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Minutes of the Hants & Dorset ARA Autumn Council Meeting, held at the BTC Rowing Club, Southampton, Saturday, 19th October, 2013.

There were 30 delegates in attendance when the Chairman, John Purkess, opened the meeting at 10.35am.

Apologies were received from - Westover R. C & Bournemouth Regatta; Brent Hartland; Ted Shergold; Brian Gowman and Pete Jacobs. Concern was expressed regarding the non-appearance of anyone from Westover Rowing Club/Bournemouth Regatta – as the meeting believed that this had happened on a number of occasions recently. The Hon. Secretary was asked to check the records and write to the Club/Regatta expressing the Associations concerns.

The Minutes of the previous Autumn Council meeting – 9/3/13 - referred to as the Autumn Delegates meeting, were agreed to be a true record and approved on a proposal from D. Woodford, seconded by B. Sivier. The matters arising from the previous meeting – the AGM of 19/10/13 - were considered and agreed as follows –

- 1) The Accounts of the 2011 South Coast Championship Regatta had been approved at the AGM.
- 2) A set of buoys, ropes and weight for Swanage Regatta, which could be stored locally – and could also be used for the South Coast Championships Regatta at Swanage in 2014 had been purchased as agreed.
- 3) A suitable date for the Wessex Junior/Regatta at Bryanston School had been found – and the Regatta was held on the Sunday after Christchurch – 16th June.
- 4) As agreed more SCC Medals have been purchased by the Association.
- 5) Paula Williams of Coalporters had agreed to take over the organization of the Associations Presentation Dinner.

The Association Secretary then gave his report and commented on correspondence sent and received since the Annual General Meeting in March. This included all the usual correspondence relating to a busy Hants & Dorset season - Club affiliation, Club and individual registration, Points claims, affiliated events - permit applications and issues, results etc.. . correspondence with Racing Officials and Club and Regatta Safety advisors plus racing Officials British Rowing membership contribution and their availability for events. Association bulletins were sent out in July and September that included the minutes of and agenda's for relevant meetings. 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. There was various correspondences relating to this year's South Coast Rowing Championships at Deal with the South Coast Council and the Association Secretaries of CARA and the West of England ARA and the Deal Organizing committee and he entered the Championship Crews – including two additional crews, as allowed by the Rules, following WARA not filling all their places. Letters of invitation and congratulation were sent to all H&D Clubs with representative crews – only Ryde and Itchen replied thanking the Association for this honour. As required by South Coast Council Rules he also detailed the Hants & Dorset Regatta results to the South Coast Council, CARA and West of England. Minutes of all the British Rowing meetings - including the sub committees are received and relevant items and passed on. On behalf of the Association he wrote to the family of Ken Fraser and Chris Everleigh to express the Associations condolences and I pursued the South Coast Council and the organizers of the 2012 South Coast Championships Regatta at Bideford to get the missing winners pennants. The status comparison between the Hants & Dorset ARA and British Rowing has finally been corrected on the BR website. On behalf of the Association he attended the Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meetings, 2014 South Coast Championship Organizing Meetings. Hants & Dorset Sub Committee Meetings and meetings of the British Rowing National Rowing Safety Meetings when possible. Clubs have been contacted regarding Regatta fines (15 fines imposed 6 of which have been appealed/1 for non attendance at a Regatta Briefing) and coordinated the nomination process for the Daily Echo Trophy in memory of Arthur Chatfield and arranged the engraving of the medals in time for the presentation Dinner 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. The Hants & Dorset ARA Web site -

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www.hdara.co.uk – has been maintained with the “latest information” section on the web site home page in regular use – and these messages are automatically “tweeted” to anyone who follows the H&D Twitter account – and placed on the Associations Facebook page. The website is also hosting the website for the 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships- in a special section – which also has a well-publicized “quick link”.

The 2013 Regatta Season and Regatta's were reviewed – see summary attached. [Appendix 7.] – and prior to the event by event review a number of General points were made - 1) Every season a number of Clubs contact the Association Secretary because they have not received event invitations or notification of when entries close - and he has to provide them with this information, assuming it has been copied to him. There is a growing trend for Event Secretaries to either hand out invitations at an earlier event - or just to send them by E Mail. In both cases they sometimes fail to reach the right person. Event Secretaries should take a "belt and braces" approach - and back-up an E Mail invitation with a hard copy in the post. 2) Another area of concern is the number of Clubs who are not paying their entry fees until the day of the event - or even after the event on occasions - and the Association Secretary has received several justifiable complaints about this from event Secretaries - as it adds a further complication to an already difficult task and at a time when they have many other things to do. Clubs need to ensure that entry fees are posted to the event secretary in time to arrive well before the day of the event, especially when the entry has been sent by E Mail. If Clubs continue to ignore this then an additional charge for late fees will need to be considered. It was agreed that the Event Secretaries should advise the Association of the Clubs involved who should be “named and shamed” – and that if not paid until the day this should always be by cheque – and electronic payment should be encouraged. 3) A number of H&D Championship Regatta's failed to return completed briefing attendance sheets and a formal set of results - making allocation of failure to attend briefing fines impossible to assess and checking of point's claims and Associations records more difficult and time consuming. Abuse of Race Officials was another area of concern – and the situation of Worthing at Southsea with regards to point's claims was discussed – although it was believed that proposed rule changes may resolve this issue. In addition to the summaries from the Race Officials reports the following additional comments were made – which are to be read in conjunction with the summaries: Shanklin – a return to the old system of laying the buoys may assist alignment problems; Lymington – start with a horn – so able to hear – although it was pointed out that the overriding signal is the dropping of the flag; Christchurch – unreasonable pressure put on Judges from Clubs regarding perceived unfairness of the course, more stewards needed afloat in boats that are not static/moored, closure of public slipway desirable, majority view from officials appeared to be that course issues were down to poor steering and unusual conditions, liability issues regarding Shanklin incident discussed. Coalporters – improved position of turning buoys commented on; Newport – there was much debate about the format of the Junior Regatta; Swanage – consider a boat marshal behind the start line; Southsea – briefing to be bought forward and time reduced, concerns regarding commentary and shared pa system; Poole – line of buoys to keep crews on course and create a “safety zone”; BTC – Junior crews to go to the start – at the turn – en-bloc.

The meeting then considered the Association Secretaries report on Swanage Regatta [See attached – Appendix 1.] and the organization of the 2014 event. The report had thanked the many individuals and clubs that supported the event – and the meeting added and thanked the Association Secretary for his coordinating role. Although the final accounts were not yet available – the event was expected to have made a profit in excess of £1,000. It was agreed that additional medals should be purchased in support of additional/last minute events – and that a Veteran Ladies event would be formally offered next year. It was also noted that the Swanage Sea Racing (Gig Club) had once again expressed an interest in being involved. With regards to the organisation of the 2014 Regatta – with most involved expressing a willingness to continue – it was agreed that the format and organisation should stay the same.

The meeting then discussed the 2013 South Coast Championship Regatta at Deal, where the Association Secretaries report on the event had been circulated in advance of the meeting. [See Appendix 2.] There was unanimous agreement with the sentiments expressed in the report regarding the failure of the South Coast Council and the Organising committee to apply SCC Rule 20 and attempt to stage the remaining two Championship events on the Sunday morning – although the meeting acknowledged that

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our own Council delegates had done everything thing they could to try and make this happen – or to arrange an alternative date and venue. But there appeared to be no enthusiasm to resolve the issue from the CARA and WEARA delegates or the event organisers – and so for the first time in its history two Championship events have not taken place. A very sorry and avoidable situation summed up by Gary Joyce of Itchen who expressed his disgust at the situation and by H&D Council delegate Denny Woodford who felt the delegates had let the Association down. It is also clear that these events need a team approach to be run successfully.

