

Minutes of the Hants & Dorset ARA Autumn Council Meeting, held at the BTC Rowing Club, Southampton on Saturday, 5th November, 2016.

There were 27 delegates in attendance when the Chairman, Martin Bradbeer, opened the meeting at 10.40am.

Apologies were received from – Sue Sothcott, H&D Life Vice President and Association Treasurer; Bob Sivier, H&D Life Vice President and Southampton; Jane Bailey, Shanklin Regatta; Simon Clements – Captain, Westover and Jeff Watling and Paul Hollis, Southsea.

There were no representatives present from Worthing Rowing Club or from Newport Rowing Club or Regatta which was very disappointing.

The Minutes of the previous Autumn Council meeting of 17/10/15 which had been circulated in advance of the meeting were agreed to be a true record and approved on a proposal from J. Bailey, seconded by J. Purkess. The matters arising from the previous meeting – the AGM of 19/3/16 - were considered and agreed as follows –

- 1) The H&DARA had now paid the agreed financial contribution to the Wessex Regional Rowing Council of £250 for 2015.
- 2) The First boat from Southampton mold to be built by Burgashell had still not been completed.
- 3) The need to purchase more H&D Championship Medals - where the usual supplier having appeared to have gone out of business. This was in hand with Denny Woodford, H&D VP and BTC who updated the meeting on the situation – explaining that the missing die had now been located – although ownership was disputed. This would avoid the one of cost of producing a new die and making the previous quotes and China option less appropriate. The meeting agreed that the Association should go ahead and purchase a further 200 medals from a UK source using the available die – at the best possible price – which Denny agreed to organize. The Association Secretary confirmed that we had sufficient medals to meet this year's requirements.
- 4) Issues at Newport Regatta. The Newport Regatta Committee took on board most of the recommendations and 2016 Regatta was much improved – notably the Radios and Marshalling and at the Junior Regatta the umpiring.
- 5) Requests for additional Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Medals for 2015. All additional medals agreed have been distributed.
- 6) The Association Secretary queried why WEARA had not been fined for their failure to provide a race Official – a Boat Inspector (for at least the 2nd year running) at the 2015 SCC. This would be reported on at the appropriate point on the agenda.
- 7) The question was asked if CARA had made a contribution to Wessex last year as the Hants & Dorset ARA does. The Wessex Chairman advised that he was not aware of any payment by CARA but would follow this up.

The Association Secretary then gave his report and commented on correspondence received [see attached/Appendix 1].

The 2016 Regatta Season and Regatta's were reviewed – see summary attached. [Appendix 2.] A summary of the reports received from race officials at the 2016 events – plus any other correspondence received had been previously circulated - the views expressed and details shown being taken from the Race Officials reports and are not necessarily being the views of the Hants & Dorset Executive Officers. The summary covered the most significant incidents, safety related incidents, and deviations from H&D Rules and procedures expressed in the Race Officials reports. There were very few additional comments made at the meeting – other than that the missing Race Officials de-brief documents from Southsea and Itchen Regatta's had now been received and the BTC River & Coastal Head suffered from lots of crews finishing the wrong side of finish line and not enough safety pins on numbers. A general comment for all Head Races was that the small sticky numbers placed on the boats were often too small for officials to see

and put on the wrong side. It would be better if they were stuck to a blank number plate in the number slot. With regards to the Itchen Junior Regatta the organisers agreed to review the rules regarding "A" and "B" classification and handicapping.

The meeting then considered the Association Secretaries report on Swanage Regatta [See attached – Appendix 3.] and the organization of the 2017 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 2017 Regatta – with most involved expressing a willingness to continue – it was agreed that the format and organisation should stay the same. The only addition to the circulated report was that the Association Secretary confirmed that the First Aid providers did have a defibrillator with them and that they were trained in its use.

