

## **Minutes of the Hants & Dorset ARA Autumn Council Meeting, held at the Itchen Imperial Rowing Club, Southampton, Saturday, 17th October, 2015.**

There were 25 delegates in attendance when the Chairman, Martin Bradbeer, opened the meeting at 10.40am.

Apologies were received from – Mark Viner, H&D LVP & Lymington and Pete Jacobs, Poole A. R. C. Prior to the start of the meeting Dave Smith, from Westover & Bournemouth Rowing Club made a brief statement regarding the sad death of Anne Gowman, wife of the late Brian Gowman, a Live Vice President of the Association.

The Minutes of the previous Autumn Council meeting of 18/10/14 which had been circulated in advance of the meeting were agreed to be a true record and approved on a proposal from D. Woodford, seconded by R. Sivier. The matters arising from the previous meeting – the AGM of 21/3/15- were considered and agreed as follows –

- 1). E Mail only communication only, with four exceptions, had now been fully adopted.
- 2) Swanage Regatta. The buoys, weights and ropes purchased by the Association were used at Swanage and a number of other events during the season.
- 3) South Coast Council Meeting. The H&D Association Secretary expressed concern at the plans for the Friday reception where it appeared that the issue of invitations would be passed over to local Association Secretaries did not materialize after his concerns were raised.
- 4) Rule changes. An amended set of rules was E Mailed to all Executive Officers, Life Vice Presidents, Honorary Members, Affiliated Clubs and Events and Race Officials and uploaded to the Rules section of the H&D Web site before the end of March – but hard copies were not sent out as agreed. It was accepted that the wording of some accepted rule changes may subsequently require “tweaking”.
- 5) Wessex Regional Rowing Council had not yet received the agreed financial contribution from the Hants & Dorset ARA to the Wessex Regional Rowing Council of £250 for 2015 – the Association Treasurer – Sue Sothcott would arrange.
- 6) The First boat from Southampton Mould to be built by Burgashell was expected to be completed in November. Itchen & other Clubs have been waiting for nearly a year. The rumour of another fire were not true and Wessex have a project underway to try and establish other sources.

The Association Secretary then gave his report and commented on correspondence received [see attached/Appendix 1]. The only action from this was the need to purchase more H&D Championship Medals, but the usual supplier appeared to have gone out of business so a new provider would have to be found. There were no recommendation from the meeting for a new supplier other than to check the adverts in Regatta Magazine – and so it was agreed that the Association Secretary would try and get some quotes with a view to approving a supplier and an order at the Associations AGM in March.

The 2015 Regatta Season and Regatta’s were reviewed – see summary attached. [Appendix 2.] There were very few additional comments made at the meeting – other than: Ryde - where comment was made of the poor starting of the J/S race and how crowded the start platform was with Race Officials; Woolston – where there was additional comment regarding inconsistency of umpiring decisions –and the time pressures; Newport – inadequate radios, poor boat marshalling – needs dedicated marshals and PA system closer to boat park and perhaps a new “system” – to be discussed at the Race Officials Meeting – with a view to coming up with a set of recommendations; Southsea – additional umpire needed to cover the turns; Bournemouth – better briefing for safety boat crews and improved boat changes: Itchen – better liaison with SWAC; BTC – issue with manning of safety boats.

The meeting then considered the Association Secretaries report on Swanage Regatta [See attached – Appendix 3.] and the organization of the 2016 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 of several hundred pounds. With regards to the organisation of the 2016 Regatta – with most involved expressing a willingness to continue – it was agreed that the format and organisation should stay the same. Comments from the meeting - the repairs to the Trophies promised by the Mayor of Swanage were in hand and the moving of moored boats in Swanage Bay for the Regatta needed to be pursued. It was also noted during the discussions that the course at Swanage had not changed in years and that there had always been a slight bias which had never been questioned – and it was only with the advent of hand held GPS devices that questions had been raised.

The meeting then discussed the 2015 South Coast Championship Regatta hosted by WEARA at Wimbleball Lake, where the Association Secretaries report on the event had been circulated in advance of the meeting. [See Appendix 4.] and was accepted by the meeting – with the following observations – the event may have lost money and will probably not take place at Wimbleball again in part due to the antagonism towards the Worley's in WEARA and there was a need for fresh blood on SCC from CARA although there was some good people coming through.

Denny Woodford then briefed the meeting on the Council Meetings that took place over the Championship Regatta weekend – where on Friday, apart from general regattas items there was a brief update on the 2016 event at Herne Bay – and where on Sunday – the state of the portable Toilets – where were pretty much unusable was mentioned as well as the need for WEARA to introduce a Hants & Dorset style levy system to help future funding.

There were no proposed rule changes other than a brief debate about the inclusion of a Masters 50 Championship event – but it was felt that there was insufficient support for this at this time and the Association would not support this until there was a H&D Championship in place.

The Regatta & Head Race dates for 2016 where than agreed. The Association Secretary advised the meeting that it had been relatively straight forward to come up with a recommendation this year in spite of the early date of the South Coast Championship Regatta – and of the H&D Championship Regatta's only Lymington still needed to be resolved. After a brief discussion the meeting agreed to the Association Secretaries recommendation, on a proposal from Pete Staddon, seconded by Sue Sothcott as follows –

Sat	12th	March	Christchurch Head of the Stour (only){30/6}[1/7]
Sat	9th	April	Southampton Coastal HERR (1st){2/6}[1/7]
Sat	14th	May	COALPORTERS (2nd){19/5}[1/7]
Sat	21st	May	RYDE (1st){20/6}[1/7]
Sun	22nd	May	SHANKLIN (1st){20/6}[1/7]
Sat	4th	June	CHRISTCHURCH (only){30/6}[1/7]
Sat	11th	June	POOLE (1st){24/6}[1/7]
Sat	18th	June	NEWPORT FOURS (2nd)[1/7]
Sun	19th	June	NEWPORT SMALL & Junior (2nd)[1/7]
Sat	25th	June	SWANAGE (1st) [1/7] <i>subject to STC agree.</i>
Sat	2nd	July	Alternative date for Swanage.
Sun	9th	July	BOURNEMOUTH
Sat	16th	July	SOUTHSEA (1st)[21/7]
Sat	23rd	July	WOOLSTON
Sat	13th	August	ITCHEN (1st)[Changed.15/8]
Sat	20th	August	BTC (only)[3/9]
Sat	3rd	September	South Coast Championship Regatta. Herne Bay.

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The meeting then received a verbal report on the venue and organisation of the 2017 South Coast Championship Regatta, the next to be hosted by the Association. John Purkess, Chairman of the organising committee confirmed that the venue would be Dorney Lake and that the event would take place over one day on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September – earlier than usual, but a precedent had been set for this by the 2016 event at Herne Bay on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and it was within South Coast Council Rules. There had been very little negative feedback regarding the choice of date at this time and the other Coastal Associations and the South Coast Council had been made aware of the date. The organisation would be similar to previous Dorney based events with the Championship and Open events in Coastal Boats and most of the Junior event in River Boats to encourage the attendance of WEARA crews. Steve Bull was updating the 2011 presentation document for 2017 – for the South Coast Council AGM in January, 2016 – and Dave Smith was working on sponsorship opportunities with Mike Green liaising with Dorney. A competition to design a logo for the 2017 event had also been launched.

The meeting then received a report from the Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committees and considered any possible rule changes for discussion and approval at the AGM in March, 2016. The Rules Sub Committee reported that it had been inevitable after a major revision of the rules some minor errors would be discovered which needed amending & ratification at the AGM. To date two had been identified and a paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting outlining these. *[See Appendix 5 attached.]* These amendments related to the Rules for Boat racing – Rule 4 –The Start – and the status rules – Rule 11 – sculling status – and subject to ratification at the AGM were approved by the meeting. There was also some discussion on the J16 Rules – currently a local Regatta Rule, the Rules relating to the award of an additional Championship Medal and a suggestion that there should be a rule regarding an individual withdrawing from a final being forced to withdraw from any other final they may be involved in. The “Rules Sub-Committee was asked to reconvene prior to the AGM to consider these suggestion and come up with some proposals to go before the AGM for consideration.