Denny Woodford, representing the Hants & Dorset Council delegates then went on to report on the meetings on the South Coast Council Meetings. He recorded that at the March Meeting everything appeared in order for the 2013 event. At the meeting on the day prior to the Championship Regatta it became clear that Jeremy Holmes was something of a one-man-band and was not well supported by his Association. However the forecast for Deal appeared to be OK and it was agreed to stand down the alternative course and that no Saturday morning meeting was required. At the Wash-up meeting after racing was abandoned – various complaints were made - no radio at start and that South Coast Council was not involved in abandonment decision. An attempt was made to discuss alternative plans – but statement was that racing was finished - Chairman did not pull the meeting together. Meeting ended but no one happy. H&D tried to arrange to stage the final championships races but CARA, WEARA & Council – would not agree. There was no real contingency to complete the regatta and a big communication problem during the day - and Rule 20 should have been applied. The meeting agreed that the Association Secretary should write to the South Coast Council expressing the Associations concerns and that we feel that they let the crews down.

Suggested changes to the South Coast Championship Rules were considered – there was a clear need for Council to review the safety rules – ref. the appointment of safety adviser and his/her responsibilities and the qualification and experience of safety boat crews in light of the incident reports received from the Lymington/Westover Novice crew and others. Council also needs to debate why Rule 20 was not enforced – and if this rule requires strengthening in light of our experiences at Deal.

Note: Relevant South Coast Council Rules.

Rules 20. In the event of the need to use the alternative course, then it shall be used on the same day as announced for the Championship Regatta. In the event of neither course being rowable on the Saturday, the meeting referred to in Rule.19. shall only then discuss rowing as many of the events as possible on the Sunday. On Sunday the Council shall meet prior to the alternative Championship Regatta at 7.00 a.m., or such as is convenient.

Rule 18. The Council members of each Association shall appoint a representative of each Association to inspect all boats together with the Championship Water Safety Adviser as soon as practicable, at the discretion of the organising committee but before going afloat, on the morning of the championship and Open Regattas; and in the event of finding a boat unfit or unsuitable shall have the power to prevent a boat going afloat until suitable repairs have been made and the boat has been re-inspected and found to be satisfactory.

The Coastal Events at the National Rowing Championships were debated briefly by the meeting where it was noted that there were no Coastal events offered at this year's Senior National Championships at Nottingham in October – and no further correspondence on this has been received from the Nat. Championships Committee. As a result the meeting concluded that there was no longer any interest on behalf of BR in offering Coastal events.

The dates of the Hants & Dorset ARA events in 2014 were then discussed by the meeting including an Issue raised by T. Bull of Lymington regarding the issue of the timing of regattas throughout the season and pointing out that the last two seasons have been front end loaded with last year nine regattas in the first two months, one regatta in July and two in August. He was seeking a way that the regattas can be spread more evenly to prevent what feels like a season that dies out at the end of June before the summer gets started. Also the demographic of our rowers means that the majority of them are involved

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in exams right at the time we schedule the majority of the regattas. This meeting briefly debated this and some other points before voting on and agreeing a recommendation put forward by the Association Secretary, following preparatory work to partly resolve the issues and allocate suitable dates. The fixture list was therefore agreed as follows -

Sat	18th	January.	H&D Race Officials. BTC.
Sat	25th	January.	South Coast Council AGM. Christchurch.
Sat	1st	February	H&D Safety, Westover.
Sun	2nd	March	Head of the Stour.
Sat	22nd	March	Hants & Dorset ARA AGM, BTC.
Sat	19th	April	Southampton Coastal HERR.
Sat	17th	May	RYDE REGATTA.
Sun	18th	May	SHANKLIN REGATTA.
Sat	31st	May	LYMINGTON/MILFORD-ON-SEA REGATTA.
Sat	7th	June	COALPORTERS REGATTA.
Sat	14th	June	WOOLSTON REGATTA.
Sat	21st	June	CHRISTCHURCH REGATTA. [Fours only].
Sat	28th	June	SWANAGE REGATTA. {subject to approval from Swanage Council}
Sat	5th	July	ITCHEN REGATTA.
Sat	12th	July	NEWPORT REGATTA. [Fours only].
Sun	13th	July	Newport Junior Regatta.
Sat	19th	July	SOUTHSEA REGATTA.
Sat	26th	July	BOURNEMOUTH REGATTA.
Sat	2nd	August	POOLE REGATTA.
Sat	9th	August	BTC REGATTA.
Sat	13th	September	South Coast Championships Regatta. Swanage. Championship & Open Events [Fours only].
Sun	14th	September	South Coast Junior Regatta. Swanage. Junior & Small Boats.
Still to be advised			Soton River, Itchen Junior, Wessex Junior/Bryanston.

A progress report on the plans for the 2014 South Coast Championship Regatta which had been previously circulated was reviewed by the meeting (See appendix 3 attached). The meeting expressed its satisfaction at the way the plans were developing but was made aware that there was still much to do – and that it was important to try and avoid the errors made at the 2013 Regatta – and that it was going to be a significant challenge to get the WEARA Clubs to attend.

A Report from Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committee, which again had been previously circulated (see Appendix 4 attached), was then reviewed by the meeting. Jeff Watling and Steve Bull both expressed their concerns at the poor attendance at meetings, which had, in part led to the local consultation meetings which had proved to be far more successful. The plan was for the Rules recommendations & Competition Sub Committees to come to a conclusion by the end of December, 2013 with a view to circulating and submitting recommendations in time for consideration at the AGM in March, 2014. After which the sub-committees might re-form and consider new areas – coaching, rigging, coxing, rough water launch & recovery – among others which Jeff was keen to get involved with.

Possible rule changes for discussion and approval at AGM were then considered the only item being notified in advance of the meeting being a request from Poole A.R.C. to consider a Veterans Ladies Championship, which was supported, with petition from Southampton A. R. C. A lengthy discussion followed – with no real objection to the proposal but concerns regarding the ability of Regattas to include another Championship event, the need to amend the Men’s Veteran Rules – and that the best way forward might be to have a trial in the 2014 season. It was noted that inclusion of another Championship event may mean that a current championship event would need to be dropped although from a Regatta point of view substitution with a better supported event would have a positive effect on regatta income.

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It was agreed to refer the issue to the competitions subcommittee – and ask them to come up with a set of proposals – and that trial events should take place, where possible, in 2014.

The continued publication of the South Coast Rowing/Hants & Dorset ARA Handbook was considered. The Association Secretary advised that Jimmy Jewell was happy to act as editor once again and the plan is to produce the booklet, in the same format as last year – but as this is a H&D hosted South Coast Championships year we would probably have a few more books printed so that they can be distributed to all CARA and WEARA Clubs as well – as part of the provision of information for the Championships. However there was a general view that there were more handbooks distributed to clubs than was necessary and so it was agreed that this should be reduced to three per club - unless more were requested – and this should leave enough over to provide a copy to each WEARA and CARA Club.

Andy Parsons, the Chairman of the Umpires Commission presented his report – which was not received in advance of the meeting but is attached as Appendix 5. There were no additional comments from the meeting other than to state that the provisional date for H&D Race Officials Meeting would be Saturday, 18th January at the BTC Clubhouse.

The Report from the Safety Sub Committee had been circulated in advance of the meeting – see Appendix 6 attached. The report was accepted by the meeting with no additional comments other than to state that the provisional date for H&D Race Safety Meeting would be Saturday, 1st February at Westover.

Colin Eales, the Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council presented a report on the activities of the Council. This covered his attendance at British Rowing Council Meetings; the Sunningdale Seminar; Wessex Meetings and work of the competitions committee. He advised the meeting that BR were considering dropping the points system and were considering local leagues, Mike Green's acceptance of the Wessex Coaching role and that funding – in the regions was dropping post Olympics. He reminded the meeting that the Wessex AGM and quarterly meeting was scheduled for Sunday, 17th November, at Southsea, at 10.30am – in order to accommodate the expanded Wessex Region – and make it easier for representatives of CARA Clubs to attend.