The meeting then discussed the 2016 South Coast Championship Regatta hosted by CARA at Herne Bay, 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 Association Secretary emphasised again that from his point of view the most disappointing aspect of the Regatta was the entry from our own Association. The Hants & Dorset ARA can usually be relied on to provide a significant proportion of the entry – usually over 50% of the open events – and as far as he is aware has never failed to provide a full quota of Championship crews – although we had gone pretty close on this occasion – and he had to question the commitment and attitude of some of the H&D Club regarding Association representation which should be seen as an honour. It was surprising and very disappointing that three of the Hants & Dorset ARA Clubs that had competed during the season – Lymington, Newport and Westover – did not enter the Regatta – and that two more – Christchurch and Poole only entered their Championship crews. It was also of great concern that we very nearly failed to have our full quota of representative crews in the Men's Coastal Junior Fours Championship event where both Poole and Westover – who were the joint runners-up for the Association Championship behind Christchurch did not enter and that others appeared reluctant to lose the opportunity for a possible open win by stepping up to the Championship. Ryde were thanked for providing a crew so that the H&D ARA did have a full complement.

The issues with the PA system were in part due to a 50m length of cable that was stolen the night before the Regatta – which led to hasty and only partially successful repairs having to take place.

The issue of the lack of seating at the Prize presentation and the overzealous attitude of the security at the event was also discussed. Apparently the Security Company, employed by the owners of the venue not the regatta have apologised.

Denny Woodford then briefed the meeting on the Council Meetings that took place over the Championship Regatta weekend – Friday's meeting discussing a request from Bideford that a mixed crew be allowed in the J14 event – which was agreed – but a consistent approach is required. The issue of WEARA failing to provide a boat inspector at Wimbleball in 2015 (and at Swanage in 2014) was discussed along with an outstanding fine from CARA for failure to provide a race official. CARA and WEARA are seeking to have the fines imposed cancelled – but H&D delegates were instructed to insist that the fines be paid. Phil Challen was rightly proposed as a Life Member of the South Coast Rowing Council and questions were raised regarding the whereabouts of the die for the medals which Phil had in his possession or knew of its whereabouts.

No proposed rule changes to the South Coast Council Rules had been notified to the Association Secretary by the South Coast Council or the other two Associations however the delegates discussed

and agreed on two proposed rule changes that should be forwarded to the Secretary of the South Coast Council for discussion and voting on at the SCC AGM in January. The first was put forward by the Associations South Coast Council delegates which followed informal discussion with some of the delegates from the other Associations and sought to ensure that no one Club had too much influence on an Associations delegation to Council. The proposed rule change with changes in wording hi-lighted in **BOLD** and italics – was as follows -

Rule. 2.

A Council shall be formed called "The South Coast Rowing Championship Council", comprising of three delegates, ***one from each of three Clubs in each ~~from each~~ Association***, Coast ARA, Hants & Dorset ARA and the West of England ARA. To be responsible for the general arrangements of each yearly Championship, overseeing the Rules and Recommendations of these Championships and to act as Trustees for the trophies in its possession, these to be raced for each year. There shall be one vote only per delegate. 3. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January each year. The Council shall elect a Chairman from the delegates to take the Chair for a three year term on rotation between the three Associations. The Chairman shall have control of the meeting, and shall retain the power to vote, but shall not have a casting vote. In the event of equality of votes, the motion shall be deemed to be "Not carried". In the event of the Chairman being absent from a meeting, then the remaining two delegates from their Association shall elect a temporary Chairman to chair the meeting.

The meeting unanimously agreed that this proposal should go forward to the South Coast Council AGM.

The 2nd proposal had been proposed by Southsea and supported by Christchurch Rowing Club and sought to relax the rule on how many events a Novice should have to compete in during the season to allow him to compete at the South Coast Championships. This proposal had been discussed by the H&D Rules Sub Committee at their last meeting and their recommendation was that there should be no change to the rule which was designed to prevent "ringers" taking part and reward rowers who had competed all season. The initial proposal from Southsea, seconded by Christchurch was to allow Novices to compete at the South Coast Championships regardless of how many events they had competed in during the season but this was amended on a proposal from John Bailey, seconded by John Purkess to state that they must have competed in at least one regatta to try and ensure that they were competent to race at the Championships. The amendment was duly carried by 23 votes for to 4 against – and would go forward to the South Coast Council AGM for discussion.

The proposed rule change with changes in wording hi-lighted in **BOLD** and italics – was as follows -
Rule. 25. D. Entry Conditions.

