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cc Colin Eales, Chairman Wessex Regional Rowing Council.

## **ASSOCIATION BULLETIN – March, 2015.**

**The move towards E Mail only Communication.** Under rule 5.1 of the Associations constitution which states that – “*If agreed by the Club, Event or individual, electronic Mail (Email) is an acceptable form of communication*” – and as agreed at the Autumn Council Meeting - as of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 – communication from the Association is, in almost every case, is now electronic and by E Mail only. Notices, Agenda’s and documents for the Race Officials Meeting were E Mailed to all Full and Assistant Racing Officials; and the same was sent to the Club and Event Safety Advisers for the Safety Committee Meeting – and these were also copied, again via E Mail to the Club and Event Secretaries. The notice, agenda and documents for the AGM were E Mailed to all Executive Officers, Honorary Members, Life Vice Presidents and Club and Event Secretaries – and they were also E Mailed the Minutes of the Autumn Council Meeting. Race Officials and Club and Event Safety Advisers have also been E Mailed the minutes of their respective meetings – and the minutes of all meetings can be downloaded from the Hants & Dorset ARA Web site – where the various revisions of the 2015 Fixture List have also been available to download. The only exceptions to this are a few Life Vice Presidents – Peter Trist, Stuart Moody, John Bryant and Brent Hartland – who may not have E Mail addresses - and they have been sent hard copies of this bulletin and the notice and agenda for the AGM but not all the attachments. So – apart from these few – E Mail only communication is now the adopted communication procedure – which should speed-up communications and save the Association money (postage) and the Association Secretary some time.

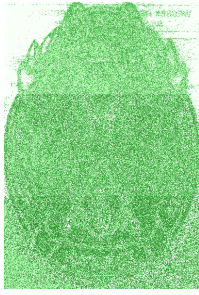
**Annual General Meeting.** The Associations Annual General Meeting takes place on Saturday, 21st March at 10.30am at the Itchen Imperial Rowing Club Clubhouse and the notice of the meeting, Agenda and various attachments were, as agreed at the Autumn Council Meeting – sent by E Mail only to all Executive Officers, Honorary Members and Club and event secretaries as well as most of the Life Vice Presidents. There are one or two Life Vice Presidents who don’t appear to have E Mail addresses – and these have been sent hard copies of this News Bulletin with the notice of the meeting and the Agenda.

The AGM notice, agenda and documents can also be downloaded from the meetings calendar entry on the H&D Web site – [hdara.co.uk](http://hdara.co.uk) – in pdf format.

Please make sure your delegates have had the opportunity to view all the information sent and are aware of your Clubs views - which may help to minimize discussion and speedup the meeting.

Also – regarding the **Return of Trophies at the AGM** - Club and Regatta Secretaries – have been E Mailed a notice regarding the procedure – and please note that under a new rule passed by the South Coast Rowing Council in January – this **now includes all Trophies won at the South Coast Rowing Championships** - formally traditionally returned at Southsea Regatta

**The Minutes of the Autumn Council Meeting + H&D Officials Meeting and Water Safety Meeting.** As agreed at the Autumn Council meeting hard copies of the minutes of these meetings have not been sent out – but all Executive Officers, Honorary Members, Life Vice Presidents and Club and Regatta Secretaries were E Mailed a copy as well as Race Officials being E Mailed the Minutes of the Race Officials Meeting and Club and Event Safety Advisers being E Mailed a copy of the minutes of their meeting. All these minutes can also be downloaded from “download” section of the H&D ARA Web Site.



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**H&D ARA Web Site.** Some areas of the Hants & Dorset ARA web site at - [www.hdara.co.uk](http://www.hdara.co.uk) – do require updating for the latest information received from the Clubs and events – and this will be completed as soon as possible. Keep an eye on the “updates” section of the web site for the latest changes – which are also sent to the Associations Twitter feed (@hdara) and to its facebook page. If you do spot any errors or links not working on the site please E Mail me (which you can do direct from the site - click on contact - top right). I am sure there are some!

Where possible Event invitations and draws are added to and can be downloaded from their respective calendar entries on the Association Calendar on the home page. Further additional information is being added to the site – the minutes of all the H&D Meetings are available to download from the site, there is an expanding safety sections including links to safety related videos and documents and I have started, but not completed, adding maps to event locations and event course maps – see each event entry in the events section. I have received some positive feedback regarding the web site, its expanding content and simple, uncluttered format. Site visits average 1,560 per month with a monthly average of 3,128 page views. The H&D Twitter feed has 201 followers at the moment.