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 – which was approved by the meeting. It was anticipated that the costs would remain about the same.

Andy Parsons, the Chairman of the Umpires Commission presented his report – which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. *[See attached - Appendix - 5.]* There were no additional comments from the meeting.

The Report from the Safety Sub Committee had also been circulated in advance of the meeting. *[See attached - Appendix 7.]* The report was accepted by the meeting with no further comments other than a brief discussion on the recently released report from the PLA on the fatal incident on the Thames in January involving a rowing coach.

Colin Eales, Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council gave a brief report on the regions activities and on the activities of British Rowing where the new CEO, Andy Parkinson, was now in place. He briefed the meeting on British Rowing’s new strategic plan, the British Rowing conference to be held in Leeds and Guin Batten’s report on Coast Rowing – which in spite of her connections with the region focussed on the FISA form of coastal rowing. He also briefed on the progress with the Regional Plan – which was well received by British Rowing – but where only limited progress had been made – although the boat survey had been completed, the Coastal (inshore) section of Row safe had been revised and forwarded to British Rowing and there had been some progress with encouraging River events to put on coastal races – with Teddington and Burway committing to offer a coastal section in addition to the Thames Valley Trials at Dorney – which already do. British Rowing was apparently considering the reintroduction of the day ticket – which would help to overcome registration difficulties.

The arrangements for the for Presentation Dinner, which Paula Williams of Coalporters was organising once again, were then confirmed as follows - Hants & Dorset ARA Presentation Dinner on Saturday, 7th November, 2015 at the Novotel Southampton. The Cost of the evening is £26.50 and this includes: 3 Course meal, coffee, mints and shortbread – with a choice of menus. There would be a photographer in attendance and a file/slide show on the 2015 season – with thanks to Lymington’s Alex Barnes of South Coast Journalism. “Spud” Murphy of Southampton would respond to the President’s speech and toast the Association.

The following any other business was discussed –

- South Coast Levy – some consideration given to changing the rate in view of the balance that had built up. This would, as always be an Agenda item at the AGM.
- Colin Eales mentioned the “Back a boat – row to Rio” fund raising scheme – but there were no details available.
- Keith Warland commented on the reporting of this seasons Regatta’s by Alex Barnes of Lymington – and his company South Coast Journalism – and how good it was. The Association Secretary was tasked to write a letter of thanks to Alex.

The provisional date and venues for the Hants & Dorset Meetings were agreed as follows –

Race Officials – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

SCC AGM - 30<sup>th</sup> January. Christchurch Rowing Club.

Safety – Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. Poole.

AGM – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Itchen Imperial.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.30pm with thanks to Itchen Imperial Rowing club.

[The Minutes were taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary, November, 2015. The attached appendices form an integral part of these minutes].

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Chairman, Hants & Dorset ARA.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List of appendices attached –

Appendix 1. Agenda item 3. Hon Secretaries Report and Correspondence - Autumn Council Meeting.

Appendix 2. Agenda item 4. Reports on the 2015 Regatta Season and Regatta’s. See end of report.

Appendix 3. Agenda Item 5. Swanage Regatta – report on 2015 event.

Appendix 4. Agenda Item 6. The Association Secretaries Report on the 59th South Coast Championship Regatta.

Appendix 5. *Agenda Item* 9. Report from Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committees and to consider any possible rule changes for discussion and approval at the AGM.

Appendix 6. Agenda item 11. Report from the Umpires Commission.

Appendix 7. Agenda Item 12. Report from the Safety Sub Committee.

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*Appendix 1.*

**Agenda item 3. Hon Secretaries Report and Correspondence - Autumn Council Meeting.**

As usual all matters of correspondence that relate to Agenda items will be reported on and considered at that point in the meeting.

Since the Annual General Meeting in March, I have on behalf of the Association, undertaken all the usual correspondence relating to a busy Hants & Dorset season. This included correspondence relating to Club affiliation, Club and individual registration, Points claims, plus correspondence relating to the affiliated events - permit applications and issues, results etc.. I have written on a regular basis to Racing Officials and Club and Regatta Safety advisors with relevant information and administered the Racing Officials British Rowing membership contributions for Insurance purposes and their availability for events. This has included the thirteen Hants & Dorset Championship Regattas, three Head Races and two Junior events.

With agreement with all Executive Officers, Clubs, Event Secretaries, Life Vice Presidents, Race Officials and Safety Advisers - with the exception of around four Life Vice Presidents – all correspondence has been undertaken by E Mail – since last Autumn’s Council Meeting – and I have not been made aware of any particular problems this has caused – and it has certainly made my life easier, dramatically reduced the costs of printing and photo-copying and saved the Association a significant amount of postal charges. This has included News Bulletins and Minutes of Meetings and notices of meetings with relevant documents.

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. I have dealt with H&D matters relating to the Championships - including entering the Championship Crews – including an 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 – but only Itchen replied thanking the Association for the honour. As required by South Coast Council Rules I also detailed the Hants & Dorset Regatta results to the South Coast Council, CARA and West of England.

I have continued to receive copies of some – but not all the minutes of all the British Rowing meetings - including the sub committees - which amount to hundreds of pages - and I try to pick out any relevant items and pass these on to those who I think need to know within the Association.

On behalf of the Association I have attended, on a regular basis the Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meetings, Hants & Dorset Sub Committee Meetings and meetings of the British Rowing National Rowing Safety Meetings, when I could, in my capacity as Rowing Safety Advisor to the Wessex Region and as a member of the Hants & Dorset Safety Commission. I have provided an element of secretarial and administrative service to the Associations Umpires Commission and the Safety Commission.

I have written to Clubs regarding late withdrawal from Regatta fines and have coordinated the payment of fines and appeals against them. For the record there were 28 fines imposed – 5 less than last year - 10 of which have been appealed, at the time of writing this report, which were considered by the Associations executive Officers this morning and Clubs will be notified of the results in the next few weeks with refunds where applicable. There were no ne fines this year for Club’s failing to attend Club Briefings at a Championship Regatta – although I do not receive all the briefing check lists from Regatta’s so it’s possible I have missed some.

I coordinated the nomination process for the Daily Echo Trophy in memory of Arthur Chatfield and have arranged the engraving of the medals in time for the presentation Dinner on the 7th 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. Three applications for additional Championships Medals have been received – Christchurch Ladies Masters, Westover Men’s Junior Pair and Itchen Junior Ladies. These will be reviewed by the Association Officers as per the Rules and a recommendation made to the AGM for approval.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Web site - [www.hdara.co.uk](http://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. Nearly all Event notices and Event programs were published and made available to download from the Calendar Section on the home page of the website. The web site averages around 2,500 page views a month – although in June through to August – the height of the season the average number of views more than doubles to around 7000.

H&D Championship Medals. We need to purchase some H&D ARA Championship Medals – we have enough for this year – but not for next. I have tried to contact our past supplier – who have the die for the medal – Marks of Distinction, of West Moseley – but attempts to contact them in writing, on-line and by telephone have all failed – and they no longer appear to have an internet presence – so I have to assume they are no longer in business. So I need to find a new supplier of the enamel badges – and presumably there will be some sort of set-up cost. I will get some quotes for the AGM – but if anyone can recommend a supplier that may prove useful. Regatta Magazine.

Just this last week I have sent the Associations condolences to the family of the late Brian Gowman of Westover Rowing Club – whose wife Anne has just passed away.

Stephen C. Bull.  
Association Secretary.  
October, 2015.