(d) That all competitors in the Open events, ***except those of Novice status***, must have competed in at least three Championship Regattas within their Association in the current season of the South Coast Championship Regatta, or have been a registered Association member for 12 months for the Club that they are representing to qualify for entry into the South Coast Rowing Championships. ***Novices must have competed in at least one Championship Regatta within their Association in the current season of the South Coast Championship Regatta, or have been a registered Association member for 12 months for the Club that they are representing.***

The meeting also briefly discussed a concern expressed by SCC Delegate Denny Woodford regarding the Associations delegates – who are re-elected at the AGM in March each year. It was known that Bob Sivier wanted to stand down at the AGM and there was some concern that Andy Sothcott would also want to stand down – so the Association may be faced with finding two new SCC Delegates. There were no offers forthcoming from the meeting although Pete Staddon agreed to stand-in at the South Coast Council AGM in January if a delegate was required – and Colin Eales would approach Mick Gisborne of Southsea to see if he would be interested in the role and all Clubs were asked to sound out their members to see if anyone would be interested.

The Regatta & Head Race dates for 2017 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 although the season was “front end loaded” with little activity in August. Swanage would almost certainly be earlier than usual – and Bournemouth was scheduled to be the last Regatta of the Hants & Dorset Season – so the SCC selection Council meeting would take place at Bournemouth after this Regatta. After a brief discussion, where Andy Parsons of Coalporters mentioned a potential clash of dates with a SWAC/BR organised social rowing event which Coalporters had committed to support, the meeting agreed to the Association Secretaries recommendation as follows –

Sun	12 th	March	Christchurch Head of the Stour.
Sat	1 st	April	Southampton Coastal HRR.
Sat	13 th	May	RYDE
Sun	14 th	May	SHANKLIN
Sat	20 th	May	ITCHEN
Sat	27 th	May	LYMINGTON/MILFORD-ON-SEA
Sat	3 rd	June	CHRISTCHURCH
Sat	17 th	June	SWANAGE
Sat	24 th	June	WOOLSTON
Sat	1 st	July	COALPORTERS
Sat	8 th	July	NEWPORT – Fours.
Sun	9 th	July	NEWPORT – Small & Junior.
Sat	15 th	July	SOUTHSEA
Sat	22 nd	July	BTC
Sat	29 th	July	POOLE
Sat	12 th	August	BOURNEMOUTH
Sun	13 th	August	Championship/SCC selection row-off's – if reqd
Sat	2 nd	September	South Coast Championship Regatta. Dorney Lake, Eton.

Dates for the following fixtures still had to be advised and the Association Secretary asked if these could be provided as soon as possible –

Dates still to be advised -

Itchen Eights & Fours HRR
Itchen Junior Sprint Regatta
BTC River & Coastal HRR

The meeting was also briefed on the plans for inclusion of Coastal events at River Heads – where, through the good work of Jeff Watling and the Wessex Regional Rowing Council the following events had agreed to include events for Coastal boats –

Teddington Head Sat 3rd December.

Weybridge Head Sat 21st January.

Burway Head Sat 25th February.

It was noted that Jeff Watling believes that if an event is offering a Coastal event and the entry is NOT through BROE then the organisers would NOT require those entered in a Coastal event to be members of BR. For all River events and any that require entry via BROE - you would still need to be a racing member of BR. The Association was also liaising with CARA to try and get a date for the Head of the Adur which would not clash with an H&D event.

The meeting then received a verbal report on the organisation of the 2017 South Coast Championship Regatta, the next to be hosted by the Association from John Purkess, Chairman of the organising committee. He confirmed that the Regatta would take place over one at Dorney Lake and that the event would take place over one day on Saturday, 2nd September. 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. The negotiations with Dorney over cost and what facilities were available were close to being agreed and the Association expected to

sign the contract shortly and other arrangements were in hand with the organising committee meeting every other month – soon to become monthly – and anyone interested in helping would be welcome to attend. The web site for the Championships was up and running with information now being added on a regular basis and a major information publication was planned for the new year.

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, 2017. The Rules Sub Committee had met on 29th September, 2016 and had had a far ranging discussion covering – status and classification of oarsmen/women and scullers; the general rules of racing including the start; British Rowing to Hants & Dorset ARA status comparison; the South Coast Council Rules and links with CARA. Proposed rule changes to be discussed at the Autumn Council Meeting were agreed. The notes from this meeting are attached. [See Appendix 5.]