The meeting was briefed on the arrangements for Presentation Dinner on 9th November, 2013 at the Novotel, Southampton, where Paula Williams, of Coalporters has stepped up to organise the Event, following the resignation of Amanda Hames – and the Exec. Officers expressed their gratitude to Paula for stepping in at relatively short notice, which was endorsed by the meeting. The Dinner takes place at the Novotel, Southampton, on Saturday, 9th September – and in the main will follow the usual format. All affiliated Clubs have been sent posters, information and booking forms – along with all Association Life Vice Presidents. This has been handed to clubs, repeated in a mail shot, sent again by E Mail – and can be downloaded from the Web site – so there should be no excuse for anyone being unaware of the event. Tickets at £26 – the same as last year.

The following any other business was discussed –

- 1) Newport Regatta – was there a need for a mid-course umpire – to be referred to the Umpires Commission.
- 2) Status of J16 Crews and current recommendation that none be above Novice – refer to Rules Sub Committee.
- 3) There was probably going to be a new Club in the region – at St. Vincent College, 6th Form College, Gosport. They were in need of equipment – Southsea's view was that to row in Portsmouth Harbour – it would need to be Coastal – but not sure BR shared this view. Any Clubs who could donate equipment would be welcome.
- 4) Plans for regions Coaching Courses – Level 2 etc... in some confusion.
- 5) The increase of Gig Clubs a concern.
- 6) It was agreed that the SCC Championship Trophies were to be displayed and the winning crews acknowledged at the H&D Presentation Dinner.

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The provisional date and place of the Annual General Meeting was agreed as **Saturday, 22nd March** at BTC Rowing Club.

Other dates to note are –

South Coast Council Meeting/AGM is Saturday, 25th January. At Christchurch?

Provisional date for H&D Race Officials Meeting – Saturday, 18th January, BTC?

Provisional date for H&D Safety Meeting – Saturday, 1st February. Westover?

[The Minutes were taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary, November, 2013. The attached appendices form an integral part of these minutes].

Chairman, Hants & Dorset ARA.

Date: _____

List of appendices attached –

Appendix 1. Report on Swanage Regatta. 29th June, 2013.

Appendix 2. Report on the 2013 South Coast Championship Regatta.

Appendix 3. Progress Report on the 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships.

Appendix 4. Hants and Dorset ARA. Rules and Competitions Subcommittees.

Appendix 5. Umpires Commission.

Appendix 6. Report from Hants & Dorset Safety Sub-Committee.

Appendix 7. Summary of H&D Officials Report/Incident/Stats as 2013.

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[Appendix 1] Report on Swanage Regatta. 29th June, 2013.

Once again, on behalf of the Association can I thank everyone who played in what I believe was another very successful Swanage H&D ARA Championship Regatta, held on Saturday, 29th June, 2013.

As most of you will appreciate, with no Hants & Dorset ARA affiliated Club based in Swanage, the Swanage Hants & Dorset Championship Regatta is organised by the Association and relies heavily on volunteers from some of the Associations affiliated Clubs to organise and stage the event and who absorb the expenses incurred. Therefore the Association would like to acknowledge and thank the following Clubs for their support: Poole - for their safety boat and control tent; Christchurch for a safety boat, start platform, radios and start/finish posts; Lymington for their safety boat and Ryde for the Officials meals - as well as all the individuals who help - notably the race Officials and Sue Sothcott on control, Andy Sothcott as Safety Advisor and for trailer parking, Tim Bull for the program, Pete Staddon and David Smith for laying the buoys and Denny Woodford for the prizes - as well as Itchen Imperial Rowing Club who make a financial contribution. Without their help and support Swanage Rowing Regatta would not take place. My apologies to anyone I have left out.

Its popularity remains as high as ever - with 162 entries after late entries received which I believe is probably a record. This required a 40 race program – requiring six and a half hours to complete – which I think is probably another record. Impressively we started on time and finished just 10 minutes late - a real achievement - for which we must thank the Race Officials, Competing Clubs and crews and scullers - who all played their part - and to Simon and Jeff who "drove" them all afloat. This record entry led to a South Coast Levy – of £522 – which may also be a record for one event.

I am not sure where the Ladies Vet race came from - it was certainly not on the Club invite - and that and the Cadet event changing into 3 cadet events caused a bit of confusion at the prize giving but we got through it - and the Mayor of Swanage seemed very happy with everything which Just as well as we are visiting twice next year!

There were no serious safety incidents that required a BR incident report – although one was submitted recording the presence of a loan swimmer who seemed to be reluctant to leave the course – in spite of the danger he was putting himself in. The H&D Safety Committee - or at least one of them (me) carried out a boat inspection at the Regatta - again with no major issues - but as usual most faults found related to hell restraints. There were some issues with the PA system. The dedicated First Aider was only called on to provide a few plasters and clean up a few cuts and grazes - but I felt much more comfortable knowing he was there. There was a complaint regarding speeding of the road - but as this was before anyone from the regatta arrived I think we can say this was not us this time!

As always the Association welcomes any constructive criticism or suggestions for improvement.

If any of you have any outstanding expenses/invoices please let me or Keith Warland know and we will settle these – but I know most of the individuals/clubs involved – absorb or donate their costs relating to the regatta for which I offer the further thanks of the Association.

It is to be hoped that we can rely on the same team again next year – although additional volunteers are more than welcome – especially as we prepare to host the South Coast Championship Regatta at the same venue.

With the thanks of the Association once again.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary. On behalf of the Swanage Regatta Team. Sept. 2013.

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[Appendix 2.] Report on the 2013 South Coast Championship Regatta.

The Association Secretaries report to the Hants & Dorset ARA Autumn Council Meeting on the 57th South Coast Rowing Championships, incorporating the 8th Junior Rowing Regatta, hosted by the Coast Amateur Rowing Association, at Deal, Kent on Saturday, 14th September, 2013.

It was the Coast Amateur Rowing Associations turn to host the 57th South Coast Rowing Championships, which incorporated the 8th South Coast Junior Regatta. Deal, in Kent was the chosen venue with the local Club – the Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown Rowing Club organising the event on CARA's behalf.

While I am sure many others were involved, like so many times in the past, it did feel like the bulk of the organisation and administration fell on one persons shoulders – Deal Rowing Clubs Jeremy Holmes – and no one can doubt his enthusiasm, dedication and hard work in organising this event. Equally the hospitality shown by the members of Deal Rowing Club and the Town itself was, as far as I am aware, beyond question.

However the information provided before the event only met the bare minimum laid down by South Coast Council Rules and the lack of even a very basic web site handicapped the flow of information to the competing clubs and their supporters, with, for example the full program only available the night before the regatta took place. Accommodation was also an issue with many having to stay in the surrounding Towns and villages.

A well supported reception – including the draw for the Championship races took place at the Deal Clubhouse on the Friday before the regatta – although it was unfortunate that the Championship crews were not invited – presumably due to lack of space.

The entry for the regatta was 136, all in coastal coxed fours – except the four Junior events – which were in Coastal coxed quads. There were 22 crew entered for the Junior Regatta – with 12 coming from CARA and 10 from the Hants & Dorset ARA – but none from WEARA – which in spite of the Coastal boats in use and coastal conditions was a surprise as this is where the WEARA clubs strength lies. It was less surprising, but very disappointing, that there were no WEARA Clubs entered in the open events – where the Hants & Dorset ARA had the most entries – with 43 against CARA Clubs with 37. Equally disappointing was WEARA lack of support for the Championship events – where they only had 6 crews representing their Association – resulting in the rule that allows the other two Associations to enter an additional crew in this situation being invoked. As a result CARA and the Hants & Dorset had 14 crews each representing their respective Associations.

