

## Hants & Dorset ARA. Minutes of the Autumn Delegates Meeting, 30/10/10.

### The Minutes of the Autumn Delegates Meeting of the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association, held at the BTC A. R. C. Clubhouse, Southampton on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

There were 21 delegates in attendance (27 last year) including all the Executive Officers, with apologies received from a further 5 delegates (Peter Staddon of Christchurch, Brian Gowman of Westover, Pete Diffey of Poole, Martin Bradbeer of Itchen, Alex Sweeny of Southsea) when the Chairman, John Purkess, opened the meeting at 10.35am. There were no delegates in attendance from Westover or Worthing Rowing Clubs and Bournemouth Regatta.

The chairman in opening the meeting explained that in order to try and speed-up the meeting some of the items on the Agenda were supported by brief written reports published with the Agenda and that these would not be read out at the meeting unless requested – but consideration would be given to any parts of the report that need discussion, approval or some sort of decision made. These reports are noted within the minutes and included in the appendix.

The Minutes of the last Delegates Meeting were taken as read, and agreed as a correct record on a proposal from - D. Woodford, seconded by R. Sivier.

Matter arising from the last Association Meeting – the AGM in March, 2010 were as follows -

- 1) A letter from Adam Rose and Tom Jaokim of Christchurch asking the Association to consider the possibility of introducing status regression. The Association Secretary was asked to circulate the Christchurch letter to all the Clubs and to seek their views and suggestion on the wording for a rule. This had not yet been done.
- 2) The meeting had instructed the Treasurer to close the old Swanage Regatta Account and transfer the remaining funds into the Associations General Account which had now been done.
- 3) The position of “Live Vice President” should be added to the Associations Rules, subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting – an amended rule had been drafted that just needed ratifying at the next AGM.
- 4) Itchen ARC – outstanding entry fees – from the 2009 South Coast Championships at Folkestone had now been paid.
- 5) The proposed change to the Rules of the South Coast Rowing Council that South Coast Council that SCC Officials should have officiated in at least 3 regattas during that season is on the Agenda for consideration at the next South Coast council AGM.
- 6) £1000 had been handed over to the committee of the 2011 South Coast Championships as requested and agreed.
- 7) Following complaints that the article on “Coastal” Rowing that had totally ignored our version of the sport Cubs were asked to write to Regatta Magazine to complain. A number of Clubs and the Association secretary had written to the Editor but only one – from Peter Locke – was acknowledged and printed – all the others were pretty much ignored. It was noted that Regatta Magazine had only printed a very small item on this years South Coast Championship Regatta – so their performance was no better. Again letters of complaint had been sent and Laura Viner was preparing an article for publication and any useful information should be sent to her. Mike Green will also take up the issue as Divisional Rep.
- 8) Jimmy Jewell had been made a SCC Life member on H&D recommendation.

The Association Secretary then gave details of the correspondence he had undertaken on the Associations behalf since the Annual General Meeting in March which included the usual correspondence relating to a busy Hants & Dorset season including correspondence relating to Club affiliation, Club and individual registration, Points claims, plus correspondence relating to the affiliated events - permit applications and issues, results etc... and communications with Racing Officials and

Club and Regatta Safety advisors with relevant information and administration of the Racing Officials ARA membership contributions for Insurance purposes and their availability for events. Association bulletins were sent to all Executive Officers, Life and Vice Presidents, Clubs and Regatta's in July and October - the July bulletin included the minutes of the AGM, Officials Meeting and the Safety Meeting. The October bulletin included the minutes of the Executive meeting of 14th August and the notice and Agenda for this meeting plus attachments. Documentation required for the season for Clubs, Regattas and racing Officials were sent out in April and the H&D ARA South Coast Rowing Handbooks which provided the contact lists for all Executive, Officers, Clubs, Regattas and Racing Officials were distributed during May and early June. The secretary dealt with various correspondences relating to this years South Coast Rowing Championships at Wimbleball with the event Secretary, Steve Worley, the South Coast Council and the Association Secretaries of CARA and the West of England ARA. This included entering the Championship Crews - and letters of invitation and congratulation were sent to all H&D Clubs with representative crews. As required by South Coast Council Rules the Hants & Dorset Regatta results were sent to the South Coast Council, CARA and West of England. The information received back from WEARA and CARA was late and limited! The usual range of questionnaires from various groups seeking our opinions have been given as well as Association and Club details to a range of bodies, usually local authorities, and individuals as appropriate. Copies of all the minutes of all the ARA/British Rowing meetings - including the sub committees - which amounts to hundreds of pages – are received and any relevant items are passed on to those who need to know within the Association. On behalf of the Association the Secretary attended, on a regular basis the Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meetings, 2011 South Coast Championship Organising Meetings and, since the AGM, he also attended one British Rowing National Water Safety Meetings in his capacity as Water Safety Advisor to the Wessex Region and as a member of the Hants & Dorset Safety Commission. The Secretary have provided an element of secretarial and administrative service to the Associations Umpires Commission and the Safety Commission. Clubs have had letters regarding late withdrawal from Regatta fines and have coordinated the payment of fines and appeals against them. For the record there were 22 fines imposed and six appeals received which were considered by the Associations executive Officer. Other actions included nominations for the Daily Echo Trophy in memory of Arthur Chatfield and have arranged the engraving of the medals in time for the presentation Dinner in November as well as communicating the results of the Coxswain of the Year contest and writing to all Clubs who won Hants & Dorset Championships congratulating them on their success. A major update to the Hants & Dorset ARA Web site - [www.hdara.co.uk](http://www.hdara.co.uk) – went live on the 6th April - with a new look – and some additional features. Additional/improved features included the Hants & Dorset Calendar being moved to the home page; the latest information section has been moved to the right hand side of the home page; an updated results page where full results of all Hants and Dorset Regatta back to 2000 can be viewed or downloaded; and a section where the minutes of all the Association Meetings can be downloaded – back to 2008 at present. Further enhancements are planned – including embracing “Twitter” and “facebook”. Two requests for additional Championship Medals for 2010 have been received which will be considered in line with the rules agreed and decided on at the AGM.