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*Appendix 2. See end.*

**Agenda item 4. Reports on the 2015 Regatta Season and Regatta's.**

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*Appendix 3.*

**Agenda Item 5. Swanage Regatta – report on 2015 event.**

Once again, on behalf of the Association can I thank you all for the part you played in what I believe was another very successful regatta. Its popularity remains as high as ever - with 165 entries after late entries received. This is either a new record or very close to the record - and we equalled the number of events held. More impressively we started on time - and finished on time - almost to the second! A great effort from the Race Officials, Controllers and the Clubs.

My concerns regarding the lack of First aid cover were comprehensively resolved - we ended up with around six volunteer first aiders and three doctors - and only minor incidents!

The risk of thanking Clubs and individuals is that I will miss someone - but here goes - the Race Officials, Controllers and Commentators of course - including Max who did a great job chasing up the crews; BTC for the PA system; Denny Woodford for the Trophies; Sue for Regatta Control, contact with Swanage Council - and so much more - plus Alison from Poole at Regatta control; Poole for the Control Tent and Tables and chairs and a safety boat; Lyminster and Christchurch for safety boats, Pete Staddon from Christchurch and Dave Smith from Westover for laying the course plus Pete for all the other things he does - Radios, Boat Marshal, receiving and sorting out the cups etc... etc..; Tim Bull - for the program and more; Ryde & Josie for the Officials lunches. Special mention for Royston of Christchurch who worked hard all day organising and communicating with the safety boats and controlling the radios; Roger Hames and Southampton for manning the gate; Kevin & Sharon of Neaves for donating a new Trophy and Itchen for their donation. I will have missed someone - sorry!

The clubs were well organised and we had few late starters - a lack of boat changes and the easy visibility of the start helped in this regard and there was good planning by clubs of boat and cox allocations.

There were a couple of safety incidents - a simple capsize at the finish - and a "near miss" when a Ladies Pair nearly ran into some canoes. There were fewer boats on the course this year, which helped, and the course marker buoys were a good idea. The good weather helped reduce the number of problems although the wind did push a number of small boat crews further out from the beach.

There were concerns over the course alignment. There appeared to be a significant disadvantage to the inside lanes and the attempts to remedy this were perhaps not entirely effective. This caused a lot of "discussion" and we'll need to consider this for next year – although I do not recall having a similar problem in the past.

Another concern we certainly need to address is the litter certain clubs left behind them - in spite of several reminders.

I hope the Association can rely on all those clubs and individuals who helped this year to help again next year and I would propose that the current method of organising the event – which is by seeking volunteers from the clubs for the jobs to be done – and controlling and communicating via E Mail – coordinated by the Association Secretary – should continue. More support from individuals and clubs is always welcome.

With the thanks of the Association once again.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary. September, 2015.

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**Agenda Item 6. The Association Secretaries Report on the 59th South Coast Championship Regatta.**

**The Association Secretaries Report on the 59th South Coast Championship Regatta (and the 10th South Coast Junior Regatta), hosted by the West of England ARA Wimbleball Lake, Somerset, over the weekend of 12th/13th September, 2015.**

It was the West of England Amateur Rowing Associations turn to host 2015 South Coast Championship Regatta – the 59<sup>th</sup> – which included the 10<sup>th</sup> Junior Regatta. The venue chosen was Wimbleball Lake, on the edge of Exmoor in Somerset, the venue used in 2010 and few would argue that it provides an excellent course, in stunning surroundings - probably 2<sup>nd</sup> only to the purpose built course at Dorney Lake. The downside is its remoteness and lack of facilities, the shortage of accommodation close by and access. But in spite of these problems – the organisers – which once again appeared to consist in the main of Stephen and Andrea Worley – with some support from the local club and some from WEARA – put on, what was, in the main, a good and enjoyable two day event with produced some excellent racing.

Communication was almost entirely via electronic means – which seemed to work ok – and will be the favoured format going forward - although some of the information arrived a little late in the day - and a full draw, not just a running order and own club entries - a few days before the regatta would have been helpful. The reception on the Friday evening in the Regatta Marquee well attended – after our Association challenged the organisers planned invitation process which was to pass this responsibility to each Association. I felt the reception was a little heavy on speeches but was otherwise a very pleasant and friendly event. The prize giving on Saturday – again held in the Regatta Marquee – was reasonably well organised and well attended as always – and just about big enough to cope – with the prizes

presented by BR Deputy Chairman Gary Harris. Having not attended the Junior Prize giving on Sunday I am unable to offer a view on how this went.

As in 2010 the organisers chose to put on any event where they received a reasonable entry – so in addition to the Championship events and the traditional fours open event – there was also racing for small boats and J17 and J18 crews and scullers on the Saturday over the 2000m course – with Sunday's racing over 1000m reserved for Juniors up to and including J16 in a range of boat types. This approach did not receive universal approval – with CARA in particular raising objections – and in a rather petty response refusing to provide Race Officials for the Small boat events on the Saturday – in spite of entries being received from their clubs. This added an unnecessary complication to the race planning for Stephen and Andrea as they had to provide an extra umpires boats and relied on extra H&D ARA Officials to ensure they had sufficient umpires – and we, of course, obliged – for which they were suitably grateful. It has to be said that some H&D ARA Clubs, Officials and individuals shared the CARA view – but as the planned events were presumably approved by Council in January – and will have provided useful additional revenue to the organisers – where it is my understanding that there may be a significant shortfall – H&D Club's embraced the plan – dominated the entries and won the majority of the races in Saturday's Regatta.

The H&D and CARA provided 14 race officials – over the two days – CARA just 6 – and there were some communication issues – and role confusion – especially at the start. There were some safety concerns – a lack of safety cover in the junior events – and safety boats with a single occupant at times – and once again WEARA failed to provide a boat inspector – the inspections on both days being undertaken by the H&D and CARA representatives only.

Over the two days there were 286 entries with 172 of these on the Saturday and 114 in the junior events of the Sunday. WEARA failed to provide three championships crews – only entering one crew in the Ladies Senior, Men's Junior Senior and Masters Championship events which was a very disappointing in a WEARA hosted championships - but it did allow the H&D ARA to invoke Rule 25B and add an extra crew to the Masters Championship event. Also with WEARA having open entries in two of these events – there must be a question mark over the qualification rules. So the H&D ARA had the most Championship crews at 13 – CARA their full quota of 12 and WEARA 9. In the traditional open fours event the H&DARA had 38 entries against 21 from CARA and just 13 from WEARA Clubs, in the small boats events there were 36 entries from H&D Clubs, 6 from CARA and 14 from WEARA with 7 H&D ARA entries in the J17/J18 events alongside 1 from CARA and 2 from WEARA – so the H&D had 54% of the entries in this regatta.

The Junior Regatta on the Sunday had 114 entries with a much stronger presence from the WEARA Clubs with 48 entries to the H&D ARA's 59 and CARA's 7. So the H&D ARA had the majority of entries in this regatta as well with 51% - and it would be true to say that the South Coast Championships would not be viable without the presence, commitment and enthusiasm of the H&D Clubs – something the other two Associations would do well to remember!

And so to the racing – as usual, with my thanks to John Bailey – I quote his Press report on the regatta to describe the how the Championship events went –

*“Rowed on the wide reaches of Wimbleball Lake in The Exmoor National Park crews were subjected to every aspects of Autumn weather with early morning torrential rain and a cross wind that made life difficult for both rowers and starting official alike, changing to a pleasantly warm afternoon.*

*As throughout the Hants and Dorset season Itchen Imperial's crews dominated the Championship Events with wins in both the Ladies Senior and Ladies Junior Championships and the Men's Masters+40 Championship, but once again Bexhill won the coveted Bideford Bowl in a race that saw both Bexhill and Itchen Imperial dominate. By the half way mark Bexhill were 1/2 length up having moved across the*



*course with Itchen, now on the inside of the final bend, unable to gain the same advantage. Building for their finish Bexhill eased ahead to gain clear water over Itchen as they entered the final 100 meters. Itchen, now rowing in the unsettled wash of the Bexhill blades started to close on the Bexhill crew but had left it too late and, despite launching an official protest regarding the Bexhill course Bexhill were declared the winners, retaining the Bideford Bowl for another year."*

The Associations 4<sup>th</sup> Championship win came in the Men's Junior Coxed Fours which Westover won ahead of BTC who were also 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Masters Championship event with Westover also gaining two 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the Men's Junior Senior Coxed Fours and the Ladies Junior Coxed Fours Championship events – to complete an impressive set of result for the crews we had been selected to represent the Association.