The web site also hosted the site for the 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships, at Swanage – and although the event is now over the pages on the web site are still active and you can view and download results and reports from the 2014 Championship Regatta as well as historical information and the rules. There is also, in the absence of any formal web site, some information on this years Championships, hosted by WEARA at Wimblesball Lake and the 2016 event at Herne Bay.

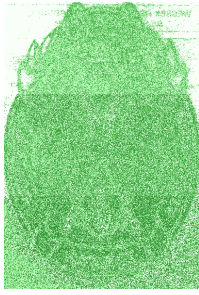
**Affiliation Fees - 2015.** The note regarding affiliation fees for 2014 will be sent out after the AGM in case there is a change to any of the charges –and this will include any arrears – fines etc...

## **Documentation for 2015 Season + Race Officials Availability.**

In line with the move towards E Mail Communication only the various forms required by Clubs and Events for the forthcoming season will be sent out by E Mail – and will available to be downloaded from the Hants & Dorset ARA Web site later this month/in early April - once some details are finalized. This will include Entry Forms, Registration Form, Points claim form, additional registration form – and the entry amendment form which has been slightly amended to include a section on event change for crews/scullers that have been promoted from Novice status after close of entries. For events – this will include the permit application form, results sheet, SCC Levy return form and the Event Safety Audit Form. The Association Secretary is happy to receive all these completed forms electronically by E Mail. Hard copies can be provided on request. The Race Officials availability sheets have already been E Mailed to all event secretaries. Race Officials will also be sent there forms – BR Insurance claim, Event Report, Report on an Assistant and Regatta de-brief form electronically and will be happy to receive them back in this format – and these forms can also be downloaded from the web site – with hard copies available on request.

The first draft of the Officials availability for each Regatta/Event has already been E Mailed to Event Secretaries only.

**2015 Fixture List.** Subject to ratification at the AGM the 2015 Fixture list is now complete – forms part of the AGM pack E Mailed out and can be downloaded from the 2015 Information section of the download page on the H&D ARA Web site. The WEARA and CARA Fixture Lists are also available to be downloaded from



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their. Note – since the Autumn Council Meeting where the fixture list was provisionally agreed – there have been changes to the date of both Christchurch Regatta and the Head of the Stour.

**South Coast Rowing Handbook , Contact Information, Addresses etc..** The H&D Web site ([www.hdara.co.uk](http://www.hdara.co.uk)) has been updated, or will soon be updated, with the latest changes to club, event, race official and safety advisors contact details where advised plus the dates of Hants & Dorset events in 2015. All this contact information plus last years results, a report on the season, the 2014 South Coast Championships and contact information for CARA and WEARA Clubs will be published in the Hants & Dorset ARA South Coast Rowing Handbook which we hope will be available in early May.

**Hants & Dorset ARA Sub Committees.** The Rules and Competition Sub Committees have continued to meet on an occasional basis to review the cahnges introduced last season and formulate the recommendations for this years AGM.

**Wessex & SE Coast Regional Rowing Council** continues to meet every other month and has done a lot of “soul searching” on its future and purpose and its relationship with British Rowing, the Hants & Dorset ARA and the Coast Amateur Rowing Association. Your Club will have received a copy of the regions draft development plan – and we would urge you all to read this important document, feed yiour thoughts back to the Regional Council and get involved and contrubute to the plan. The dates of this years Wessex Meetings are shown at the bottom of this news bulletin.

**Safety.** I am pleased to be able to report that all Hants & Dorset Clubs have completed their 2014 Club Safety Audit which this year once again took the form of a Gap Analysis – it was however disappointing that one Clubs – POOLE failed to send a represntative to the recent safety meeting.

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

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

## **Diary Dates.**

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. BTC.

Saturday, 21st March. 10.30am. H&D AGM. Itchen Imperial Rowing Club, Southampton.

Tuesday, 19<sup>st</sup> May. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. 6.30pm. Christchurch.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. If required. Christchurch.

Tuesday22nd September. 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meeting. Coalporters.

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Provisional date - Annual Presentation Dinner, Novotell, Southampton.

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm. Wessex Regional Rowing Council AGM and Meeting. Southampton. .

Steve Bull, Association Secretary. March, 2015.