At the reception on the Friday evening before the Regatta and at the Captains briefing at 7.30am on the morning of the Regatta all the indications were that the conditions, while deteriorating during the day would remain acceptable – with the course rowable but getting afloat and ashore a little more difficult and needing the support of club members – not an unusual situation for a CARA Regatta. It is my understanding that the option to switch to the alternative course at Folkestone was never given serious consideration – which in hindsight might have been a mistake. But to be fair to Council and the organising committee at the start of the Regatta the conditions were perfectly acceptable – and there were no real issues during the Junior Regatta were all the racing was completed successfully. It was as the open events got underway that concerns began to rise although for the first eight or nine events, which were open event heats and Open Veteran 40 final plus the Veteran and Men's Junior Fours Championship races there were no major issues – although, as anticipated getting afloat and coming ashore was beginning to be a challenge with a number of crews being swamped.

With his agreement I will defer to John Baileys press report for details of the Championship racing – *“With the South Coast Junior Regatta successfully completed in the morning with only a slight sea running, little wind, and the forecast promising further improvement during the afternoon none could have expected the rough seas and pounding surf that led to South Coast Championship Regatta and Open Event to be abandoned later in the day, but clearly this was the right decision, as boats started sinking and were thrown on the beach as crews struggled to get afloat and come ashore. Fortunately there were no serious injuries, but many will be nursing bruises for a few days as Clubs come to terms with the cost of*

damage to equipment which, in some cases, will run into several thousand pounds. The decision to abandon the regatta on the day was, without doubt, the correct one, but the decision not to attempt to complete the Championship Events on the Sunday Morning, or consider alternative arrangements, will be debated long and hard at the next South Coast Championship Regatta Council Meeting, but none of that phased Southampton's Itchen Imperial RC who snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in the Senior Championship race for the coveted Bideford Bowl. With condition now bordering on becoming dangerous it was decided that the Men's Senior Coxed Fours Championship would go ahead and, for a long time, it looked as though Deal had it in the bag. Coming off the start they moved quickly ahead of Itchen Imperial with BTC, Bexhill and Christchurch contesting third place. BTC having difficulty coming to terms with the now awful conditions on the outside of the course were still in with a shout but Bideford Blues on the inside were more interested in just staying afloat. As they came through the Pier Deal had 3 lengths over Itchen Imperial and had move inshore to cover their progress and, with Bexhill also moving across to come along side of Itchen to take second place it looked as though Deal had a clear run for the line. Itchen Imperial mounted another charge, but with these three now bunching on the inside of the course there seemed little room for Itchen Imperial to manoeuvre, then Deal came to a shuddering stop as they crash into a wall of water, pushing their boat off course and Itchen Imperial were along side, another effort and Paul Joyce (Bow), Luke Williams (2), Mark Wardell (3) Tom Foad (Stk) Robyn McGregor – Ritchie (Cox) and they were clear leaders as Bexhill passed the foundering Deal crew with 200 metres to go, extending their lead with every stroke, Itchen Imperial crossed the line 4 lengths clear of Bexhill with Deal limping in third. Winning The Bideford Bowl for the first time after 57 years of trying is a tremendous achievement for Itchen Imperial RC and especially pleasing for Club Captain Chris Foad, who had rowed for the Bowl without success, to see his youngest son Tom stroke the boat home to share the limelight with his older brother, Olympic Medal winner James. In the events that were completed racing was as keen as ever and earlier the Veteran Coxed Fours Championship saw Coalporters, Poole and Folkestone well matched from the start, with Poole looking very determined as they pulled a length clear, then Folkestone took their turn at the front as the lead swung between them. But it was the Coalporters with Russell Quinton (Bow), Andy Williams (2), Ian Williams (3), Rob Williams (Stk) Sam Williams (Cox) who came through the Pier arches in the lead with their supporters hanging over the pier rails cheering them on, lifting their rate Coalporters surged ahead, with Poole now a spent force on the inside of the course and Folkestone on the outside giving up the chase with 200 metres to go, leaving the Coalporters to cross the line 4 length clear punching the air in victory salute. The Men's Junior Coxed Fours Championship was much less frenetic affair with Ryde in control from the start with Herne Bay, Bexhill and Lymington jostling for the places. At the Pier Ryde, with Stephen Johnson (Bow), Adam Edwards (2), Ollie Gove (3) James Cleary (Stk) Sam Brading (Cox), were sitting tall with a 2 ½ lengths lead, watching Herne Bay and Bexhill still contesting for second place with Lymington hanging on. Ryde extended their lead to nearly 4 length taking Herne Bay with them and Lymington now passing a fading Bexhill moved into third place and that's how they crossed the line with the jubilant Ryde completing a brilliant season as South Coast Champions. The Ladies Senior Coxed Fours Championship followed the same pattern, this time with Shoreham setting the standard in the worsening conditions. Quickly off the start, followed by Bexhill and Christchurch there was little to choose between them and Itchen Imperial, slower to get into their stride in fourth place. As they came through the Pier Shoreham's Sally Hills (Bow), Gemma Stoner (2), Sarah Povey (3), Sarah Bareham (Stk), Becky Povey (Cox) held a length lead over Bexhill and Christchurch. As the pressure mounted Christchurch moved ahead of Bexhill taking the improving Itchen Imperial with them but Shoreham were in the driving seat, looking back, maintaining their balance as the boat got tossed about, knowing that the twist of a wave could end it all. Itchen moved into second place in an epic battle with Christchurch but couldn't close on Shoreham who crossed the line 1 ½ lengths ahead and Christchurch who had just ½ length over Itchen Imperial. But it was disappointment for contestants in the Ladies Junior Fours Championship and the Men's Junior Senior Championship who never got to race and of the Open Event, only the Men's Open Veteran Coxed Fours, which was won by Herne Bay with Bexhill in second place and the Ladies Open Junior Four won by Coalporters with Dover and Shoreham filling the other places."

It was honours even in the Junior Regatta – where the four events were staged over a 1000m course with heats required in the Girls J16 Coxed Quad event but the other three events having straight finals. Entries were probably being restricted, especially from the Hants & Dorset ARA by the lack of Coastal fours that

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can be rigged as a quad – an issue that needs addressing if we are to increase the entries in these at Coastal venues and eventually move towards Championships status. For the Hants & Dorset ARA Ryde won the Boys J14 Coxed Quad event with Christchurch winning the Girls J16 race. The CARA Club Hearne Bay won the other two events – the Boys J16 and Girls J14 Coxed Quad securing the aggregate trophy in the process.

The open events, raced over the full 2000m were dramatically and fatally affected by the deteriorating conditions. The heats in the Ladies Novice and junior open coxed fours and the Men's Novice and Junior open coxed fours were completed but the only finals completed was the Veteran 40 event with Herne Bay winning over Bexhill, with the only other crew in the race from Lymington sinking – and the Ladies open Junior Fours where Coalporters triumphed.

From around event 12 there were growing concerns about the conditions – not just getting afloat and back ashore – where a number of crews were having difficulties but eventually afloat as well with crews beginning to fill-up on the way to the start, in the marshalling area and during the racing. I am aware that some racing officials – in particular the judges – started to question the continuation of racing at around this point and I was first asked for my view as event 14 got under way. By that time the crews involved in event 15 – the Men's Senior Fours Championship and event 16 were already afloat and at the start so a decision was taken to allow these two events to take place but that no other crews should go afloat until after a review had taken place on the completion of event 16. I represented the Hants & Dorset ARA at this meeting – which also involved the race director and controller, the other boat inspector – Phil McCorry – who may or may not have been the Regatta Safety Adviser plus the South Coast Council Chairman and Secretary and another CARA representative. There were no race officials or Council representatives from the Hants & Dorset or WEARA present. The weather forecast for the rest of the day was reviewed – and I was probably the first to state that I did not think that racing could continue, a view I am entirely comfortable with, and a view a majority eventually agreed with - and racing was abandoned for the day. As far as I was concerned any plans for the completion of the Championship races were a matter for Council and I left the meeting at this time – although concerns were expressed that the forecast for the next day were no better. There was a planned council meeting later that day – but no plan to complete the two Championship races emerged from this – and so for the first time in its history the South Coast Championships lost two Championship races – a very unsatisfactory situation. The prize giving was held at Deal Rowing Club – with prizes for all the events staged given at the one event – which was a good idea – except that there was not enough room and many were left outside – the situation not being helped by an unexplained decision to bring the event forward by an hour – which was not well publicised.