The 2010 Regatta season was then considered in detail by the meeting. (*See attached summary – Master only.*) The Association Secretary gave a summary, extracted from the reports from the racing officials received for each Regatta, the regatta de-brief form and any correspondence received – all of which had already been copied to the event secretaries. **In addition** to the summary presented to the meeting the following additional comments and points were raised and discussed by the meeting

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Shanklin – concerns reference buoys moving – suggestion of a counter balance/fixed line/line length adjustment system be employed.

Newport – for the timed races perhaps a land line is needed. Better marshalling system, Times in program.

Itchen – no issue with course – but position of mid-course umpire needs to be considered.

Southsea – should still have meeting between two Umpires commissions if possible. Consider seeding finals.

Swanage – buoy encroachment on course. Try and arrange a meeting with Swanage Council about this.

It was noted that very few officials reports had been received for the non-championship events which needs to be addressed by the Umpires Commission.

The Association Secretary gave a brief report on Swanage Regatta successfully organized by the Association on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, the fine weather and good conditions being a great help. The Regatta continues to be very popular with an entry of 125 crews and Scullers including late entries, just slightly down on 2009 – generating a South Coast levy of £323. There were some minor issues on the day – there are now many buoys on the course not related to the regatta which can be confusing and there was an incident involving a jet ski and one of the safety boats – but on the whole the regatta was relatively incident free. Once again the Regatta was organized on behalf of the Association by a willing and enthusiastic band of volunteers drawn from a number of Hants & Dorset Clubs and the thanks of the Association was recorded to all who helped - in particular the race officials, to John Bailey and Sue Sothcott who were Regatta Controllers, Andy Sothcott for his role as Safety Advisor and with the trailer parking, Tim Bull for doing the draw and producing the program, Denny Woodford for arranging the prizes, Pete Staddon and Dave Smith for laying the course and to Poole, Christchurch and Lymington Rowing Clubs for providing safety boats, Christchurch for scaffold tower and radios, BTC for the PA system, Poole for the tent and Ryde for the Officials meals. Thanks are also due to Neeves Rowing Services who presented the Regatta with a new Trophy – in the now retired David Neeves name – who was there to present the award – along with the Mayor of Swanage. Swanage Council have advised us that we must stage the Regatta in early July next year in 2011 with a date of 2<sup>nd</sup> July agreed.

The Association Secretaries report on the 2010 South Coast Championship Regatta held at Wimbleball and hosted by the West of England ARA had been circulated in advance with the Agenda and was therefore not read at the meeting (see attached. Appendix 1.)

The Hon. Secretaries report was accepted by the meeting with a few additional comments made from the floor. It was noted that a copy of a very good de-brief/report had been received from the Regatta Secretary Stephen Worley, including what worked well and not so well, which would be reviewed by the 2011 organising committee. One aspect that emerged from both Secretaries reports was the lack of support from WEARA for the organisers. The Association Secretary had written to Steve Worley, as Secretary of the South Coast Championships Regatta, on behalf of the Association, thanking them for hosting the event and for their hospitality which he has acknowledged with thanks. He has also written to the South Coast Council to complain about the poor attitude of CARA and WEARA regarding the Boat Inspections and outlining the procedure to be used in 2011 to ensure there is no repeat of this.

Andy Sothcott, on behalf of the H&D Delegates, then reported on the South Coast Council meetings than had taken place since the AGM and matters arising from these. This included the meeting on the Friday before this years Championship Regatta and on the correspondence and discussions relating to CARA's objections to the additional open events. It was generally agreed that while the H&DARA had an "open mind" regarding changes – and a willingness to try things – and consulted with their affiliated clubs - CARA had a "closed mind" and failed to consult. Mike Green voiced his fears about the influence of CARAA. It was noted that the South Coast Council AGM would be held at Christchurch on 15<sup>th</sup> January, in spite of an attempt to delay the meeting until February by CARA Secretary, Phil Challen – who it was also noted appeared to have a number of as yet unspecified complaints about the 2010 Regatta that had led him to declare that he would not be willing to assist at future Championships.

The meeting was then supposed to consider any suggested changes to the South Coast Championship Rules how ever none had been received as yet from the other Associations although they were expected from CARA – and the H&D proposal regarding SCC Race officials having to officiate in at least 3 regattas during that season was already tabled for the SCC AGM.

The Association Secretary reported that there had been no Coastal events at the GB National Championships as the event had being held in Strathclyde, Scotland. However the event would return to Nottingham in 2011 and our understanding was that an Open Men's Coastal Fours event and an Open Men's Coastal Single Sculls event would be held. After a brief discussion the meeting agreed that the date of the GB National Championships should not have an H&D Fixture planned for them and that the H&D Championship points would be on offer as in past years subject to level of interest and that the issue would be discussed again at the Association AGM when it was hoped that Clubs intentions would be clearer. Colin Eales – Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council urged attendance to increase the profile of Hants & Dorset and Coastal rowing.

The Regatta dates for the 2011 season were then discussed and agreed as far as possible. Prior to the discussion on dates Poole gave a presentation on a change of venue which was accepted by the meeting. The agreed dates were as follows -

Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Christchurch Head of the Stour.</b>
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April.	<b>Southampton Coastal Fours HERRING.</b>
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May.	<b>POOLE REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>MILFORD (LYMINGTON) REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>RYDE REGATTA.</b>
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>SHANKLIN REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>WOOLSTON REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>ITCHEN IMPERIAL REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July.	<b>SWANAGE REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July.	<b>SOUTHSEA REGATTA.</b>
(Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	National Championships. (Nottingham).
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July.	<b>COALPORTERS REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July.	<b>NEWPORT REGATTA</b>
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Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>BTC REGATTA.</b>
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August.	<b>CHRISTCHURCH REGATTA.</b>
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August.	Provisional date for Hants & Dorset Championship and South Coast Selection row-offs if required. Dockhead, Southampton. 11.00am.**
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September.	<b>South Coast Junior Regatta and South Coast South Coast Championships Regatta, Eton Dorney.</b>
Dates still to be advised:	<b>Southampton Eights, River &amp; Small Boats HERR.</b> <b>Itchen Junior Sprint Regatta.</b> <b>Coalporters Junior Regatta.</b> <b>Wessex Junior Regatta (Bryanston).</b> <b>Coalporters Winter Sculls HERR.</b>

\*\* If postponement of a Regatta results in an Events being staged after the Christchurch Regatta any Hants & Dorset Championship and South Coast Selection row-offs will take place on the Sunday following the last Regatta, 11.00am at Dock head, Southampton.