Crews from Hants & Dorset ARA Clubs won 7 of the 9 traditional open regatta events – with Newport taking the Men's Junior Senior Fours, Christchurch the Men's Junior Fours and Ryde the Men's Novice Fours. In the Ladies events BTC won the seniors and Southampton the juniors with Coalporters taking the Masters Event and BTC the Ladies Masters. In the small boat and J17/J18 events there were further victories for H&D Clubs – with Newport winning the Men's Senior Sculls, BTC the Men's Junior Sculls and Ryde the Men's Novice Sculls. In the Pairs events – Christchurch won the Men's Senior and Ryde the Men's junior events and Christchurch won the Men's J18 Coxed Fours and the Men's J17 Single Sculls – a total of 7 wins for H&D Clubs compared with 3 each for CARA and WEARA Clubs.

However the junior events on Sunday were dominated by WEARA Clubs – some of whom only entered the Junior Regatta - who won 15 of the events - with the Hants & Dorset winning 2 – the Men's J16 Sculls for Itchen and the Men's J14 sculls for Christchurch – with CARA taking just 1 win. It is difficult to understand why the WEARA Clubs enter and contest the junior events so strongly but fail to do so in the open events. There were clearly WEARA Crews – especially in the older groups – who could have competed successfully on the Saturday as well.

So the Hants & Dorset ARA dominated the entries and with the exception of the Junior Regatta – the results – and we are once again the South Coasts top Rowing Association - To quote John Bailey once again – *"Whilst the big one got away the Hants & Dorset Association were once gain proud winners of the Eileen & Eric Memorial Challenge Cup for overall Championship winners and dominated the Sesquicentennial Regatta Trophy."*

But – as the event approaches its 60<sup>th</sup> year – there are major concerns – the attitude of CARA who seem so reluctant to embrace change and move the event forward and the lack of support from – and enthusiasm for the Championships from WEARA – you have to fear how big their presence will be at the "very" coastal venue of Herne Bay next year – and even at Dorney in 2017. There is no doubt that without the commitment, support, enthusiasm and determination to see the event succeed of the H&D Clubs and Officials this Championship would cease to exist and remains under threat – which needs addressing by Council and the three Associations.

Steve Bull,  
Association Secretary,  
September, 2015.

## **South Coast Rowing Championships.**

**2015**

### **ENTRIES TABLE.**

H&DARA	CARA	WEARA	Totals	% H&D.
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Sat.12/9/15.

Championship	13	12	9	34	38.24
Traditional	38	21	13	72	52.78
Small Boats	36	6	14	56	64.29
J17/18	7	1	2	10	70.00
Sat. Totals	94	40	38	172	54.65
Sun.13/9/15	59	7	48	114	51.75
TOTAL	153	47	86	286	53.50

## Results

*Note. Results compiled from records maintained on the day by Sue Sothcott on the Saturday and Steve Bull and Val Adams on the Sunday – the junior results being incomplete – with no formal results received from the organisers at the time of publication. E&OE.*

### Championship Events

#### **Men's Senior Coxed Fours.**

1 Bexhill, Bow Mark Mitchell, 2 Greg Anderson, 3 Matt Hellier, Stk Kieran Hahill, Cox Rachel Hollaway  
2 Itchen Imperial, Bow Wayne, 2 Andras Bator, 3 Mark Wardell, Stk Tom Foad, Cox Robyn McGregor-Ritchie  
3 Greenbank Falmouth. Bow Phil Farndon, 2 Tim Wilkenson, 3 Tom Worden, Stk Jame Kerr, Cox Alice Tetley.

#### **Ladies Senior Coxed Fours.**

1 Itchen Imperial, Bow Katie Taylor, 2 Jess Bull, 3 Robyn McGregor-Ritchie, Stk Kirsty McGregor-Ritchie, Cox Adele Walton.  
2 Greenbank Falmouth, Bow Anne VanHouten, 2 Harriet Eldred, 3 Nicky Halse, Stk Sarah Lewis  
3 Shoreham. Bow Sarah McCorry, 2 Gemma Stoner, 3 Charlotte Pigg, Stk Sarah Bareham, Cox Ezra Hulme.

#### **Men's Masters Coxed Fours**

1 Itchen Imperial, Bow Steve Taylor, 2 Russel Benham, 3 Lee Rayment, Stk Ian Barnaby, Cox Owen Barnaby  
2 Folkestone, Bow Stephen Tupper, 2 Andy Bassant, 3 Stewart Harries, Stk Mark Simmonds, Cox Sam Lewis.  
3 BTC. Bow Brent Mould, 2 Mark Wilson, 3 Malcolm Hume, Stk Mike Weaver, Cox Chole Weaver.

#### **Men's Junior / Senior Coxed Fours.**

1 Deal, Bow Matthew Handley, 2 Owen Mullaney, 3 Reece Mullaney, Stk Luke Mullaney, Cox Loas Mullaney  
2 Westover, Bow Leigh Darlow, 2 Jeff Hanafin, 3 Michael Joscelyne, Stk Ali Esinduy, Cox Louie Callaghan.  
3 Plymouth. Bow Dave Reedy, 2 Ash May, 3 Paul Brew, Stk Lloyd Barron-Robinson.

#### **Men's Junior Coxed Fours.**

1 Westover, Bow James Kay, 2 Gian-Luc Angeiolini, 3 Jonathan Solly, Stk Josh Williams, Cox Anna Nolan.  
2 BTC, Bow Ed Crampin, 2 Pete Snelling, 3 Ingvar Lukas, Stk Pete Sturlinmg, Cox Max Moody  
3 Deal A. Bow Ross Wuddett, 2 John Rowarth, 3 Tyler Amos, Stk Reece Giles, Cox Loas Mallaney.

#### **Ladies Junior Coxed Fours**

1 Itchen Imperial, Bow Megan Dunlop, 2 from Holly Fagin or Paige Lewis, 3 Rosie Daniels, Stk Alice Jenden, Cox Hayley Emery.

2 Westover, Bow Libby Perry, 2 Rosanna Bramwell-Reeks, 3 Alica Bramwell-Reeks, Stk Danielle Elmy-Liddard, Cox Anna Nolan.

3 Bideford Blues. Bow S Monaghan, 2 C Berry, 3 S May, Stk K Snow, Cox T Robertson.

**Open Events – Traditional.**

Men's Senior Coxed Fours.

1st. Eastbourne.            2nd. Herne Bay.            3rd. BTC.

Men's Junior-Senior Coxed Fours.

1st. NEWPORT.            2nd Bexhill.            3rd. Christchurch.

Men's Junior Coxed Fours.

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

Men's Novice Coxed Fours.

1st. RYDE.            2nd. Bexhill.            3rd Itchen.

Ladies Senior Coxed Fours.

1st. BTC.            2nd. Southampton.    3rd. Coalporters.

Ladies Junior Coxed Fours.

1st SOUTHAMPTON.    2nd Castle Dore.    3rd. Worthing.

Ladies Novice Coxed Fours.

1st. Castle Dore.    2nd. Deal.            3rd. Worthing.

Men's Masters Coxed Fours.

1st. COALPORTERS.    2nd. Christchurch.    3rd. Bexhill.

Ladies Masters Coxed Fours.

1. BTC.            2nd. Southampton.    3rd. Christchurch.

**Open Events – Small and J17/J18.**

Men's J18 Coxed Fours.