Prior to the start to the start of the regatta my major area of concern was the continuing lack of support from WEARA – with no entries in the Junior or open events – and barely half their representation in the Championship races. While I accept that a coastal regatta, the distance they have to travel and the unfamiliar boats are major issues for WEARA Clubs – the real issue appears to be their attitude towards the Championships where they just don't seem to share the enthusiasm or attach the importance to the events that the CARA and Hants & Dorset Clubs do - and if the event is to continue this has to be addressed by WEARA and the South Coast Council. Unfortunately the abandonment of this year's regatta, with two championship events outstanding has played into the hands of those unsupportive WEARA Clubs who will sight the difficulties experienced this year as a good reason for not entering. To overcome these views is the major issue facing the South Coast Council which the Hants & Dorset ARA and their delegates to Council must try and help resolve by taking a positive approach and pursuing radical solutions.

From a Hants & Dorset point of view – in spite of the restricted number of races held – our Association's representative crews that got the opportunity to race performed really well -- securing three of the four Championships, including the Bideford Bowl and the aggregate trophy, to confirm the Hants & Dorset ARA's dominance over the other two Associations.

Foot Notes.

1) Attempt by Hants & Dorset ARA to get final Championship races completed. As an Association we accept that the abandonment of the Regatta on the Saturday prior to these races taking place was almost certainly the correct one on safety grounds – but we are very disappointed that neither the organising committee or the South Coast council could find a way to complete these races – either by bringing them forward in the program on the day – which to be fair may not have been possible – or by having some plan in place to attempt to complete the two outstanding Championship races the next day at Deal – or at an alternative venue. Again this may not have been practical – especially as there was no provision made for any abandoned races to be held on the Sunday – but South Coast Council Rule 20 clearly indicates that Council should at least consider this and make every effort to complete the Championship events - but we do not believe that this was given any serious consideration. Therefore the Hants & Dorset ARA South Coast Council Delegates made strenuous efforts to try and make sure the remaining two South Coast championship events could be staged – and made an offer to the South Coast Council to stage the two events at Dock Head or Western Shore, in Southampton, on 5th October – with the Hants & Dorset ARA making all the necessary arrangements to stage the races and host the Championship Crews. Of course there may have been all sorts of difficulties relating to availability of crews and travel – but we had hoped that these could have been overcome. However, in spite of the best efforts of our delegates the other members of the South Coast Council – the delegates from CARA and WEARA were reluctant to support this and have refused to sanction the races.

2) Regatta safety Advisor (s). As far as I was concerned I was nominated by my Association, under Council Rule 18, to be a representative of my Association to inspect all boats prior to the Regatta starting – and this was my only responsibility. It therefore came as something of a surprise to me, on purchasing a programme at the Friday evening reception to discover that, along with Phil McCorry of Bexhill I was listed as Regatta Water safety Adviser. I was never asked to perform this role – and had I been I would have refused – as clearly the Regatta water Safety Adviser should be local, with local knowledge – and should be a member of the organising committee. Other than information regarding the boat inspection procedure I received no other information about the safety plans for the regatta – a safety audit, risk assessment, emergency plan etc... Had I been asked my opinion on these matters – I would, at the very least have expressed my concerns regarding the race Officials being taken afloat from the beach – after my personal experience at Falmouth at a previous South Coast Championship Regatta. I have no idea if Phil McCorry was formally appointed as the Regatta safety adviser or accepted the position or had any more knowledge of the procedures and plans than me. I got the impression that he was as surprised to be named Regatta safety adviser as I was – although this does explain why I was asked to attend the meeting to consider abandonment of the Regatta – a role I was not comfortable with – with my lack of local knowledge – but in the absence of any other Association representative I did offer my opinion. However this begs the question – who was the Regatta Safety Adviser and did they serve on the Regatta Committee. The rules certainly need tightening in this area.

Steve Bull,
Association Secretary.
September, 2013.

South Coast Championship Regatta, Deal, 2013.
South Coast Rowing Championships. 2013
Deal. 14th September, 2014.

Entry analysis.	CARA	WEARA	HDARA		
Junior	12	0	10	22	16%
Open	37	0	43	80	59%
Championship	14	6	14	34	25%
	63	6	67	136	
	46%	5%	49%		

RESULTS.

Championship Events.

Men's Senior Fours.

1st. Itchen Imperial. 2nd. Bexhill 3rd. Deal

Men's Junior Senior Coxed Fours. Event cancelled.

Men's Junior Coxed Fours.

1st. Ryde. 2nd. Herne Bay. 3rd. Lymington.

Ladies Senior Coxed Fours.

1st. Shoreham. 2nd. Christchurch. 3rd. Itchen.

Ladies Junior Coxed Fours.

Event cancelled.

Veteran Coxed Fours.

1st. Coalporters. 2nd. Folkestone. 3rd. Poole.

Open Events.

Men's Open Senior Fours.

Event cancelled.

Men's Open Junior Senior Fours.

Event cancelled

Men's Open Junior Fours.

Event cancelled.

Men's Open Novice Fours.

Event cancelled. (Heats completed).

Ladies Open senior Fours.

Event cancelled.

Ladies Open Junior Fours.

1st Coalporters

2nd Dover.

3rd. Shoreham

Ladies Open Novice Fours.

Event cancelled. (Heats completed).

Open Veteran Fours. 40+.

1st. Herne Bay.

2nd. Bexhill

(Lymington sunk).

Open Veteran Fours. 50+.

Event cancelled.

Junior Regatta.

Boys J16 Coxed Quad.

1st. Herne Bay.

2nd. Shanklin.

3rd. Bexhill.

Girls J16 Coxed Quad.

1st. Christchurch.

2nd. Itchen.

3rd. Worthing.

Boys J14 Coxed Quad.

1st. Ryde.

2nd. Deal.

3rd. Folkestone.

Girls J14 Coxed Quad.

1st. Herne Bay.

2nd. Deal.

3rd. Bexhill.

[Appendix 3]. **Progress Report on the 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships, to be hosted by the Hants & Dorset ARA at Swanage over the weekend of 13/14th September, 2014.**

The preparations for the 2014 South Coast Championships are well under way. The venue for the Championships will be Swanage Bay with the alternative course being in Poole Harbour at Brands Bay. This was the alternative course proposed for the 2003 South Coast Championships.

The regatta will be over two days with the second day providing races for Juniors and open small boats events (see attached proposal of races for the Sunday).

The committee still have many things to finalise but the regatta preparations are starting to come together.

Venues for the reception and after regatta presentation / party are being sort and should be booked soon. Two local bands have already offered to play at the after regatta party.

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A shortlist of manufactures for the merchandise has already been drawn up. Types of shirts, hoodies, numbers and colours are under discussion based on previous sales. The expectation is that there will be merchandise for sale through the 2014 season at specific regattas.

A self-contained control "port cabin" has already been booked and a company to supply the P.A and tannoy system has confirmed their availability for the event.

Many of the equipment required will be source from local clubs and organisations. We are currently awaiting response from a scout group who should be able to supply tents and marquees. There is also the potential to use marquees from the Swanage folk festival from the previous week. Buoys for marking the course will be supplied by the local rowing clubs. The budget for the regatta is under constant review. Sponsors for the regatta are steadily increasing. Currently there are five local businesses which have pledged sponsorship, one H&D club and two H&D Vice Presidents. There is never any restriction on the number of sponsors or the amount of sponsorship so feel free to join in.