### NOTES.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March – University Boat Race.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Tideway HERR.

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April - Junior Inter-Regional's, Nottingham

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Henley Royal Regatta.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August,

On behalf of the organising committee of the 2011 South Coast Championship Regatta the Association Secretary had circulated in advance a report on their progress with the Agenda and was therefore this not read at the meeting (see attached. Appendix 2.). A display on their plans plus draft accommodation guide was also on display at the meeting. The report was accepted with no questions from the floor received.

The Report from the Chairman of the Umpires Commission. John Purkess, had been circulated in advance with the Agenda and was therefore this not read at the meeting (see attached. Appendix 3.) The following items were briefly discussed in more details - Itchen Regatta and the position of the Mid course Umpires; Newport Regatta - Stake boats, Timing of heats and Radio communications; Swanage Regatta and the stability, ladder access, and seating on Start/Judges platform; Westover Regatta – the end of pier Start/ Judge position and Regatta controller's isolation. All of these issues were noted by their respective Regatta organising committees and would be discussed further at the Umpires Commission meeting in January. Event Secretaries were also reminded once again that the race officials safety kits and life jackets were for the use of race officials only and not as safety equipment for the event safety boats etc.. which must provide their own.

The Report from the Safety Commission had been circulated in advance with the Agenda and was therefore this not read at the meeting (see attached. Appendix 4.) The Autumn Delegates approved Expenditure of up to £250 to replace a Life Jacket and Loud Hailer and to service five Race Officials Life Jackets.

The Report from the Wessex Regional Rowing Council by Chairman Colin Eales had been circulated in advance as had a report from the BR Divisional Rep. Mike Green and therefore neither were read at the meeting (see Appendix 5 & 6).

The meeting then considered a proposal from the Association Secretary that the Association forms two new sub-committees (see paper attached. Appendix 7). After a brief debate the meeting agreed that the Association should go ahead and form the two new sub-committees, under Rule 16 – 1) a sub—committee to consider the Rules of the Association and any additions, alterations or changes that should be made – and – 2) a Competition sub-committee to consider all aspects of the way we run our competitions including types of events, status and the Regatta Rules and Rules of Boat Racing. The Sub Committees would be made up of a delegate from each affiliated Club – with an elected Chairperson and Secretary. The terms of reference for the sub-committees would be agreed at the Associations AGM in 2011 where the sub committees would be elected.

The arrangements for the Presentation Dinner, being organised for the Association by Gareth Cook, where then confirmed as Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.00pm at the Novotel, Southampton with Tickets costing £25.50. Around 230 tickets had been sold across a good section of the Associations affiliated Clubs. Alex Sweeny from Southsea would propose the Toast to the Association. The Wessex Regional Rowing Council had asked if a presentation could be made to the Wessex Region Coach of the Year which was agreed by the meeting with the Wessex Region Secretary being asked to do the honours. The Association Secretary advised the meeting that all the Trophies had been returned except the Junior Men's Fours Trophy which was held by Westover – the Secretary would chase this up. It was noted that Gareth would be stepping down as organiser after this years dinner but that Amanda Hames of Southampton A. R. C. had agreed to take over which was agreed by the meeting with a vote of thanks passed to her and to Gareth

The meeting then considered possible rule changes for discussion and approval at AGM. At the Hants & Dorset ARA AGM of 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, held at the BTC Rowing club the position of Association Vice President was then considered by the meeting following the confusion at last year's meeting and after some discussion, the meeting agreed, that the position of "Live Vice President" should be added to the Associations Rules, subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting. Wording for the rule had been drafted and this would now go to the AGM for ratification with no further need for discussion at this meeting. An E Mail had been received from Lymington suggesting that if vet 50s is non championship could or should more than one sub from other clubs be allowed? Perhaps a subject for any new sub committee to debate.

Under Any Other Business the position of Westover and Bournemouth Rowing Club was reviewed and the promise of the support of the Association and its affiliated Clubs given. There had been a years stay of execution and the 2011 Bournemouth Regatta would be staged from its current location. South Coast Championship venues were noted as - 2012 – Bideford or Falmouth. 2013 – Deal. The meeting gave its very best wishes to James Foad competing in the GB Eight at the World Championships in New Zealand and it was noted that there was no further information with regards to the situation reference BTC and Itchen Clubhouses.

It was agreed the date for the Annual General Meeting would be on a Saturday in March, depending on the Southampton F. C. Fixture List and Rowing fixtures. The Association Secretary would make the final decision in consultation with his fellow Executive Officers.

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With no other business the meeting closed a 2.45pm with thanks to BTC Rowing Club for their hospitality.

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H&D ARA Chairman.

[Minutes taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary, November, 2009].

### ATTACHMENTS.

The attachments listed below form an integral part of these minutes.

Appendix 1. Report on the 2010 South Coast Championship Regatta.

Appendix 2. A report on the plans for the 2011 South Coast Championship Regatta.

Appendix 3. Report from the Umpires Commission.

Appendix 4. Report from the Safety Commission.

Appendix 5. Report from the Wessex Regional Rowing Council.

Appendix 6. Report from British Rowing Divisional Rep. Mike Green.

Appendix 7. Proposal for two new Sub Committees.

Appendix 1. Report on the 2010 South Coast Championship Regatta.

CIRCULATED WITH AGENDA.

**The Association Secretaries Report on the 54<sup>th</sup> South Coast Championship Regatta and the 5<sup>th</sup> South Coast Junior Regatta, on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at Wimbleball Lake, Somerset, hosted by the West of England ARA.**

It was the West of England Amateur Rowing Associations turn to host the South Coast Rowing Championships Regatta – the 54<sup>th</sup>, which included the 5<sup>th</sup> South Coast Junior Regatta and was staged at a new venue for the event – Wimbleball Lake, near Dulverton, in Somerset.

The organizers had an ambitious plan to expand on the events on offer for the Junior Regatta and for the first time to offer small boats racing in addition to the usual core fours events in the open Regatta. This led to much debate between the South Coast Council and the three Rowing Association in the run up to the Regatta with CARA initially very resistant but the Hants & Dorset ARA supporting the organizers plans, after consultation with its affiliated Clubs – although concerns were expressed about their ability to run the 73 events planned in the time available. But to be fair, and in no small part with thanks to the cooperation of the Clubs and crews involved and the good work of the race officials all the events were completed – in what must be the largest South Coast Regatta ever staged with 279 crews and Scullers entered.