Having discussed the Rules Sub Committee deliberations in some detail the meeting agreed on the scope and format of the proposed rule changes that should go forward to the Associations AGM for consideration. These included changes/re-wording to clarify the status rules and winning at a higher status as it was agreed that one of these rules has been poorly worded and is open to misinterpretation and does not convey the intent of the rule correctly and the Association’s Executive Officers in consultation with the Rules Sub Committee have agreed that this was misleading and were satisfied that this was not the intent of the rule which was designed not to penalise an oarsman who has a single win at a higher status. Therefore this rule had been applied in this way for the season – but subject to ratification at the next AGM. Basically the rule change states that – for Junior oarsman winning one Junior Senior or Senior race – this would count as a win at Junior status – but that after a 2nd win at Junior Senior status or above – the oarsman would immediately become a Junior Senior or Senior Oarsman and would have to race at Junior Senior or above for the rest of the season and would become a Senior Oarsman the following year. This ruling applies equally to Junior Senior Oarsman and to Junior Ladies rowing up at a higher status i.e. - if you win TWO SENIOR Races as a Junior Senior - or a Coastal Junior - Men or Ladies - you immediately become a Senior Oarsman/woman - and must compete at this status for the rest of the season. Further changes to the rules for Boat Racing were agreed – with the meeting agreeing that, following the season long trial, the new start procedure should be adopted and minor changes to the conditions covering the Championship Trophies, to add the two new Championship Trophies to the list, which had not been discussed by the Rules Sub-committee, was agreed. The changes to the wording for the proposed rule changes agreed by the meeting are attached [See appendix 6].

The meeting also discussed and agreed that a new recommendation to regatta committees should be added that where practical two buoys be placed a minimum of two lengths before the start line to assist the crews and the starters in lining up for the races.

The continued publication of the South Coast Rowing/Hants & Dorset ARA Handbook was considered. The Association Secretary advised that Jimmy Jewell has agreed to be the editor of the handbook once again and his printer has indicated that the cost is unlikely to change. Requests for updated information will be sent to Clubs and events by the end of November – seeking submission by the end of January at the latest – and preferably by Christmas so it can be worked on over the holiday period. As it’s a H&D Hosted South Coast Championships in 2017 – the Handbook would normally form part of the information package sent out to CARA and WEARA Clubs so there was a need to either print some additional copies or hold back on some of the copies distributed to the H&D Clubs so we have enough to send to the CARA/WEARA Clubs. The Association Secretary suggested that some additional copies to be printed – say around 25 – which should only have a small impact of the printing costs but would allow us to maintain the current distribution level to H&D Clubs and this was agreed by the meeting.

Andy Parsons, the Chairman of the Umpires Committee presented his report – which had presented and circulated in at the meeting. [See attached - Appendix - 6.] There were no additional comments from the

meeting other than a correction from John Adams regarding the Chairman of the Umpires Committee comment that *"this year's award for starter's amnesia goes to Henry Adams who managed to say 'set' less than ten minutes after the special briefing on the new start procedure at Coalies regatta."* – as it could not have been him as he was umpiring at the other end of the course at the time!

The Report from the Safety Sub Committee had also been circulated in advance of the meeting. [See attached - Appendix 8.] The report was accepted by the meeting with no further comments other than a reminder from the RRSA that Club Audits were due to be submitted by the end of November.

Colin Eales, Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council gave a brief report on the regions activities and on the activities of British Rowing. Much of the Wessex activities locally had been focused on the standardised coastal boat project which was now under way funded by Wessex and loans from Clubs. From a national/BR point of view Colin regularly attend the Council Meetings at BR and the less formal meetings of regional chairman. They are still awaiting the outcome of the BR membership review and the latest funding plan from Sport England. One concern was the Junior Inter-Regionals – and who would manage the Wessex Team for 2017.

The arrangements for the Presentation Dinner, which Paula Williams of Coalporters was organising once again, were then confirmed as follows - Hants & Dorset ARA Presentation Dinner on Saturday, 12th November, 2016 at the Novotel Southampton. The Cost of the evening is £27:00 and this includes: 3 Course meal, coffee, mints and shortbread – with a choice of menus. There would be a file/slide show on the 2016 season – with thanks to Lymington's Alex Barnes of South Coast Journalism. Pat Glover of Shanklin would respond to the President's speech and toast the Association. 260 were attending with every Club that competed in the Hants & Dorset this year represented.