The South Coast Rowing Championships 2014 website is up and running and can be accessed via a link on the H&D website. The website will continue to develop with information about the Championships.

There is still a lot to be done to complete the preparations for the regatta so any additional help is always welcome. The frequency of the committee meetings prior to October has been every two months this is due change to monthly as the regatta approaches.

If you require any further information or wish to help do not hesitate to contact one of the committee.

Tim Bull, Regatta Secretary. timothy.bull@tiscali.co.uk

SWANAGE SOUTH COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014. PROPOSAL FOR THE SUNDAY REGATTA PROGRAMME.

The outline proposal below is based on the provision of a range of Junior 16, Junior 14 and Senior Small boat events to be staged in Coastal Boats.

EVENTS.

J16 4+	3 races.	JW16 4+	3 races.	
J16 2x-	3 races.	JW16 2x-	3 races.	
J16 1x	3 races.	JW16 1x	3 races.	18 races.
J14 4x+	3 races.	JW14 4x+	3 races.	6 races.
S 2-	3 races.	SW 2-	3 races.	
S 2x-	3 races.	SW 2x-	3 races.	
S 1x	3 races.	SW 1x	3 races.	18 races.

CONSIDERATIONS.

- 1) This summarises to 42 races, assuming 2 heats and a final for each event listed.
- 2) The above is a maximum based on the athletes and boats apparently available.
- 3) If a timetable of a race every 4 minutes is planned then 2 hours 48 minutes will be required. Commencing the regatta at 9.30. a.m. will mean last race at 12.18. p.m.
- 4) It is assumed races will take place over a 1K straight course in Swanage bay.
- 5) Additionally it is assumed there will be 6 racing lanes as per the Saturday regatta course.

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- 6) De-rigging and re-rigging of boats will have to be catered for due to the limited range and number of coastal boats and equipment available.
- 7) Entries could be dictated by Club's Sunday afternoon travelling home times.
- 8) Limit Juniors doubling up to 2 events only.
- 9) Limit number of entries from Clubs, similar to Ryde regatta.
- 10) With Juniors race the 2 heats, then proceed to race the final immediately after these 2 heats, similar to Bryanston.
- 11) Alternate between Senior small boat races and Junior boat races to provide changeover time.
- 12) Committee to contact H&D ARA and CARA Clubs to establish how many Coastal fours and pairs boats exist that can be dual rigged, i.e. sweep oar and sculling.
- 13) Pool of matched boats to assist WEARA Clubs.
- 14) All boats to comply with H&D ARA maximum overall length rules.
- 14) Being pragmatic do not expect entries to be such that 2 heats and final required for all events. This could lead to a lower number of actual races, permitting 5 minute intervals or later start time.
- 15) Time required for prize presentation at the end of racing period.

Mike Green. Issue 3, 25th September 2013.

[Appendix 4]. **Hants and Dorset ARA. Rules and Competitions Subcommittees.**

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction

The Hants and Dorset Rules and Competitions Subcommittees have met on five occasions since January 2013.

Rules Subcommittee

Having completed a new Constitution, which was approved at the 2013 AGM, the Rules Subcommittee has turned its attention to Rules for Boat Racing, Regatta Rules, Recommendations to Regatta Committees and Conditions Governing the Hants and Dorset ARA Championship Trophies. These have been revised into five documents:

- Rules for Boat Racing
- Regatta Rules
- Membership and Status Rules
- Regatta Safety
- Conditions Governing the Hants and Dorset ARA Championship Trophies.

The Rules of Boat Racing have been reviewed against the British Rowing equivalent and are primarily concerned those activities undertaken on the day of the event. New sections have been added including an introduction, warming up and cooling down, proceeding to the start, role of race officials, equipment check and complete new section on head and processional races.

The Hants and Dorset Regatta Rules should provide a basis for safe and equal racing and provide a consistent framework for the regulation and organization of regattas and other rowing events. There is a new introduction and revisions to sections concerning: regatta entry fees, lane draws, dissemination of programme details, regatta provisional dates and cancellation contact details, late entries, regatta officials and regatta communication. Recommendations to regatta committees have largely been moved into regatta rules, some as recommendations.

The Membership and Status Rules define more clearly status classification of sweep oarsmen/women and scullers. There are completely revised sections for veteran 40 and 50

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age groups and J16s. Changes to status rules are also in the process of being more clearly defined.

The Regatta Safety document brings together all the safety issues from the previous documents plus some from the British Rowing Row Safe Guide.

Conditions Governing the Hants and Dorset ARA Championship Trophies is likely to stay relatively unchanged.

Competitions Subcommittee

The Competitions Subcommittee produced some draft recommendations for the 2013 AGM but little has changed since. Adam Ratcliffe and Jeff Watling are planning a further series of consultation meetings at 3-4 geographical locations across Hampshire and Dorset. The aim will then be to produce some final draft proposals in December for dissemination and consultation prior to the 2014 AGM. The Subcommittee note that two proposals within the draft recommendations are starting to be implemented, namely:

- Introduction of ladies veterans races
- Organisation of a autumn head race

These initiatives are very welcome and it is hoped that subcommittee consultations were, at least, partly instrumental in bringing them forward.

Thanks, goodbye and potential reformation?

Thanks to Adam and the subcommittees' members for their continued interest. Hopefully the subcommittees will complete their work by the 2014 AGM. Whilst this may seem premature the subcommittee system seems to work quite well and club members appear to appreciate being consulted and informed on issues of interest across the Association. There may be a case for adapting this subcommittee model to issues such as coaching or rigging coastal boats. Potentially producing guidance for inclusion in the Hants and Dorset website?

Jeff Watling
25th September 2012

[Appendix 5]. Umpires Commission.

Season 2013 – Report from Chairman of Umpires Committee

Officials

Tremendous support from all clubs in providing officials – good to see so many new assistant officials all making progress really well, and including more ladies. Thanks to all officials for giving freely of their time to help create fun and fair racing at our heads and regattas.

Future possibility of split shifts at some of the longer regattas?

Individual mentions: best wishes to Brian Gowman who has been very ill and to Trevor Gay who has decided to take on a new career and won't be able to continue as an assistant official.

Regatta timings

Lots of late entries and scratchings at start of regattas

Officials not in position on time

Realistic times per race

Importance of good boat marshal chivvying crews onto the water, crews to be urgent to get to the start on time.

Crews not to stray away from the start – some have been left behind!

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Communications

Good radios make a very positive contribution. Commentary needs to be aware of need for officials to be heard, speaker systems not always very audible from the water, officials need to be kept updated on programme changes and draws,

Conduct of races

Tactical scratchings of crews 'doubling up' are not tolerated – if you enter, you race!

Better technique from coxes at the turns and crews need to learn to hold the boat down to avoid some of the very wide turns seen this season. Some good examples of coxing to take turns cleanly when close to other boats.

Avoid impeding racing crews when rowing up the course (problems reported at Itchen regatta and Southampton Coastal head)

Club colours – several warnings for unpainted blades this season.

Pragmatic approach to put both crews through to final (space permitting) when dead heated in a heat has worked well.

Safety matters

Milford praised for having 2 safety boats alongside small boats races

Several incidents of illness during/after races – captains should question fitness to race more.

Buoy placement

Always an issue in high, changeable winds and currents. Attention needed to adequate spacing of turns buoys and training of boat crews who make adjustments to buoy placements during the day.

[Appendix 6] Report from Hants & Dorset Safety Sub-Committee.

National Safety Meeting. I attended a National Safety Meeting, at Hammersmith, in July and by the time the Council meeting takes place should have attended another at the end of September. Chris George has taken over as acting National safety Meeting from Clive Killick who has resigned to take up a job in Australia. The Focus at the national safety meetings has been on – the re-vamp of "Row-safe" due to be published by the end of the year; improvements in the incident reporting system; analysis of Club audits, training for RRSA and CRSA; review of incidents – and development of processes, procedures and organisation of the safety committee following the reorganisation of British Rowing.