The other major issue in the build up to the regatta was the concern over the level of water in the lake following a very dry summer. As a result the views of the racing were more restricted and the 2000m course was no longer straight which made life more difficult for the crews and the umpires and did cause one or two incidents they may have effected the outcome of some races.

The Junior Regatta consisted of 38 races covering 28 events with entries of 146 crews and Scullers. WEARA dominated the entries with 94 against 46 from H&D and just 6 from CARA. In view of their recent record and the criticism levelled at them it was great to see such a strong entry from WEARA – and equally it was disappointing to see such a small entry from CARA who's Clubs failed to embrace this event. The large entry from WEARA Clubs helped them dominate the results as well, winning 19 of the 28 events staged with Hants & Dorset Crews and Scullers winning the other 9 with wins for Christchurch, Coalporters, Ryde, Itchen

Imperial and Newport. Plymouth, with the largest entry in the Junior Regatta from any one club, comfortably won the The Pat Sherwin Trophy, awarded to the club scoring most points in the Open Junior Events, with Dart Totnes 2<sup>nd</sup> and Exeter 3<sup>rd</sup>. It can only be hoped that the large entry in the Junior Regatta from the WEARA Clubs – and their success – will encourage them to enter again next year – and to bring some open crews with them!

The entries for the open Regatta were dominated by Hants & Dorset Crews – their 53 entries being more than the other two Associations put together – CARA having 21 and WEARA 25 making a total of 99 entries - the Hants & Dorset providing 53%. There were 15 events in the open regatta – the 8 core fours events plus an additional 7 small boat events. These required 29 races to complete – 19 for the core events and 10 for the small boats. The results in the traditional core fours events were a triumph for the Hants & Dorset ARA as they won all but one of the eight events – with wins for Coalporters, Christchurch, BTC, Lymington, Poole/BTC composite, Westover and Itchen. The exception was the Ladies Novice Fours won by Dart Totnes. As a result The Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sesquicentennial Trophy, awarded to the club scoring most points in the Open Events was won by Coalporters, with 13 points, followed by Itchen Imperial with 11 points Christchurch with 10.

While both the Hants & Dorset ARA and CARA had a full compliment of championship crews racing it was disappointing that, once again WEARA had no representatives in the Veteran Championship event. However, after last years disappointment the Championship events proved to be another triumph for the Hants & Dorset ARA with representative crews from the Association winning 5 of the 6 championship races – and it could be argued we should have won the 6<sup>th</sup> – with some feeling that Christchurch had been “squeezed” out in the final run-in.

For a description on the Championship racing I refer, with thanks, to John Baileys press report -

*“Rowed in Olympic Class Coxed Fours, Lymington set the standard in the Ladies Junior Fours, but had to work hard in the early stages to hold off repeated challenges from Bexhill and Poole. Three-quarter of a length ahead of Bexhill at 1000 mtrs with Poole feeling the strain 1 length further back, being pressed by Exeter, Charlotte Batt, Erin Oliver, Kasia Koniec, Laura Viner (Stk) Joe Bull (Cox) kicked hard to put clear water between boats, but it wasn't until they entered the final 500mtrs that they finally broke the Bexhill spirit, going on to win by 2 ½ lengths with Exeter passing Poole to take third place.*

*BTC +40's, Brent Mould, Mike Neale, Malc Hume, Mike Weaver (Stk), Jack Weaver (Cox) were in determined mood in the Veteran Championship, building a lead from the start that left nothing to chance. 2 ½ lengths clear of nearest rivals Christchurch at the half way mark, the only thing in doubt was the margin of their victory, 6 lengths clear at 1500 mtrs they cruised home ahead of Christchurch and Eastbourne.*

*Coalporters didn't have it all their own way, but did enough in the end to gain a fourth consecutive victory in the Ladies Senior Championship. Neck and neck with Greenbank Falmouth for much of the race Sarah Inskip, Liz Cruise, Carah McMurtry, Sil Wallach (Stk) Jasmine Williams (Cox) steadily pulled away from third placed Worthing, with the lead changing as first Coalporters, then Greenbank, pushed their bows in front. At 1000 mtrs Greenbank held ½ length lead over the Coalporters with Worthing, joined by Poole and Hastings line abreast 3 lengths behind. Back on terms with Greenbank at 1200 mtrs Coalporters now looked the stronger and a final push at 600 mtrs finally broke Greenbanks resolve, Coalporters forging ahead to win by 1 ½ lengths with Worthing 5 lengths away third.*

*The Bideford Bowl Senior Fours Championship lived up to expectations as BTC struck Gold, putting successive years of second places behind them. Going for broke from the start this was no cat and mouse victory. BTC, Ben Goodridge, Matt Bailey, Wes Grominak, Simon Bailey (Stk) Sophie Maxwell (Cox), with clear water after 500 mtrs, were holding nothing back, watching Bexhill as they settled into their racing pattern, checking BTC's early charge. With boats overlapping again at 1000 mtrs and just ½ length between them with 750 to go, one wondered whether BTC had shown their hand to soon, but BTC pulled a bit back as they approach the final 500 to hold off a late flurry from Bexhill, before braking them with a late charge to cross the line with 1 ½ lengths*

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to spare, Coalporters 3 lengths down in third place had rowed a good race but were never in a position to challenge the leaders.

Tension was running high as crews lined up for the Men's Junior Fours Championship with Bexhill from the Coast ARA, Dart Totnes From the West of England ARA and Christchurch and Lymington, the Hants and Dorset Champions and Runners-up all fancying their chances, jostling with outsiders Shoreham and Dartmouth, making the Starters task difficult. Twice time they were called into line and had to be recalled as Shoreham impeded neighboring crews with erratic steering, but it was third time lucky with Dart Totnes and Bexhill, closely followed by Christchurch, taking the early lead. At 500 mtrs it was Dart Totnes from Christchurch, with Bexhill, a length down having a private battle with Lymington, At the half way marker Bexhill moved through to challenge Dart Totnes, whilst Christchurch were mounting their challenge from ¾ length down. Into the final 750 mtrs, with just 1 length covering the leading three crews. Dart Totnes, moving sweetly, 1/3 length up on Bexhill, with Christchurch, now flying pressing for second place. But it was Dart Totnes who kicked ahead to take a clear lead into the final 300 mtrs, with Christchurch moving past Bexhill to take second place, whilst Lymington finished fourth.