The provisional date and venues for the Hants & Dorset Meetings were agreed as follows –
Race Officials – Saturday, 14th January. BTC.
SCC AGM - 18th January. Christchurch.
Safety – Saturday, 11th February. BTC.
AGM – Saturday, 18th March. BTC or 25th at Itchen. TBC.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.55pm with thanks to BTC Rowing club.

[The Minutes were taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary, November, 2016. The attached appendices form an integral part of these minutes].

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 2016 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.

Appendix 6. Agenda item 10. Possible rule changes for discussion and approval at the AGM

Appendix 7. Agenda item 11. Report from the Umpires Commission.

Appendix 8. Agenda Item 12. Report from the Safety Sub Committee.

Appendix 1.

**Hon Secretaries Report and Correspondence - Autumn Council Meeting.
BTC Clubhouse, Southampton, 5th November, 2016.**

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 availability for events and am in the process of administrating British Rowing membership contributions for Insurance purposes. 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 continued to be been undertaken by E Mail. This has included 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.

I have dealt with H&D matters relating to the Championships - including entering the Championship Crews – including additional crews, as allowed by the Rules, following WEARA not filling all their places. Letters of invitation and congratulation were sent to all H&D Clubs with representative crews – with Itchen, BTC, Southampton and Ryde replying 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 no longer receive copies of the minutes of all the British Rowing meetings – except for the National Safety Committee where I represent the Wessex Region and the H&DARA – a report on which is an Agenda item. I attend these meetings in my capacity as Rowing Safety Advisor to the Wessex Region and as a member of the Hants & Dorset Safety Commission – and have also attended, on behalf of the Association, on a regular basis the Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meetings, Hants & Dorset Sub Committee Meetings and the 2017 South Coast Championship organizing committee although I have to admit I have only been able to attend around half of these meetings so far – but will step it up next year!

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 14 fines imposed – 50% less than last year - 4 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 5th 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. There has been one application for an additional Championships Medal received – Guy Elder of Southsea in the Men's Junior Pairs. This will be reviewed by the Association Officers as per the Rules and a recommendation made to the AGM.

Following their affiliation at the AGM I supplied Dolphin R. C. with details of the Association – and am pleased to be able to report that progress in establishing the Club has continued and they competed for the first time in a Hants & Dorset ARA event at the rescheduled BTC Head last month.

On behalf of the Association I wrote to Phil Challen to acknowledge and thank him for his huge contribution to CARA, Coastal Rowing and the South Coast Rowing Championships during his many years – 30+ - as Secretary of CARA and to Sarah Povey/McCorry – on her appointment as the new CARA Association Secretary – wishing her the best of luck and offering any assistance. Sarah sent her thanks – but sadly I have received no response from Phil and have not seen him.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Web site - 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 3,600 page views a month – up nearly a third on 2015. In August – in the build up to the South Coast Championships the average number of views nearly doubled. During the year 103 formal updates were posted on the web site – and these are automatically tweeted the H&D Twitter Feeds 280 followers – and to the H&D ARA Facebook page – where thousands of photos have also been added during the year with thanks to Paula, Dan and others. The updates included the draws for the Championship Events at the SCC – which were published within an hour of the draw being completed.

Stephen C. Bull. Association Secretary. November, 2016.

Appendix 2. See end.

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

Appendix 3.

5. Swanage Regatta – report on 2016 event + organization for 2017.

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 171 entries according to Sue's records - after late entries received - which I think is another new record! (161 last year) - and probably a record number of events staged.

We had a few minor issues - and the regatta did run late - not sure where we lost the time - we did start a little late but had caught this up at one point.

We did resolve the First Aid Cover and safety boat issues in the end - although there was a cost as far as First Aid cover was concerned.

