR's race Committee in place at events (H&DARA Event safety Rules. 2.0 Event Committee). It was also pointed out to them that they (BR) are happy to accept H&D ARA Race Officials for BR organised and run events - i.e. the British Offshore Rowing Championships - where they are asking us for help - and presumably our Race Officials will not now be able to support this event. I have asked BR to make these points to their insurers and request that they reconsider their decision. We have also asked the Wessex Region Rowing Council to make similar representations to BR on their Club/Events behalf. We have since provided BR with a full set of BR Rules of racing and a description of how we train and examine our race officials at their request and have also disputed their allegation that we published a "private" E Mail from them regarding this issue – pointing out to them that it was not "private" but a communication between BR and the Hants & Dorset ARA and that it was not published but "quoted from" and that we had an absolute duty to advise and update our affiliated clubs and events on the situation. We await a further response from BR.

We are aware that some CARA Clubs - and certainly Newport in the H&D use their domestic clubhouse Insurers to provide the public Liability Insurance for their events and enquiries by some other clubs has confirmed that some Clubhouse insurers are able to provide Public Liability Insurance for events at the Clubhouse as long as they are made aware of the dates and they will cover the wider area that the Regatta takes place in – and often with no increase in premium. So it is recommended that clubs contact their Clubhouse insurers to see if they would cover their events. There is a doubt regarding an event held away from a Clubhouse - as BTC, Southampton, Lymington, Poole, Southsea and Bournemouth do - and this would certainly not apply to Swanage - where there is no Club so we will definitely need another solution. John Purkess, from BTC had made enquiries regarding event public liability insurance and briefed the meeting on what he had discovered and would continue to make enquiries and would include Swanage Regatta in his request.

The Association Safety equipment was discussed including its status after 2017 season. Gary Joyce had undertaken the task of checking the kits and ensuring that they were ready for the new season. He reported that he had sent the ten Race Officials Life Jackets to be serviced. The three kits had been checked – and were in reasonable condition except for one of the oud hailers which would need to be repaired or replaced plus new batteries would be needed for all.

A decision had been taken at the last H&D AGM, following a recommendation from the last Association Safety meeting to procure an Association owned defibrillator, to take round to events – although this has not yet been actioned and the meeting was asked if they felt this was still a requirement – which they did. The recommendation that – any Hants & Dorset ARA event that is issued with an Association Permit should have a defibrillator available on site or have a first aid provider who has a defibrillator which was introduced in 2017 – had been added to the Event Water Safety Audit as one of the questions. However – the vast majority of clubs used a previous form so the question was not asked! So for 2018 this will be checked and the audit rejected if the correct form was not used and the permit not issued until this had happened. It was also proposed and agreed by the meeting that the 2015 Club/Event survey on the availability of defibrillator's should be repeated to see what's changed. **Agreement of H&DARA AGM required.**

Format of the Hants & Dorset Water Safety Commission. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Terms of reference for the Water Safety Sub Committee should remain unchanged and the Chairman, Mark Viner of Lymington Rowing Club, Wessex Regional Rowing Council Safety Advisor, Steve Bull of Ryde R. C. and Sub Committee Members - Gary Joyce, of Itchen Imperial Rowing Club, Adam Radcliffe of BTC Rowing Club and Mick Gisborne of Southsea Rowing Club should be re-elected on block – subject to ratification at the Associations AGM. **Agreement of H&DARA AGM required.**

The Venue for 2019 Meeting. The visit to the IW completed the second full cycle of Club visits – meaning that these H&D ARA Safety Meetings will have taken place for over 20 years. The meeting agreed that the venue for the 2019 Meeting, to be held in February 2019 on a date yet to be decided, would be Coalporters – in line with the current rota. It was agreed that the newly affiliated Dolphin Rowing Club (2016) needs to be added to the rota.

Any other business.

There were three items of any other business discussed -

- Safety information on H&DARA Web site. F).
- Use of Hi-Viz clothing when rowing.
- A new BR initiative – the Club Hub.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary & Wessex Region RRSA. March 2018.