1<sup>st</sup>. Christchurch.    2<sup>nd</sup> Christchurch.    3<sup>rd</sup>. Bideford AAC.

Ladies J18 Coxed Fours.

1<sup>st</sup>. Bexhill.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Shanklin.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Southsea.

Men's Senior Pairs.

1<sup>st</sup>. Bexhill.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Lyminster.            3<sup>rd</sup>. BTC.

Men's Junior Pairs.

1<sup>st</sup>. Ryde.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Itchen.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Dover.

Ladies Junior Pairs.

1<sup>st</sup>. Deal.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Lyminster.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Worthing.

Ladies Junior Double Sculls.

1<sup>st</sup>. Plymouth.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Shanklin.            3<sup>rd</sup>. BTC.

Men's Senior Sculls.

1<sup>st</sup>. Newport.            2<sup>nd</sup>. BTC.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Shoreham.

Men's Junior Sculls.

1<sup>st</sup>. BTC.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Shanklin.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Coalporters.

Men's Novice Sculls.

1<sup>st</sup>. Ryde.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Ryde.            3<sup>rd</sup>. BTC.

Ladies Senior Sculls.

1<sup>st</sup>. Greenbank Falmouth    2<sup>nd</sup>. Plymouth.    3<sup>rd</sup>. Wimbleball.

Ladies Junior Sculls.

1<sup>st</sup>. Exeter.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Plymouth.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Newport.

Men's J17 Sculls.

1<sup>st</sup>. Christchurch.    2<sup>nd</sup>. Plymouth.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Shanklin.

Junior Events.

Men's J16 Coxed Four.

1<sup>st</sup>. Exeter.            2<sup>nd</sup>. Southsea.            3<sup>rd</sup>. Ryde.

Men's J16 Coxed Quad.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Deal.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Exeter.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Itchen.
Ladies J16 Coxed Four.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Exeter.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Shanklin.	
Ladies J16 Coxed Quad.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Dart Totnes.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Shanklin.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Itchen.
Ladies J15 Coxed Quad.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Exeter	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Dart Totnes.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Christchurch.
Ladies J14 Quad Four.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Exeter.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Plymouth.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Castle-Dore.
Men's J16 Double Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Bideford AAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> ?	3 <sup>rd</sup> ?
Men's J15 Double Scull.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Bideford AAC.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Poole.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Coalporters.
Ladies J16 Double Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Dart Totnes.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . BTC.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Bexhill.
Ladies J15 Double Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Dart Totnes.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Plymouth.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Christchurch.
Men's J14 Double Scull.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Dart Totnes.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Christchurch.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Dartmouth.
Ladies J14 Double Scull.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Wimbleball.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . ?	3 <sup>rd</sup> . ?
Men's J16 Single Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Itchen.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Castle Dore.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Christchurch.
Ladies J16 Single Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Exeter.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Dart Totnes.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Dart Totnes.
Men's J15 Single Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Bideford AAC.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Plymouth.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Poole.
Ladies J15 Single Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Exeter.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Plymouth.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Dart Totnes.
Men's J14 Single Scull.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Christchurch.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Dartmouth.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Christchurch.
Ladies J14 Single Sculls.		
1 <sup>st</sup> . Wimbleball	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Plymouth.	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Dartmouth.

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#### Appendix 5

**Agenda Item 9. Report from Hants & Dorset ARA "Rules" and "Competitions" Sub Committees and to consider any possible rule changes for discussion and approval at the AGM.**

HANTS AND DORSET ARA RULES FOR BOAT RACING.

Part A. RULES FOR BOAT RACING.

Change to wording – was a bit “garbled” – was -

**4.0 THE START.**

*4.1. Each crew is responsible for being at the start and ready to race in good time or as directed by the boat marshall or race officialthe scheduled time if the race or as directed by any boat marshal or race official.*

Now -

**4.0 THE START.**

4.1. Each crew is responsible for being at the start and ready to race at the scheduled time of the race or as directed by any boat marshal or race official.

HANTS AND DORSET ARA STATUS RULES  
STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.

Error in wording of rules found.

Was –

*STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.*

*11.0. JUNIOR SCULLER STATUS.*

*11.1. A Junior Sculler. A Junior Sculler is one who has won two sculling Championship points at novice status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.*

*11.2. When he/she has won a sculling Championship point he/she becomes ineligible to row as a junior sculler in the following season but may continue to row in Junior sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won their second Championship point.*

*11.3. He/she is eligible to compete in sculling races at Junior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 15.1.) at any of these will count as a win at Junior status for him/her.*

*12.0. SENIOR SCULLER STATUS.*

*12.1. A Senior Sculler. A Senior Sculler is one who has won a sculling Championship point at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.*

Now –

Section 11.0 Junior Sculler status should read.

11.0. JUNIOR SCULLER STATUS.

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

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

11.3. He/she is eligible to compete in sculling races at Junior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 15.1.) at any of these will count as a win at Junior status for him/her.

Also found an error in section 12.0 Senior Sculler Status – should read –

12.0. SENIOR SCULLER STATUS.

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

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Appendix 6.

**Agenda item 11. Report from the Umpires Commission.**

**Report from Chairman of umpires committee for 2015**

In preparing for this report I've read through the many regatta reports written by umpires and assistant officials through the season, so I'd like to start with a big thank you to all of our volunteer officials for the time they give freely to our sport. I'm heartened that we have had enthusiastic involvement of our assistant officials all season and look forward to promoting some to full officials for next season – cue the commercial break – so it would be really good to get some new assistant officials into training next year. I ask all clubs, whether you have met your minimum number of officials required or not, to have a think about who might be able to help as a future official and ask them to volunteer. It will make a positive contribution to our sport for years to come.

The first responsibility of our race officials is safety, so I'm heartened to see that throughout our regattas, reports show good work by safety boat crews aiding competitors in difficulty after capsizes or other incidents. However, sometimes it is difficult to get enough safety boats manned so I would urge all clubs to get more of their members qualified to use power boats and provide the safety crews of the future.

Thankfully, we've not had many incidents causing damage or injury this season. As ever, though, the most hazardous place on most courses is at the turns and a couple of significant collisions in fours occurred at Ryde, Shanklin and at Southsea turns buoys. All clubs, when training coxswains, please emphasise safe practices: prepare for the race by reviewing the course and conditions, identify and set a course for your allocated buoy as early as possible, recognise the risk of collision between faster crew coming out of turn and slower crew coming in on the next buoy and if you are the slower crew, be prepared to slow and give way if necessary to avoid an incident. We've seen good examples of this from scullers mentioned in umpires reports but fours haven't matched the small boats for safe steering at the buoys this season. Just one specific for regatta organisers here – spacing of buoys is obviously a factor, so please review how the buoys are positioned for spacing as well as alignment. I noted that for some reason both Weston Shore regattas had problems with no. 1 buoy getting too close to no. 2 buoy this year, so any possible adjustments to avoid this problem next season should be considered – maybe something as simple as moving the inner mark offshore a few yards might help?

The other theme for regattas is communication. I've noted that where communication is good, regatta reports are generally positive, races run to time and everyone including officials, competitors, coaches and captains and spectators know who's racing even when programme changes are made. In particular, effective use of boat marshalls on the shore, using portable radio to act as a link between race control and the competitors, can really help keep things running smoothly.

And the racing? We've seen some great races this year, but a few problems for the officials to note and work on:

Jumped starts: we still see a problem with these, and will discuss how to improve our application of the rules in the January race officials meeting. I predict we'll get stricter.

Observation and interpretation of dodgy steering: never easy, crews and coxswains often see things that aren't picked up by umpires. We don't have an action replay TMO! We need to get better at providing appropriate feedback to crews on why we have taken decisions that they may not necessarily like. I've been impressed by the Rugby World Cup referees feedback to players – it's a standard we can aspire to.