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 (I won't mention the Tables and Chairs); 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 arranging the Tables and chairs and for a safety boat; Lymington 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. Mike & Emma Kelly - who although not needed in the end - bought their boat round as cover. Southampton for manning the gate; Newport for checking and bringing the safety kits and officials Life Jackets; the additional volunteer crew for the Poole safety boat - Dave, Ray, Kerry, Lauren and Jeff - plus those from Christchurch and Lymington who crewed their respective boats. I will have missed someone - sorry!

As far as I am aware there was only one safety incident that required a BR incident report a "simple capsized/collision" involving a BTC Sculler - for which I have submitted a report. The First Aid providers reported that they dealt with three minor incidents to rowers - and one - more serious - to a member of the public - who appeared to be having an angina attack. For the record they had a defibrillator with them as part of their equipment. As always the Association welcomes any constructive criticism or suggestions for improvement and any outstanding expenses/invoices should be past to the H&DARA Treasure – Sue Southcott - for payment although 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. The final accounts for the Regatta will be approved at the Association AGM in March, 2017.

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.
October, 2016.

Appendix 4.

Agenda Item 6. The Association Secretaries Report on the 60th South Coast Championship Regatta.

The Association Secretaries Report on the 60th South Coast Championship Regatta (and the 11th South Coast Junior Regatta), hosted by the Coast Amateur Rowing Association at Herne Bay, Kent, on Saturday, 3rd September, 2016.

It was the Coast ARA's turn to host the Championship Regatta with Herne Bay the chosen location – for the first time since 1985 – but over a different but very fair course. Information and communications prior to the event, sent primarily by E Mail, were sent out on a regular basis and were comprehensive giving confidence for a well organised and efficiently run Regatta which, apart from a view minor issues – notably the PA system – proved to be the case.

The Official reception and Championship draw, on the Friday before the Regatta, were the only part of the proceedings that were based on the Herne Bay Rowing Club Clubhouse with a free bar until the draw and an ample buffet made for an enjoyable event. The only disappointment was the restriction on

the number (50 per association) which forced the H&D Executive Officers to make a difficult decision on allocations – with many of the Championship crews missing out on the opportunity to witness the draw as a result. In an effort to keep them and others informed the draws were posted on the H&D Website – and its Facebook page and Twitter feed within an hour.

The most disappointing aspect of the Regatta had nothing to do with CARA or the Hearne Bay Club – and that was the entry from both the WEARA Clubs and – surprisingly from our own Association. The very poor entry from the WEARA Clubs – with just two Clubs entering – both based on the Torridge at Bideford – was I am sad to say not a surprise as it is what we have come to expect – especially when it is a CARA hosted event. They had just five representative crews, just one in the open and none in the Junior event – which is usually their strongest area of representation. This must be particularly annoying for CARA who have gone out of their way to accommodate WEARA by agreeing to host the 2018 Championships Regatta to allow WEARA to host in 2019 – the 150th anniversary of Dartmouth Rowing Club who will host on their behalf. While I have sympathy for Bob Board, the WEARA Association Secretary and their SCC delegates – who are committed to the event – WEARA really do need to be taken to task over this issue which is clearly the biggest threat to the sixty year old regatta.

The Hants & Dorset ARA can usually be relied on to provide a significant proportion of the entry – usually over 50% of the open events – and as far as I am aware have never failed to provide a full quota of Championship crews – although we went pretty close on this occasion – and I have to question the commitment and attitude of some of the H&D Club regarding Association representation which should be seen as an honour. It was surprising and very disappointing that three of the Hants & Dorset ARA Clubs that had competed during the season – Lymington, Newport and Westover – did not enter the Regatta – and that two more – Christchurch and Poole only entered their Championship crews. It was also of great concern that we very nearly failed to have our full quota of representative crews in the Men's Coastal Fours Championship Fours event where both Poole and Westover – who were the joint runners-up for the Association Championship behind Christchurch did not enter and that others appeared reluctant to lose the opportunity for a possible open win by stepping up to the Championship. Ryde – a crew only promoted from Novice in mid-season - are to be thanked and congratulated for responding to a last minute appeal to ensure the Associations had full representation – and showing the correct attitude to this Regatta which should be all about the Championship events and representing your Association.