The Junior Senior Championship saw clear favorites, Greg Mead, Fred Levy, Zachary Williams, Andy Warren (Stk) Emily Commerford (Cox) of Coalporters dominate the race from start to finish, 2 lengths clear at 750 mtrs, 4 lengths at 1200 mtrs, easing down to cross the finishing line 1 ½ lengths clear of Exmouth with Poole, who never really got into their rhythm finishing third.

A good day's racing, with Olympic Champion Ed Coode, MBE presenting the Trophies and Medals and Regatta Chairman, Stephen Worley of Wimbles Rowing Club, much relieved that the weather held fine, to be congratulated for his tremendous effort to stage this important event in the beautiful Exmoor National Park.

The Eileen & Eric Crow Aggregate Cup awarded to the Association scoring most points in Championship Events was won by the Hants & Dorset ARA with 33 points, 2 – West of England ARA with 12 points, 3 – Coast ARA with 9 points.

I could put on the record a long list of problems with the regatta and its organization – the restricted views of the start and finish in both regatta's for spectators and the bend in the 2k course having already been mentioned. Other issues were – finding the venue – with a lack of sign posting; the limited accommodation; the limited facilities on site; boat inspection arrangements; poor facilities for race officials and the limitations on the catering and inappropriate entertainment for the after Regatta party. However these are all relatively minor complaints that can be easily resolved should the event return to this venue in the future – and there are bound to be teething problems at a new venue and with an organizing committee with limited experience of the event. There can be no doubt about the hard work and enthusiasm of the principle organizers – Stephen and Andrea Worley – who deserve our thanks for all their efforts – along with the other members of Wimbles R. C. that were involved. I may be wrong, but I do feel they lacked some support from their own Association. But, taking everything into account I do believe that this was a pretty good South Coast Championships – at a decent venue – that deserves to host the event again – and without any doubt at all the results were outstanding from a Hants & Dorset point of view.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary. September, 2010.

### South Coast Championships Regatta and South Coast Junior Regatta.

#### Entry Stats.

	Events	Races	Entries	H&D	CARA	WofEARA
Junior Regatta	28	38	146	46	6	94
Open - core events	8	19	66	37	17	12
Open - additional	7	10	33	16	4	13

	15	29	99	53	21	25
Championship	6	6	34	12	12	10
	49	73	279	111	39	129

Appendix 2. A report on the plans for the 2011 South Coast Championship Regatta.  
REPORT CIRCULATED WITH AGENDA.

**Progress report of plans and preparations for the 2011 South Coast Rowing Championships, to be hosted by the Hants & Dorset ARA, at Eton Dorney, on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.**

Plans for next years South Coast Rowing Championships to be hosted by this Association at Dorney Lake, Eton on 10<sup>th</sup> September are well in hand. The organizing committee and plans for the event are much the same as they were for 2007. Mike Green is chairing the organizing committee once again with Tim Bull as secretary, Sue Sothcott as Treasurer and Gary Joyce as event safety advisor. Pete Jacobs, Colin Fagan, Chris Foad, Jackie Wardell, Penny Glazard, Colin Eales, Alex Sweeny, Pete Staddon, Denny Woodford, Steve Bull and Amanda Hames, a recent recruit, also attend the meetings and have or will have specific roles. So every H&D affiliated Club except Newport, Shanklin, Westover and Worthing are represented on the committee – and we would welcome representatives from these clubs or indeed anyone from the Clubs already represented who would like to come along and help. Up to now the committee has met every other month – but as of October this year the committee is meeting monthly. Meetings usually take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in each month at 6.00pm at Itchen Imperial Rowing Club, in Southampton and usually last two to two and a half hours.

Although there are a number of details still to be finalized we are planning to stage the same events as we did in 2007 with a junior regatta over 1000m in river boats in the morning and just the core open and Championship events over the full 2000m course, in Coastal Boats in the afternoon. Subject to entry it is anticipated that the Junior Regatta will begin at around 10.00am and the final race – the Men's Senior Fours Championship taking place at around 6.00pm. The Friday evening reception will take place in the Dorney Clubhouse – with entry by ticket only initially – but with access opened up to the Championship crews for the draw. The prize giving for the Junior Regatta will take place soon after the last Junior event – during the break between this and the open/championship events. Prize giving for the Open and Championship events will take place on the Dorney Clubhouse balcony – or inside the Clubhouse if wet/dark – as soon as possible after the last race. The post regatta party will take place in the Dorney Clubhouse – and will be a disco with hot food available. The full eight lanes, stake boats (on the 2k course) finish tower, return/warm-up lane will be utilized for the racing. Club pitches will be available for hire as last time and there will be catering outlets and a row-show. Parking for race officials and club trailers and towing vehicles will be free of charge – but there will be a parking charge for competitors and spectators – although it will be less than the charge made at Wimbles. Individual prizes will be especially struck medals for the Open and Junior winners and the Championship medals for the Championship crews which we hope to have engraved on site prior to presentation. Winners crews and competing Clubs will receive a pennant and we hope that the traditional souvenir mug will be available to all competitors. A full range of regatta merchandise is being planned that will be available prior to the regatta.

Contact has already been established with the Windsor Tourist Board who has established a special link on their web site where accommodation, with some at favorable rates, can be booked. There is a link to this site on the Dorney web site and a provisional accommodation list with around 90 establishments listed can be downloaded from there.

The process of communicating information about the Regatta has already started with the Web site [www.dorneyfcc.co.uk](http://www.dorneyfcc.co.uk) re-established and the first of a regular E Bulletin sent out to an established E Mail circulation list that includes interested parties from all three Associations and currently includes 124 names. You can add your name to this mailing list via a link on the web site. The event was also advertised in

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Southsea, Swanage and the 2010 South Coast Championships Regatta programs. A display showing the venue and details of our plans will be on show at several events next year as we build up to the Regatta.