And finally..... this year's award for elegant umpiring (not!) is a joint win for Sharon Ayles for her splashy entry into waist deep water at Woolston (got off the RIB but didn't get onto the tower ladder) and to Henry Adams for an impromptu lifejacket inflation test at BTC regatta. What is it about Weston Shore?

Andy Parsons 14/10/15.

Appendix 7.

**Agenda Item 12. Report from the Safety Sub Committee.**

The Regional Rowing Safety Advisers (and H&D ARA Safety Committee's) Report to the Associations 2014 Autumn Council Meeting and to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council.

National Safety Committee and National Safety Committee (NSC) Meetings. As the regions Rowing Safety adviser (RRSA) I attended 2 of the 4 BR National Safety meetings that were planned for 2015 – one early in the new year – and one just a few weeks ago – both held at the BR HQ at Hammersmith. I was unable to attend the spring and summer meetings due to a clashes with H&D event at which I was officiating – but would hope to attend December's meeting (which may now take place in January).

Among the matters discussed at NSC was – the ongoing review of RowSafe – where Wessex has submitted a re-draft of the Coastal section for consideration and adoption – after extensive consultations within the region – however due to lack of IT support, resources and funding at BR the RowSafe review has been further delayed and is now expected to be completed until next year.

Other topics covered were – the roles of the paid staff at BR; the re-write of the Tideway code; Boat Trailers – plating, MOT's and trailer towing and licensing; various incidents including the two fatalities and incidents involving BR Crews – and general improvements to the incident reporting system. Much time was spent discussing safety issues relating to Adaptive/disability/rowability – rowing. Bow balls and bow shapes were discussed and we were briefed on the BR conference at Leeds - which Phil McCorry will attend and will represent Wessex views from a safety pint of view.

The BR Web Site will be re-launched soon – but in spite of the NSC's lobbying BR are refusing to give safety a prominent "button" on the home page – which again is an illustration of their poor attitude towards safety – where in the main they still just pay "lip-service".

Hon. BR Water Safety Adviser – Stephen Worley sends out a monthly report which is forwarded to Club RSA's and the BR Safety Alerts which Club RSA's should receive direct from BR – are also sent out again by the RRSA to try and ensure they are not missed.

Annual BR Club Audit. All Wessex region clubs duly completed the 2014/2015 BR Club audit – although some were a little late in complying – risking suspension from racing by BR.

The 2015/2016 Club Audit – has now gone live and Club RRSA should have had an E Mail to this effect from BR. The questions are much the same as last year except there is an additional requirement to upload a copy of your risk assessment if you say you have one. I.e. if you don't have one – be honest and say so. You also can't now look back at last years and will have to start from scratch! The questions will be reviewed next year with a view to dropping some as it was generally agreed that the audit is too long, some questions are irrelevant and some unrelated to safety – the audit being used by BR to gather information for other reasons. The audit must be completed, submitted online and accepted by your Regional Rowing Safety Adviser **before 30th November**. Any clubs that do not submit their audit, or it is yet to be accepted by their RRSA by the deadline are suspended from entering races from 1st January, 2016. The biggest issue with the Club Audit is that BR have changed the software – without any consultation with the NSC and while Clubs will notice little difference it's a big problem for RRSA's who have to approve them as all we are now going to get is a pdf copy E Mailed to us and there is no longer any on line platform where we can analyse the responses or download into a spread sheet for ease of use. No one felt this was acceptable – and we asked that this be taken up with BR as a matter of urgency. It sort of sums up the BR attitude to the work of the NSC – and is a bit depressing!

Event Safety Audits. All H&D (Wessex) events submitted an event safety audit with risk assessments, safety and communication plans – and emergency plans accompanying most. These were reviewed and approved by the RRSA and BR advised so that the BR Event Public Liability Insurance would be issued by BR on payment of the appropriate fee. All H&D Events except Newport use the BR Public Liability insurance scheme – Newport use another provider – and have assured us that this provides suitable cover.

Incident Reporting. There were no national statistics available at the September NSC meeting – but it is still believed that there is much under reporting of incidents – nationally and within the Wessex Region. Nationally collisions remain the biggest incident reported – regionally it's capsizes.

In the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> August I have records of sixty-one incidents recorded by Wessex Region Clubs – seven of which came from CARA Clubs – which means that they are either incredibly safe or under report on an even greater scale than we do! Of the remaining 54 incident reports 5 related to H&D ARA Equipment inspections, and 4 were duplications – covering 9 reports – leaving 45 actual separate incidents logged – which will be analysed in detail along with those reports received between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December – at the 2016 H&D ARA safety meeting which will probably be held in February.

Boat Inspection at H&D/Wessex Events. Unannounced and random boat inspections were undertaken by the H&D ARA Safety Committee at four H&D events during the season – Christchurch, Woolston, Swanage and BTC Regatta's. A total of 84 boats of all types were inspected with 18 faults found – some boats having more than one fault. The number of boats inspected was slightly less than last year (2014 - 89) but the number of faults found showed a significant improvement on the 29 recorded in 2014 – which is an encouraging trend. As ever the largest fault found was heel restraints – at 18 – around 80% - the other 3 being no boat ID. Two Clubs – Itchen and Shanklin – went through the inspection process with no fault found during any of the inspections – and will/have received an award in recognition on this. A full heel restraint check on every boat present was undertaken at Bournemouth – with 50 boats checked – and just 4 faults found – again an encouraging trend - and a full inspection of Coxswains Life Jackets was undertaken at Swanage – with 26 Life Jackets examined with 9 failures. The BR Incident reporting system was used to summarise the results of the boat inspections and by opening these for comment ensured the Club Safety Advisers were advised of the issues with their boats as quickly as possible and were able to comment – and some did! This method of reporting on equipment inspection was hi-lighted at the September NSC meeting where it was well received – and thought to be an example of good practice – which the Regatta Control Commissions should consider adopting. (H&D/Wessex lead the way!).

H&D Race Officials Safety Equipment. Although not returned yet for their end of season inspection and refurbishment it is believed that the H&D ARA Safety equipment has survived another season fairly intact although there will be the inevitable wear and tear. The Life Jackets are also believed to be in a good condition – and we appear to have recovered the missing one – as 10 were put into the “system” at the beginning of the season – and by mid-season there were 11! It is our intention to have all these life-jackets serviced this winter.

Steve Bull.  
Wessex Region Safety Adviser and Hants & Dorset ARA Safety Committee.  
September, 2015.

*Appendix 2.*

**Agenda item 4. Reports on the 2015 Regatta Season and Regatta's.  
See over page.**



**Hants & Dorset ARA. 2015 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 17/10/15.**

Regatta <b>Itchen Eights and Fours HRR.</b>	Date 31/01/2015	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference 0
Reports received 1	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme NO	South Coast Levy Received. N/A	Late Scratch Fines 0

Significant incidents  
Relatively incident free. Judging position on the shore was acceptable.

Correspondance	Content

Safety self-audit 15/01/2015	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
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Safety incidents  
No significant incidents.

H&D Rules & procedures

Regatta <b>Christchurch Head of the Stour.</b>	Date 22/03/2015	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference 0
Reports received 2	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme NO	South Coast Levy Received. N/A	Late Scratch Fines 0

Significant incidents  
No significant incidents.

Correspondance	Content

Safety self-audit 01/03/2015	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no. 3948/3949/3951
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Safety incidents  
Sculler capsized near finish after clashing with buoy. Safety cover a little slow to respond because had moved further down river due to rough conditions at the start. Assisted by withdrawn four until arrival of safety boat. (3948/3949/3951)

H&D Rules & procedures

### Hants & Dorset ARA. 2015 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 17/10/15.

Regatta <b>Southampton Coastal HRR.</b>	Date 18/04/2015	Entry [ ]	Entry - last year [ ]	Difference 0
Reports received 1	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme NO		South Coast Levy Received. N/A
				Late Scratch Fines 0

**Significant incidents**  
Time penalties imposed in Div 1 for late arrivals. Finish line at "pinch point" on river better for Judges - but not so good for spectators. Generally a well organized and supported event.