Club Audits. All Wessex Region Clubs completed their Club audits for 2012 – the 2013 audit – due by the end of the year – will be published shortly. Two Clubs were re-audited – by the RRSA – Southsea and Bryanston Schools new Boathouse.

Incident Reports. There have been around 49 incidents reported through the BR incident reporting system so far this year – which I still expect indicates – significant under reporting – as I am aware of a number of incidents that have yet to be reported. Seventeen of these were in competition – although Race Officials reports indicate at least twenty-six incidents have taken place at events.

There were a number of significant and potentially serious incidents recorded – notably the Coalporters Senior Sculler at Ryde Regatta, the collision with Shanklin by a pleasure boat at Christchurch and two collapses in boats at Newport Regatta.

Boat Inspections. Random boat inspections were undertaken at three regatta's – Woolston, Swanage and BTC during which 74 boats were inspected with 54% found to have a fault – 52% of these being related to Heel restraint issues. No Clubs went through the inspection unscathed – and so there will not be a "no fault found" award this year. Three full "heel restraints" check were also undertaken – where every

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available boat is checked for heel restraints only – at Woolston, Lymington and BTC - 168 boats were checked – with 32 faults found.

A Life Jacket check was also undertaken at BTC Regatta – 31 life jackets were checked – with 24 issues found – mostly no crutch strap or the clip on the Co2 firing mechanism being missing.

With Phil McCorry from CARA I also undertook all the Boat Inspections at the South Coast Rowing Championships at Deal. Between us we inspected around fifty four – I don't think we missed many – with no major issues – but 20+ boats flagged for Heel restraint issues that we insisted were corrected on the day and re-inspected.

Event Audits. Safety audits were received for all events issued a permit – and BR often checked with me that these had been received before issuing the Event insurance. One event – the Head of the Stour – received a full re-audit – with some minor issues highlighted.

Incidents & audits will be examined in more detail – for lessons that can be learned – at the Annual Safety Meeting in February, 2014.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary.

On behalf of the Hants & Dorset ARA Safety Sub-Committee.

[Appendix 7.] *see over.* **Summary of H&D Officials Report/Incident/Stats as 2013.**

Hants & Dorset ARA. 2013 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Delegates Meeting of 19/10/13.

Regatta **Southampton Eights & Small Boats HORA** Date **10/03/2013** Entry **94** Entry - last year **79** Difference **15**
 Reports received **0** Times in program. **N/A** Names in Programme **NO** South Coast Levy Received **n/a** Late Scratch Fines **0**
 Significant incidents **0**
 Event was canceled on 9/3/13 based on weather forecast. Indications are decision was correct.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **28/02/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected **NO** BR Incident report no. **NO**

Safety incidents **Event correctly canceled due to weather conditions.**

H&D Rules & procedures **Briefing attendance sheet not received.**

Regatta **Southampton Coastal Head.** Date **06/05/2013** Entry **77** Entry - last year **55** Difference **22**
 Reports received **2** Times in program. **NO** Names in Programme **NO** South Coast Levy Received. **n/a** Late Scratch Fines **0**
 Significant incidents **0**
 Crews still arriving late at start after cutoff time. Crew identification at finish remains an issue. Crews need to move away from finish after finish and Coalporters crews need to be aware of crews still racing when returning after the finish.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **20/04/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **NO** BR Incident report no. **448/449/466**

Safety incidents **No safety briefing and no first aid cover seen. Communications with safety boats - via mobile - was difficult. Worse conditions in 2nd division was a concern but crews handled it well. Clash with injury. Umpire injured during transfer.**

H&D Rules & procedures **Briefing attendance sheet not received.**

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Regatta **Christchurch Head of the Stour.** Date **17/03/2013** Entry **130** Entry - last year **121** Difference **9**
 Reports received **2** Times in program. **N/A** Names in Programme **NO** South Coast Levy Received. **n/a** Late Scratch Fines **0**
 Significant incidents **0**
 Bournemouth University Eight's - late at start and very erratic steering. usual issues spotting crews at finish. Many crews warned about course at finish.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **01/03/2013** Safety Re-audit **17/03/2013** By **Steve Bull, H&D SCC.** Boats Inspected. **NO** BR Incident report no. **350/384**

Safety incidents **Bournemouth University steering an issue. Christchurch Lady with back injury. Ryde sculler hit inn throat by blade.**

H&D Rules & procedures **Briefing attendance sheet not received.**

Regatta **Ryde Regatta.** Date **11/05/2013** Entry **109** Entry - last year **110** Difference **-1**
 Reports received **5** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **308** Late Scratch Fines **1**
 Significant incidents **1**
 No re-rows. Clash in Ladies Novice Four resulted in two extra crews being put into the final. Three disqualification's - one missed turn, 2 outside of outer mark at finish.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **20/04/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **NO** BR Incident report no. **648/649/634/650 +**

Safety incidents **Various sculls capsized. Wll handled by safety boats. Of most concern - Coalporters Senior scull - difficulty getting feet out. Injury after collision in Southampton Ladies Novice Four. Both of these treated by St. John Ambulance and attended A&E.**

H&D Rules & procedures

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Regatta **Shanklin Regatta.** Date **12/05/0163** Entry **92** Entry - last year **98** Difference **-6**
 Reports received **5** Times in program: **YES** Names in Programme **NO** South Coast Levy Received. **229** Late Scratch Fines **0**

Significant incidents
 Shanklin disqualified after clash at the turn in Men's Novice Fours Final. Buoys well out of alignment in later stages of regatta. Ryde Men's Novice Four disqualified for missing turn, renumbering of Novice Sculls race caused some confusion.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **25/04/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected **635/687/689** BR Incident report no.

Safety incidents
 Crew member taken ill in Southampton Ladies Novice Four - attended by first-aid. One sculler capsized.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

Regatta **Itchen Imperial Regatta.** Date **18/05/2013** Entry **125** Entry - last year **116** Difference **9**
 Reports received **9** Times in program: **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **389** Late Scratch Fines **1**

Significant incidents
 Coalporters Ladies Junior failed to report for start of their final so Christchurch rowed over. Seven crews disqualified for taking turns incorrectly. Couple of start recalled. Number of scratchings and alterations effected program and start time. Two dead heats - space in finals - so both crews put through. Occasional issues with PA system. One Officials report received with no name on it?

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **01/05/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **674** BR Incident report no.

Safety incidents
 Ladies Novice Sculler (Newport) collided with post - no boat damage/no injury. Men's Senior pairs race re-rowed after collision - no damage/no injuries.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

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Regatta **Woolston Regatta.** Date **25/05/2013** Entry **121** Entry - last year **106** Difference **15**
 Reports received **7** Times in program: **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **390** Late Scratch Fines **1**

Significant incidents
 Ladies Senior fours - with Christchurch re-rowed. Men's Senior Pair Final - Shanklin disqualified for missed turn. Photo launch washed down crews and interfered with start line. Distance between buoys questioned. There were two other missed buoy turns leading to disqualification's.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **10/05/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **YES** BR Incident report no. **672**

Safety incidents
 Clash at turn in Men's Senior Fours Final between BTC and Southampton led to Southampton coxswain being taken to hospital after being hit with a blade and a member of the BTC crew being ejected from the boat.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

Regatta **Lymington/Milford Regatta.** Date **01/06/2013** Entry **80** Entry - last year **82** Difference **-2**
 Reports received **7** Times in program: **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **345** Late Scratch Fines **2**

Significant incidents
 7 crews disqualified for missed turns! Some concern that course favored inside crews. Westover Junior Ladies Crew rowed away from start - and did not get back in time. Criticism regarding buoy line and spacing in-between.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **10/05/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. BR Incident report no.