Financially the funding for the Regatta, which will cost around £20,000 to stage, is in place via the South Coast Levy to supplement entry fees, car parking revenue etc... However we hope to raise sufficient funds through event sponsorship, program advertising and trade stands to not need to draw on the entire SCC Levy leaving a significant sum to stage future regattas. Initial approaches to Clubs and Vice Presidents have already been made and approaches to companies and retailers will follow over the next few weeks. Anyone who knows of a company who may be interested in event sponsorship, trade stand and or program advertising please let a member of the committee know so an approach can be made. While we continue to pursue possibilities, in the present climate it seems unlikely that we will find a main sponsor for the event. At the end of the 2010 season the SCC Levy stands at £16,699 – with an estimated £3,400 to add in 2011 the fund will have over £22,000 available by the time the 2011 Championships are staged.

The committee is investigating a number of areas where we would like to improve on what we provided in 2007 including the PA system and the race timing system.

Steve Bull. 2011 Organizing Committee. October, 2011.

Appendix 3. Report from the Umpires Commission.

### UMPIRES COMMISSION

*John Purkess B.T.C. R.C. (Chairman), Mike Green C.R.C., John Bailey S.A.R.C.,*

*Alan Wigmore S. & S. R.C., Keith Warland C.A.R.C., Martin Bradbeer Itchen Imp. R.C.*

### REPORT ON THE 2010 RACING SEASON

Please note! That this report is compiled from each regatta's Racing Officials Debrief Summary Sheet, and observations highlighted on the individual Racing Officials, regatta report forms.

#### 1. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Safety boats; whilst the manning of safety boats was generally much improved in 2010, there still seems to be a lack of co-ordination between the boats themselves. At a number of events this year officials reported that whilst there were sometimes 3 boats at the regatta, on a number of occasions, racing was delayed because of lack of adequate cover. Better co-ordination is needed when boats are being refuelled, re-crewed or carrying out non-racing duties. Crews should not be afraid to use their radios to talk to each other, always remembering to keep their 'overs' brief.

- It is a cause for concern by some Racing Officials that there seems to be an increasing nuisance from spectators standing too close to their umpiring positions, either cheering loudly to encourage their own club's crews, or offering unsolicited opinions on the racing official's decisions/abilities. Regatta committees should provide sufficient fencing/barriers/cordoned off areas to allow the officials to carry out their duties unhindered by adverse comments from spectators.

- It is very important that regatta committees give serious consideration to bad weather cover for racing officials. Many regattas are over 6 hours long and should the weather be really poor, it is almost impossible for the officials to carry out their job function properly. There were a number of regattas this year where there was NO cover made available, especially for those officials 'afloat'. **Please remember that racing officials are volunteers, and need to be treated with consideration and respect.**

#### 2. THE RACING COURSE

- This year we again had delays with buoy realignment during the regattas. At several events, racing was suspended temporarily whilst buoy lines were altered to provide fair racing. A number of factors contributed to this situation such as: turning buoy weights being too light, counterweights being set wrongly to allow for tidal rise and fall, buoys being too large and therefore fouling oars or rudders during turning. Well laid/secured buoy lines are a MUST to keep regattas running to time.

#### 3. H & D SAFETY KITS

**More** regattas this year were still using the Air Horns and Loud Hailers in a non-safety capacity, such as starting and finishing races, which is why the contents are beginning to suffer misuse and damage. This is not what these kits were purchased for, and regatta committees are reminded that it is their responsibility to provide this equipment for themselves. If this practice continues we may have to consider charging the regatta for the consumables used.

#### 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Itchen Regatta, Mid course Umpires position
- Newport Regatta, Stake boats/Timing of heats/Radio communications
- Swanage Regatta, Stability/Ladder access/Seating on Start/Judges platform.
- Westover Regatta, End of pier Start/ Judge position, Regatta controller's isolation.

John Purkess,

Chairman

Hants & Dorset ARA

Umpires Commission

Appendix 4. Report from the Safety Commission.

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Report to Hants & Dorset ARA Autumn Delegates Meeting. 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Safety Commission has continued to act as agents for Water Safety for the Wessex Regional Rowing Council, with Steve Bull as Regional Water Safety Advisor attending National Safety Meetings.

National Safety Meetings. We have only been represented at one National Safety Meeting this year, due to the meetings clashing with other events. However by the time this report is received I hope to have attended a further meeting, scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> October at BR HQ at Hammersmith. Items covered/discussed at NSC meetings include ROSPA report, Boat Buoyancy, Bow Balls, the incident Reporting system, Launches, Safety Advisor Training, and specific incidents.

Incident Reports. (Submitted via British Rowing on-line incident reporting system.)

Between 30/1/10 and 30/9/2010 there had been there had been 40 incidents reported from Wessex Region/Hants & Dorset ARA Clubs. This compares with 42 for the whole of last year – so the number by the end of 2010 when the next analysis will be published by BR National Safety Committee is likely to be more. However it is my view that this is more to do with Clubs and Safety Advisors becoming more aware of the reporting system than due to any deterioration in safety at our Clubs. That said there are some Clubs that have a remarkable safety record – in that according to BR records they have still never had a safety incident of any kind! Some, but not all events submitted reports on incidents at events they staged. Hopefully a full record and analysis of all reported incidents in the region will be available for the H&D Water Safety Commission meeting early in the New Year and they will be fully discussed at that time.

Boat Inspections. The practice of the H&D Water Safety Commission inspecting a selection of boats at a number of events during the season has continued. Boat Inspections were undertaken at four events – the

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Southampton Coastal HERR plus Coalporters, Woolston and Bournemouth Regattas. A total of 49 boats were inspected with 40 faults found – some boats having more than one fault. As always 28% of faults found related to Heel restraints – and 11% related to boat ID – a requirement of the BR Water safety code endorsed by the Association. Full details of the boat inspections and faults found will be distributed to Clubs and their safety advisors and discussed at the next Water Safety Meeting.

Life Jackets. For the first an inspection of life-jackets was undertaken by the Safety Commission – at Woolston Regatta. 25 life jackets were checked for 10 possible areas of concern with a total of 27 concerns noted. The biggest issue (37%) was the lack of clips on CO2 cylinder firing mechanisms. A further 37% had no crutch straps fitted – as safety commission recommendation.

Regatta/Event Safety Audits. All events granted a permit by the Association to date submitted a safety audit and two Regattas' were re-audited by the Safety Commission – Ryde and Southsea – with no significant issues found.

Club Safety Audit. All Clubs within the region submitted their British Rowing Club safety Audit/Gap analysis on time. These are due to be re-submitted by the end of the year – with analysis available for the next Association safety meeting.