Correspondance NO	Content [ ]
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Safety self-audit 02/04/2015	Safety Re-audit [ ]	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected. [ ]	BR Incident report no. n/a
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**Safety incidents**  
No significant incidents recorded.

**H&D Rules & procedures**  
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Regatta <b>Christchurch</b>	Date 23/05/2015	Entry 67	Entry - last year 79	Difference -12
Reports received 5	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES		South Coast Levy Received. £268
				Late Scratch Fines 0

**Significant incidents**  
Six disqualification's for passing the wrong side of the center marking buoys. At least two race stopped and re-rowed due to river traffic. Mobile umpires boat worked well. Moored boats shifted as tide came up making gap between moored boats and center markers near the start to narrow. Racing held and boats pulled back in-line. Started on time but finished late due to re-rows and river traffic.

Correspondance NO	Content [ ]
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Safety self-audit 10/05/2015	Safety Re-audit [ ]	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected. YES	BR Incident report no. 4340
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**Safety incidents**  
Good work from safety boats - with no significant incidents on the water. However injury in Newport Ladies Senior Crew required attendance of St. John Ambulance. Only incident report received was from Race Official who witnessed the incident (4340) Nothing from Club or Regatta.

**H&D Rules & procedures**  
H&D Loud Hailer from Safety kit used at turns.

### Hants & Dorset ARA. 2015 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 17/10/15.

Regatta <b>Lyminton/Milford-on-Sea.</b>	Date <b>30/05/2015</b>	Entry <input type="text"/>	Entry - last year <input type="text"/>	Difference <input type="text" value="0"/>
Reports received <input type="text" value="0"/>	Times in program. <b>YES</b>	Names in Programme <b>YES</b>	South Coast Levy Received. <b>n/a</b>	Late Scratch Fines <input type="text" value="0"/>

**Significant incidents**

Regatta cancelled on Friday, 29th May due to weather forecast. Proved to be correct call. One Assistant Umpire (Bill Dalby) not advised of cancellation and attended the regatta. [Note; Entries - 104]

**Correspondance**

**Content**

Safety self-audit <b>10/05/2015</b>	Safety Re-audit <input type="text"/>	By <b>NO RE-AUDIT.</b>	Boats Inspected. <input type="text"/>	BR Incident report no. <input type="text"/>
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**Safety incidents**

**H&D Rules & procedures**

Regatta <b>Ryde.</b>	Date <b>06/06/2015</b>	Entry <input type="text" value="118"/>	Entry - last year <input type="text" value="113"/>	Difference <input type="text" value="5"/>
Reports received <input type="text" value="5"/>	Times in program. <b>YES</b>	Names in Programme <b>YES</b>	South Coast Levy Received. <b>£328</b>	Late Scratch Fines <input type="text" value="2"/>

**Significant incidents**

Two disqualification's - Ryde Juniors for clash at turn with BTC & Southampton Novice sculler - missed turn. Westover Men's junior sculler finished out side course. 1 buoy broke free during the regatta but quickly replaced. Ladies Novice Sculls race cancelled due to conditions and state of tide. Additional comment at Council Meeting - poor starting of the J/S race and how crowded the start platform was with Race Officials;

**Correspondance**

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Safety self-audit <b>10/05/2015</b>	Safety Re-audit <input type="text"/>	By <b>NO RE-AUDIT.</b>	Boats Inspected. <input type="text"/>	BR Incident report no. <b>4433/4485</b>
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**Safety incidents**

Three scullers capsized - all well handled by safety boats. Ladies Novice Sculls race cancelled due in part to safety concerns. Injury to BTC Junior Four cox in clash with Ryde at the turn. Treated by St. John Ambulance (4433 from Ryde/Regatta). Summary of incidents from Regatta (4485)

**H&D Rules & procedures**

**Hants & Dorset ARA. 2015 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 17/10/15.**

Regatta <b>Shanklin.</b>	Date 07/06/2015	Entry 110	Entry - last year 101	Difference 9
Reports received 4	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme NO	South Coast Levy Received. £320	Late Scratch Fines 1
Significant incidents 4 disqualification's, 1 for a missed turn + 1 protest not upheld. Men's Junior Fours final stopped and re-rowed after a collision at the turn - with Southsea disqualified. Collision in J16 Sculls final - no action taken. Umpires boat very good - and no adjustment of buoy line required,				
Correspondance	Content			
Safety self-audit 12/05/2015	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no. 4434/4435/4464/452
Safety incidents Racing held at 1 point because of divers on the course (4435). Southsea boat damaged and bowman ended up in the water in collision in Junior Fours final (4434 - Safety/4464 - Regatta/4527 - Southsea). All incidents dealt with effectively by safety boats.				
H&D Rules & procedures Only scullers names printed in the program. Event entries - not on results sheet so taken from program - so excludes late entries.				

Regatta <b>Woolston</b>	Date 20/06/2015	Entry 143	Entry - last year 118	Difference 25
Reports received 2	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES	South Coast Levy Received. £391	Late Scratch Fines 2
Significant incidents Men's' Junior Pairs Final re-rowed after a clash at the start. Ladies Junior Fours - clash at start. Men's Senior Pairs - Southampton stopped - equipment failure. Race stopped and re-rowed after collision at the turn. Poole withdrew from re-row. In combined races - faster boat should be on the outside. Additional comment at Council meeting -inconsistency of umpiring decisions -and the time pressures;				
Correspondance	Content			
Safety self-audit 11/10/2006	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected. YES	BR Incident report no.
Safety incidents J16 sculler capsized - dealt with well by safety boat. Two near incidents transferring Race Officials from RIB to and from start platform.				
H&D Rules & procedures				

**Hants & Dorset ARA. 2015 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 17/10/15.**

Regatta <b>Swanage</b>	Date 27/06/2015	Entry 165	Entry - last year 166	Difference -1
Reports received 5	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES		South Coast Levy Received. £488
				Late Scratch Fines 2

**Significant incidents**

Note. Masters Composite crew - 2 from Lymington/2 from BTC - rules state it has to be 3 and 1. Some debate over layout of the course - was adjusted - but still deemed unsatisfactory/unfair by some. No disqualification's and 1 protest not upheld.

**Correspondance**

**Content**

Safety self-audit 20/10/2006	Safety Re-audit <input type="text"/>	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected. YES	BR Incident report no. <input type="text"/>
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**Safety incidents**

1 sculler capsized and some concern relating to members of the public in pleasure boats on the course

**H&D Rules & procedures**

Regatta <b>Newport - Fours.</b>	Date 04/07/2015	Entry 58	Entry - last year 98	Difference -40
Reports received 7	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES		South Coast Levy Received. £284
				Late Scratch Fines 4

**Significant incidents**

Men's J/S Fours final re-rowed after protest from BTC - no disqualification as umpires unsighted. Similar issue after Coalporters protest in Senior Ladies. At least four crews missed their start. 6m between races very tight. Inconsistency in waiting for crews at the start. Less strict from semifinals onwards. Inappropriate protest from Christchuech Men's Junior crew after they missed the start. Additional comment at Council meeting - inadequate radios, poor boat marshalling - needs dedicated marshals and PA system closer to boat park and perhaps a new "system" - to be discussed at the Race Officials Meeting - with a view to coming up with a set of recommendations.

**Correspondance**

YES

**Content**

Letter from P. Spratt on behalf of Coalporters R. C. regarding inconsistencies in umpiring decisions. Related to Coalporters crews being "cut-up" on the course. Receipt acknowledged and copied to race officials, H&D Executive officers and Chairman of the Umpires Committee.

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**Safety incidents**

H&D Loud Hailer used at start - not supplied by Regatta. No significant safety incidents.

**H&D Rules & procedures**

No copy of the briefing attendance sheet received. Radios not to good - interference. PA does not reach crews in the boating area. Crews bunching in lane 1.