Safety incidents
 Itchen Novice Sculler capsized.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

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Regatta **Christchurch Regatta.** Date **08/06/2013** Entry **81** Entry - last year **59** Difference **22**

Reports received **8** Times in program **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **324** Late Scratch Fines **1**

Significant incidents
Issues with buoys and stake boats during the day. Some races had a "free" start after an issue with one of the stake boats. Two disqualification for missed turn and two re-rows following races being impeded by other river traffic. Much concern expressed about fairness of course with Christchurch bank appearing to have a distant advantage for most of the day. Some blame attributed to coxswains, some to position of buoys. Improved after adjustment of buoys. Regatta finished more than two hours late. Insufficient time allowed for races?

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **15/05/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **761** BR incident report no.

Safety incidents
Serious collision between Shanklin Novice Ladies and a pleasure boat causing extensive damage - but very fortunately no injuries in Shanklin Boat. Incident entirely the fault of the pleasure boat. A Newport Lady collapsed after her race and was treated by St. John Ambulance.

H&D Rules & procedures

No formal results received. Entry information based on program. No information on late entries. Briefing attendance sheet not received.

Regatta **Coalporters Regatta.** Date **15/06/2013** Entry **105** Entry - last year **93** Difference **12**

Reports received **7** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **338** Late Scratch Fines **2**

Significant incidents
A few crews disqualified for missed turns or wrong mark (5). No protests. Course "back-marker" buoy caused some confusion and was removed.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **20/05/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. BR incident report no.

Safety incidents
No significant incidents

Main duty of safety boat was "steering" crews past Red channel buoy - mainly small boats - but some fours as well.

H&D Rules & procedures
Briefing attendance sheet not received.

No formal results or program received. Entry based on single sheet with draw provided. Briefing attendance sheet not received.

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Regatta **Newport Regatta.** Date **22/06/2013** Entry **61** Entry - last year **40** Difference **21**

Reports received **6** Times in program **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **304** Late Scratch Fines **2**

Significant incidents
Stake boats not used due to conditions. Visible alignment on shore would be useful in this situation (2nd time in four/five years). No re-rows, no disqualifications.

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **15/06/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **1086** BR incident report no.

Safety incidents
Two competitors taken ill while racing - one taken to hospital and stayed-in overnight, other OK after coming shore. Both taken shore by safety boats.

H&D Rules & procedures
No formal results received. Entry information based on program. No information on late entries. Briefing attendance sheet not received.

Regatta **Newport Junior Regatta.** Date **23/06/2013** Entry **34** Entry - last year **34** Difference **0**

Reports received **4** Times in program. **NO** Names in Programme **NO** South Coast Levy Received. **with main regatta** Late Scratch Fines **0**

Significant incidents
Confusion over need for numbers - definitely needed. Delays due to boat changes - not enough quads? Start line needs to be 50m nearer clubhouse, making racing faster but more importantly avoiding large red channel marker. Some issues relating to status & Junior to be Novice "rule". No program so no details of officials, times, crews etc.....

Correspondence **NO** Content

Safety self-audit **15/06/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. BR incident report no.

Safety incidents
Main duty of safety boat was "steering" crews past Red channel buoy - mainly small boats - but some fours as well.

H&D Rules & procedures
No formal results or program received. Entry based on single sheet with draw provided. Briefing attendance sheet not received.

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Regatta **Swanage Regatta.** Date **29/06/2013** Entry **162** Entry - last year **138** Difference **24**
 Reports received **7** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **NO** South Coast Levy Received. **522** Late Scratch Fines **0**

Significant incidents
 Shore Marshal, an assistant racing official, complimented crews on getting afloat which contributed to an on-time regatta. Protest from Itchen in Ladies Novice Fours - not upheld. One crew disqualified for missing the turn. Delays at start due to crews ignoring starters instructions - notably Senior Pairs. Men's junior Fours race restarted after BTC tangles with buoy.

Correspondence **NO** Content
 Safety self-audit **10/06/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats inspected. **YES** BR incident report no. **1125**
 Safety incidents
 Potentially dangerous situation with swimmer on course well handled by safety boat.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

Regatta **Southsea Regatta.** Date **13/07/2013** Entry **170** Entry - last year **180** Difference **-10**
 Reports received **4** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **NOT RECEIVED.** Late Scratch Fines **0**

Significant incidents
 Men's Senior Pairs: Deal disqualified for course infringements. Took umpires along time to take the decision. Ladies Novice Fours - BTC and Southsea dead-heat, race re-rowed. To avoid late start turn umpires need to be afloat straight after regatta briefing. Either a midcourse or shore Umpire needed in addition to turn umpires. Alignment of single speaker at start initially a problem. One of the big marker buoys moved. Crews still moving to inside lane regardless of state of tide or direction racing. Protest from BTC in Men's senior Fours - not upheld. Five minute rule continues to cost time.

Correspondence **NO** Content
 Safety self-audit **25/06/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats inspected. **941/1008** BR incident report no.
 Safety incidents
 Couple of scullers - 3? - capsized. No other significant incidents.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received. No South Coast Levy received yet (7/10/13). No formal results sheet received.

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Regatta **Poole Regatta.** Date **10/08/2013** Entry **149** Entry - last year **83** Difference **66**
 Reports received **4** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **442** Late Scratch Fines **0**

Significant incidents
 Minor issues with Radios. Start/Finish position not to good - no cover and trip hazards. Spaced event timing allowed catch-up - good tactic. Issues with uncocked boats coming to close to shore. Line of inside markers near finish might help. Two disqualification's for missed turns. Strong protest by BTC in Men's senior final - not upheld. Itchen ladies Novice for disqualified for impeding a crew. Course seemed to favor inside crews.

Correspondence **NO** Content
 Safety self-audit **20/07/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats inspected. **BR incident report no.**
 Safety incidents
 One capsized in Men's Novice sculls.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

Regatta **BTC Regatta.** Date **24/08/2013** Entry **116** Entry - last year **88** Difference **28**
 Reports received **3** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **394** Late Scratch Fines **0**

Significant incidents
 Ladies Senior Fours final - Southampton disqualified, Ladies Senior Pair - Christchurch disqualified - both for missed turn. No 3 marker buoy sank - and outside marker buoy came loose and drifted away. A Shergold race not held due to lack of water. Ladies Novice Fours - Coalporters rowed in wrong race!

Correspondence **NO** Content
 Safety self-audit **01/08/2013** By **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats inspected. **YES** BR incident report no.
 Safety incidents
 No significant incidents recorded.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

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Regatta **Bournemouth Regatta.** Date **04/05/2013** Entry **104** Entry - last year **88** Difference **16**
 Reports received **0** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **YES** South Coast Levy Received. **0** Late Scratch Fines **0**
 Significant incidents
 Regatta canceled before the first race because of rough seas and forecast. Unfortunately all Clubs already there. Bournemouth unable to reschedule - so Regatta lost. Entries based on program.

Correspondence **YES** Content **E Mail exchange with Association secretary regarding reschedule date and refund of fees (fees were refunded).**
 Safety self-audit **15/04/2013** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **NO RE-AUDIT.** BR Incident report no. **NO RE-AUDIT.**
 Safety incidents
 Canceled before the first race due to the conditions.

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.

Regatta **Wessex Junior/Bryanston Junior Regatta.** Date **09/06/2013** Entry **215** Entry - last year **0** Difference **215**
 Reports received **1** Times in program. **YES** Names in Programme **NO** South Coast Levy Received. **N/A** Late Scratch Fines **0**
 Significant incidents
 No significant incidents.

Correspondence **NO** Content
 Safety self-audit **25/10/2005** Safety Re-audit **NO RE-AUDIT.** Boats Inspected. **NO RE-AUDIT.** BR Incident report no. **NO RE-AUDIT.**
 Safety incidents
 Two capsizes

H&D Rules & procedures
 Briefing attendance sheet not received.