Association Safety Equipment. I am not in a position to comment on the condition of the Association Safety equipment at the end of the season as the equipment has not yet been returned to me. However I am aware that one of the Loud Hailers has suffered significant damage and will require replacing at a cost of around £80. The items reported as missing last year – two life-jackets (one from a safety bag) and a throw line have not turned up. The Life Jacket in the Safety kit and the throw-line have been replaced. The missing Umpires Life Jacket – has not yet been replaced – the nine remaining lifejackets being enough to cover the Race Officials Requirements. A replacement will cost around £100 plus five of the Life Jackets will require a full service this winter costing around £150. One of the Race Officials Sound Signal devices had to be used at one Regatta when the organizers failed to provide one and they will as agreed be charged for this.

Boat Inspections at 2010 South Coast Championships. The attitude of CARA and WEARA regarding the required Boat Inspections at this years South Coast Rowing Championships was very poor – both Associations failing to provide the boat Inspector required by South Coast Council Rules. As a result the H&D representative (Steve Bull) assisted by Colin Eales (also from H&D) carried out all the Boat Inspections undertaken with no support from CARA or the host Association – and quite frankly no interest shown! A letter of complaint and concern has been sent to the South Coast Council – which also advises on the procedure for Boat Inspection which will be undertaken at the 2011 Championship Regatta to ensure there is no repeat of this issue.

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The Autumn Delegates meeting needs to approve –

- Expenditure of up to £250 to replace a Life Jacket and Loud Hailer and to service five Race Officials Life Jackets.

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Steve Bull.  
For Hants & Dorset ARA Safety Commission.  
September, 2010.

Appendix 5. Report from the Wessex Regional Rowing Council.  
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**WESSEX REGIONAL ROWING COUNCIL**

### ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Rowing has changed its name and hopefully its image. I thought a quick explanation of the structure and where Wessex and Hants and Dorset fit would be useful.

The re-branding of the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) to British Rowing was done to modernise the sport and open up greater funding opportunities. British Rowing is the governing body, as recognised by Sport England and FISA (international and Olympic rowing) and controls all aspects of the sport. This includes the international squad, coaching, umpires, water safety, rules of racing, regatta calendar, funding, child protection etc.

The country is split into 12 geographic regions - ours, Wessex, being Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight. The Wessex Regional Rowing Council is made up from all the clubs, schools and universities which row within the region which are affiliated to British Rowing. In turn we administer the rules, coaching, water safety, child protection etc, and especially funding within the region.

The Hants and Dorset ARA, which comprises all coastal clubs in the region, is responsible for the racing calendar, rules and officials, including umpires. It is affiliated to British Rowing, and by working together with the Wessex RRC we jointly administer and control all aspects of rowing within the region.

As Chairman of Wessex RRC I attend the National Development Meetings and, along with the Divisional Representative Mike Green, attend British Rowing Council Meetings. This year we have continued supporting clubs with coaching courses, holding workshops and placing community coaches. Rachael Wooldridge, our Coaching Officer, is now permanently based in Wessex, no longer being shared with another region (WAGS) which is great for us and I am sure all clubs have noticed the benefit. She and Mike Green have together produced our Forward Plan taking us to 2015.

The current economic climate is putting pressure on many clubs and their future survival is under threat. In the coming years Wessex RRC, calling on the resources of British Rowing, will be working hard to ensure we maintain our numbers and regattas.

Our next meeting will be the AGM held at Southampton Rowing Club on Tuesday 16th November 2010 starting at 7pm. All are welcome.

I would like to thank all those who have helped this year and special thanks to Tim Bull who is standing down as Honorary Treasurer after many years of service. Thank you.

Colin W Eales. Wessex RRC Chairman

Appendix 6. Report from British Rowing Divisional Rep. Mike Green.  
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### **BRITISH ROWING REPORT BY MIKE GREEN, DIVISION 22 REP' FOR HANTS & DORSET ARA AUTUMN MEETING 2010.**

There were 2 meetings held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010, i.e. A.G.M and Council Meeting. Below are brief notes of points that might be of interest to local rowing clubs.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

1) Di Ellis, Chairman reported BR is in a healthy state, finance and rowing wise. Considerably amount of International success. Thanks to all concerned.

Several Boathouse openings (see Dover). Also Club refurbishing ongoing. Thanks to volunteers and BR Facilities Manager.

Explore Rowing underway, with many people wishing to row, not race. 2011 sees Junior World Championships at Eton/Dorney. Keith Osborne, Almanack editor presented with

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lifetime award. Medals of Honour for: Peter Morrison and Ron Paterson. Medals of Merit: Louis Hammond and Colin Bullock.

Di thanked sponsors, i.e. Siemens and others.

2) Accounts explained by Ron Paterson.

After taxation £79,817 transferred to Accumulated Surplus. Considerably down on previous year.

Biggest decline in area of Bank Interest, i.e. from £380,182 to £68,982. Also small reduction in Operating Income.

On the asset side there is some £7 million plus in cash, but much of this is grant, etc being allocated to International and ongoing National projects. The FISA Coastal boats are on the books at £169,068, being depreciated at £59,000

per year. The intention is these will be sold or used for National Projects, i.e. Explore Rowing.

The Home Countries cost of £44,000 was challenged as it was nearly as much as the National Championships costs. No answer was given at this time.

### COUNCIL MEETING.

1) MATTERS ARISING.

The appeals procedures have been reviewed and with Barrister for consultation

The recruitment of a CEO in 2011 was left to the Finance Report later. 2) FISA. Di stated interesting times.

BR bid for 2015 World Cup regatta withdrawn after requirement for £1/2 million for TV rights. BR will work with UK Sport for any future bids, i.e. 2017.

BR is hosting FISA Coaching conference in Jan 2011. There will be a Gala dinner and visit to Rowing Museum.

3) INTERNATIONAL REPORT. David Tanner.

First Women's Junior 8+ Gold medal. Crew comprised many club rowers. Also Gold medal by Women's Junior 2- in Junior Olympics. Would have liked more medals in World Junior Championships. U23's achieved 7 medals, very satisfying.

FISA World Cup. Good results all round.

Note World Championships in New Zealand in October 2010. 61 rowers to go in 19 boats (3 of these paralympic). This is an 2012 Olympic qualifying regatta.