### Hants & Dorset ARA. 2015 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 17/10/15.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
Newport - Small & Junior.	05/07/2015	63	51	12
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
3	YES	YES	£86	0
Significant incidents				
Disqualification in Men's Novice Sculls - dangerous steering. One dead-heat re-rowed + another re-row. Crews often waiting long time at start.				
Correspondance	Content			
Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
22/06/2015		NO RE-AUDIT.		4574/4605.
Safety incidents				
No significant safety incidents reported by officials other than dangerous course from sculler but BR incident report received from Christchurch Quad ref clash with an Itchen Sculler on the way to the start (4574). Itchen also reported (4605).				
H&D Rules & procedures				
No copy of the briefing attendance sheet received. Low number of race officials available.				

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
Southsea	11/07/2015	236	227	9
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
6	YES	YES	£356	2
Significant incidents				
Scratching's led to Men's and Ladies Novice Fours heats being abandoned in favor of large straight finals - saved time - but starts of finals took a long time! A number of races were stopped and restarted as a result of various clashes. Senior Fours final restarted after sinking Folkestone crew impeded Coalporters. Strong protests from Coalporters Junior Ladies not upheld by umpires. Strong protest from Folkestone sculler not upheld by starters. Three umpires needed at the turns. Local rules in force - and helped. Additional comment at Council Meeting - additional umpire needed to cover the turns;				
Correspondance	Content			
YES	Letter from P. Spratt on behalf of Coalporters R. C. regarding inconsistencies in umpiring decisions. Related to Coalporters crews being impeded at the turn. Receipt acknowledged and copied to race officials, H&D Executive officers and Chairman of the Umpires Committee.			
Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
01/07/2015		NO RE-AUDIT.		4709/4710/4827.
Safety incidents				
Conditions got steadily worse during the day and after multiple sinking's in Men's Senior Final decision taken, agreed by all parties, to abandon racing for the day - lost Men's Junior Sculls, Open Double Sculls and Ladies Double Sculls. There were a number of other capsizes in single scull - Shanklin (4709) and at a swamping of at least one Ladies Four - Shanklin. (4710). Summary of incidents from Regatta (4827).				
H&D Rules & procedures				
No copy of the briefing attendance sheet received. More powerful PA - outside crews could not hear - although the wind had an effect. 114 of entry of 236 were H&D ARA Crews/Scullers (117 in 2014).				

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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
<b>Bournemouth</b>	18/07/2015	106	113	-7
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
5	YES	YES	£355	2

**Significant incidents**  
 Rowing conditions were marginal Where their any boat marshals ashore? Men's Novice sculls postponed - but held at the end as conditions improved slightly. Long boat changes!

Correspondance	Content

Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
02/07/2015		NO RE-AUDIT.	YES	4644/4645/4713

**Safety incidents**  
 Men's Junior Scull Final. Westover capsized (Club - 4713) , Ladies Masters Fours - Poole crew capsized. Ladies Novice Sculls final - Poole capsized. Ladies Junior Fours - Southsea sank. One safety boat stayed behind the turn for most of the regatta - should have followed races. Also - according to BR incident reports received from Club - Itchen Men's Novice Sculler (4644) and Itchen Men's Senior Sculler (4645) capsized. Additional comment at Council Meeting - better briefing for safety boat crews and improved boat changes:

**H&D Rules & procedures**  
 H&D Loud Hailer used to start races. No real transit line for starters to line crews up on and buoy line not the best all day. Turning buoys quite small? Better cover needed for Officials on the pier.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
<b>Poole</b>	25/07/2015	143	175	-32
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
5	YES	YES	£398	0

**Significant incidents**  
 Men's Novice sculls re-rowed after protest with a disqualification. Number of J16 Boys & Girls crews did not finish their races - along with BTC Masters 40 crew. Protest in J/S recent upheld.

Correspondance	Content
NO	

Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
18/07/2015		NO RE-AUDIT.		

**Safety incidents**  
 No significant safety related incidents recorded.

**H&D Rules & procedures**  
 Supplied Loud Hailer did not work at start - H&D loud Hailer used.

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Regatta <b>Itchen Imperial.</b>	Date 08/08/2015	Entry 157	Entry - last year 153	Difference 4
Reports received 5	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES		South Coast Levy Received. £390
			Late Scratch Fines 3	

**Significant incidents**

Shanklin double Scull disqualified for course, 8 crews disqualified for missed turns, Shanklin Junior Sculler did not finish his heat. Broken collar on blade? Long day in spite of 11 scratched events. usual and disruptive high level of Scratching's resulting in significant adjustment to the program on the day. Additional comment at Council Meeting - - better liaison with SWAC

Correspondance	Content

Safety self-audit 23/07/2015	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
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**Safety incidents**

Itchen Novice sculler capsized. Several pleasure boats strayed on to course during racing.

**H&D Rules & procedures**

No copy of the briefing attendance sheet received.

Regatta <b>BTC</b>	Date 15/08/2015	Entry 120	Entry - last year 119	Difference 1
Reports received 5	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES		South Coast Levy Received. £365
			Late Scratch Fines 0	

**Significant incidents**

Delayed issue of program caused some issues. No 1 buoy removed - after race 4 - was to close to number 2. Ryde Novice Sculler disqualified for impeding another sculler - race stopped and re-rowed. Men's Junior Fours - protest from Coalporters not upheld. Additional comments at Council Meeting - - issue with manning of safety boats.

Correspondance	Content

Safety self-audit 01/08/2015	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
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**Safety incidents**

Hants & Dorset race officials Life Jacket accidentally inflated. Some concern expressed over competence of safety boat crew.

**H&D Rules & procedures**

No copy of the briefing attendance sheet received.



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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
<b>Coalporters.</b>	22/08/2015	104	96	8
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme		South Coast Levy Received.
4		YES		Late Scratch Fines
				3

**Significant incidents**  
 5 disqualification - 1 for course, 2 for missed turns, 1 for wrong turn, 1 for not turning the buoy completely. Newport Senior Sculler water to withdraw from Senior Sculls final - was advised that if he did he would also have to withdraw from J/S Final. Went afloat - in Senior sculls final - but withdrew soon after start. Broken footplate? Member of BTC Master - strong verbal protest regarding start of race.

Correspondance	Content

Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
15/08/2015		NO RE-AUDIT.		

**Safety incidents**  
 No significant safety incidents. Poole Junior Sculler withdrew from final due to illness?

**H&D Rules & procedures**  
 No copy of the briefing attendance sheet received. H&D ARA Loud Hailer used to start some races as Coalporters unit failed. Need clearer start/finish post on Coalporters side of the river.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
<b>Lymington rerun.</b>	01/08/2015	101	132	-31
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme		South Coast Levy Received.
4	YES	YES		£284

**Significant incidents**  
 Three late scratching's recorded including a Poole Junior pair that went afloat but withdrew before the start due to illness. Two disqualification's - both in the Novice Sculls - one for missing the turn, one for turning the wrong way. Two protests in Senior Pairs over course of BTC - not upheld. Ladies Novice Fours - Newport - did not finish - broken rudder. Southampton A - did not finish. Men's Junior Fours. 2nd Christchurch crew did not finish. Issue with crews rowing away from start in spite of many warnings. Stationed a race official down beach with Loud Hailer to chase-up which helped.

Correspondance	Content

Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
		NO RE-AUDIT.		

**Safety incidents**  
 Poole Junior pair that went afloat but withdrew before the start due to illness. One capsized. Some damage to boat going afloat. Event 15. Ladies Novice, Junior and Senior Sculls + Adaptive. Adaptive sculler not allowed afloat - would have required dedicated safety boat - especially as starting from the turn - which would have left inadequate safety cover for other scullers over the full course in the worsening conditions. Men's Senior and Junior Senior Fours - Poole J/S did not finish, Southampton - sunk at finish.

**H&D Rules & procedures**  
 No copy of the briefing attendance sheet received