Will be on TV late on the red button, but John Inverdale will be presenting Saturday daytime programme.

4) FINANCIAL REPORT. Ron Paterson.

There is an operating surplus for period ending 31 August 2010, £111,623., so ahead of budget because of monies already received.

National Budget inside costs targets.

International Budget has variations, which includes the current Business Rates for Caversham of over £400,000. This is being disputed legally, believe it should be £200,00. Currently having an effect on its viability.

It was identified that there is now a sponsorship sum for Gold medal bonus payments to rowers. This will have to be declared as income for tax purposes. Subscriptions for 2011 agreed. Increases in line with inflation:

Club (as well as a further £20 for Almanack)	£56 and £5.60 per head.
Platinum Member	£960.
Gold Member	£48.
Silver Member	£24.
Student Member	£29.
Junior under 18	£22.
Junior under 13 (first year free)	£13.
Regatta Affiliation	£50.

Wessex British Rowing Membership (0, 30/06/10) Female 229 and Male 528.

This secures the minimum of £500 rebate for the Wessex operations.

Chief Executive Officer. This is a very sensitive topic and provoked much discussion in light of current economic climate and Government's forthcoming Comprehensive spending review. The envisaged salary and associated costs for the successful appointed person will be of the order of £150,000.

There will be no Sport England financial support for this post, especially as they have their own cutbacks.

After much heated debate, the decision was to delay appointment until after government spending review.

This item will be on the agenda for the November Council meeting

5) NATIONAL REPORT. Rosemary Napp.

Reported on the initial success and growth of Explore Rowing.

Facilities Strategy 2009-2013, achievements and targets were listed on additional report. There did not appear to be anything recorded for Wessex region.

A paper on Competition Framework and "Olympic Style" School Sport was tabled. A government report states that around 40% of secondary schools offer rowing in England with about half, linked to Clubs. To support Clubs there are: Coaching for Teachers Award.

Junior Rowing Leaders Award.

Row Log an online way for schools to compare their performances.

The Environment Agency has published a list of annual boat licensing fees for boats using their waterways. Day licenses are quoted at £7 per each day. There is a detailed paper available on this matter.

A Sport England Self Assessment Template was tabled, which provides a comprehensive summary of achievements against National Targets for such things as GROW (APS), PESSYP, EXCEL, etc. Also includes sections on Explore Rowing, Coach Development, Facilities, Coach to Compete and Young People.

6) NATIONAL COACHING COMMITTEE. Kate O'Sullivan.

2010, Coaching Conference at Nottingham, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Wessex attendees, Jackie Wardell, Charlie Wilson & Mike Green. Good presentations on Coaching styles and Nutrition. National Coaching Awards presented.



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There is a recommendation to change Rules of Racing 2.7 to include coaches in any cheating disciplines administered.

Still ongoing consideration to the possible Licensing or Registration of coaches. There are concerns on the likely effect on club coaches, and possible legal implications for BR.

There is also a push to raise standards of coaching, i.e. further develop personal confidence and competence, reinforce good practice.

### 7) JUNIORS.

Arising from National Schools there is concern for the increasing number of time trials to qualify for finals. Young people wish to race side by side.

### 8) NATIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE.

A draft version of the 2011 regatta calendar is available, but there are still omissions (? H&D).

Primary regattas still being worked on. Accepted that a Primary Event is offered for competitors who hold no points and are new to sport.

There are proposed changes to Rules of Racing for 2011. These will be discussed further at the November meeting.

A comprehensive report with bar charts was table which details how rowing and sculling points were recorded and distributed in 2010.

### 9) BRITISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At Nottingham in 2011. Note Coastal events to be included.. Next time at Strathclyde will be in 2014.

### 10) WATER SAFETY COMMITTEE.

If you have a Wintech boat, then your heel restraints should have been changed. Minimum of 3mm dia nylon cord.

Interesting Generic Matrix of Boat types for Event Safety, Rescue and Coaching published. Worth taking into account when carrying out Risk Assessments.

REMEMBER YOUR COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES; National

Development:	Colin Eales.
National Umpires:	John Purkess.
Coaching:	Charlie Wilson.
Water Safety:	Steve Bull.
Junior:	Chris Foad.
Masters:	Peter Jacobs.

Mike Green.

30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

Appendix 7. Proposal for two new Sub Committees.  
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### Proposal for discussion – Formation of Two New Association Sub-Committees under General Rule 16.

In my view this Association often struggles to develop and implement new ideas and rule changes, with the only platform available to debate them being the two formal meetings held each year – the Autumn Delegates Meeting and the Annual General Meeting. The business that needs to be conducted at these meetings means that very are already quite long and they often have 30 plus in attendance making debate difficult and time consuming – and often with an unsatisfactory conclusion resulting in the debate continuing at the next meeting.

Some years ago an attempt was made to establish a “think tank” – the Hants & Dorset Forum – to consider new ideas and then bring them to a meeting once an idea had been fully explored. In spite of the fact that this forum was open to anyone, the dates, place and times of meetings published and summaries presented to each Association meeting some considered the forum to be unconstitutional and biased and as a result these meeting are no longer taking place.

The Associations Rules allow for the formation of sub-committees - Hants & Dorset ARA General Rules. 16. states – “The Association may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees or other bodies or to individuals from amongst its members or otherwise provided the powers so delegated are specified in each case.”. We have three of these sub-committees established, which in my opinion, are very effective, and allow debate on specific aspects of running our Association to take place and provide an effective and accepted feedback to the Associations Executive meetings. These are the – Umpires Commission, the Safety Commission and the Organising committee for the 2007 and 2011 South Coast Championship Regatta’s.

I think the Association would benefit from the formation of two more sub-committees, under Rule 16 – a sub—committee to consider the Rules of the Association and any additions, alterations or changes that should be made – and – a Competition sub-committee to consider all aspects of the way we run our competitions including types of events, status and the Regatta Rules and Rules of Boat Racing.

I would suggest that these sub-committees should be made up of a delegate from each affiliated Club – with an elected Chairperson and Secretary, approved by the Association and that the Association Executive Officers should be ex-officio members and able to attend all meetings. We would also have to have “terms of reference” for each sub-committee as we have for the Umpires Commission and the Safety Commission.

Steve Bull.

Ryde R. C.

and Association Secretary.

September, 2010