The total entry for the Regatta was 115 crews which I suspect is the lowest for many years. Thirty-free of these were in the Championships were WEARA's failure to provide a full quota allowed both CARA and the H&D to enter additional crews – the Hants & Dorset had 3rd crews in the Men's Senior Fours, the Men's Master Fours and the Ladies Junior Fours – although it was sad to see a Ladies Senior Championship race with just four crews competing – with no Senior Fours in either the Men's or Ladies event from WEARA. There were 67 entries in the open events – less those transferred to Championship races – 41 from CARA Clubs, 25 from the H&D and just 1 – Bideford Reds in the Men's Coastal Junior Fours - for WEARA and there were just 15 crews across the four Junior (by age) events – 9 from CARA Clubs and six from the H&D. The two J14 Quad events only had two crews in each event. Hants & Dorset ARA Club Crews represented 40% of the total entry.

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

“Another successful Championship Regatta for the Hants and Dorset Crews but once again it was the Coast ARA who retained the Bideford Bowl with a comfortable win for home club Herne Bay. BTC on the outside of the course made a short lived charge from the start but as the crews settled it was Herne Bay, with ex GB Squad members R Hoskins and D Ritchie adding to the power of T Walton and W Cambell coxed by N Ingram, who were seen to be forging ahead of Bowl holders Bexhill and past winners Itchen

Imperial. With the race half done Herne Bay had a clear lead and looked to be moving directly ahead of Itchen Imperial as Bexhill fell away into third place. With 250 metres remaining Herne Bay held a two lengths lead with Itchen Imperial, still looking strong, making their final charge, but it was Herne Bay who crossed the finishing line to win the Bideford Bowl for the eighth time in the events 60 years.

In the first of the Championship events Itchen Imperial, with S Taylor, R Benham, L Rayment, I Barnaby (Stk) O Barnaby (Cox) proved to be worthy Champions in the Veteran +40 Fours having crossed the line a length and a half clear of BTC and Folkestone and in the Mens Junior Fours Christchurch lived up to expectations with K Mersey, M Lewis, I Gaston, J Gaston (Stk) S Erwin (Cox) dominating from the start.

In the Ladies Senior Championship race Itchen Imperial's P Lewis, R Daniels, K Taylor, J Bull (Stk) L Gooch (Cox) had to match Shoreham all the way with never more than a length between them. With 100 metres to go Itchen looked to have their bow in front and a final push gained them the verdict with just 1/2 length separating the two crews.

In the Ladies Junior Fours Championship, Hants and Dorset Champions Poole and runners up Southampton did the Association proud both rowing at their very best. Drawn next to each other on the start line they both got away cleanly, matching each other stroke for stroke with little to choose between them, but it was the better steering by W Hartland the Southampton cox who kept her crew to their task as they gradually pulled away, despite repeated determined efforts from the Poole Ladies, that made the difference with L Sadler, L Barker, L Florence, K Wood (Stk) putting in their best performance of the season they pulled clear to win by three lengths with Ryde in third place giving the Hants and Dorset a clean sweep.

It was disappointment though for the Hants and Dorset in the final Championship event of the day, the Men's Junior/Senior Championship, with an enforced change to hot favourites Christchurch necessitating Marcus Lewis, who had previously won in the Junior Fours Championship event, to fill in for J Glass-Hooper. Christchurch built a comfortable lead off the start but gradually Deal got back on terms and with 200 metres remaining with a final charge that Christchurch could not match Deal pushed ahead with several lengths to spare.

Maybe next season, when the Championships will be held over the Olympic course at Dorney Lake, the Bideford Bowl will come back to the Hants and Dorset ARA!"

Although missing out on the "Bowel" once again the results of the H&D ARA representative crews in the six Championship events – four wins, four seconds and three thirds were enough to ensure that our Association were the winners of the Eileen and Eric Crowe Memorial Challenge Cup for the Association gaining the most point in the Championship races once again – with Itchen making the biggest contribution.

Hants & Dorset ARA Clubs also did well in the supporting open events – unless CARA try to claim credit for dual affiliated Southsea – who won both the Coastal Junior Fours events. Further wins for H&D Clubs came for Shanklin in the Men's Junior Seniors and the Ladies Masters Fours for BTC with a BTC/Ryde composite taking the Men's 40 masters. There were 2nd places for BTC in the Men's Junior Senior Fours, for Southsea in the Men's Junior and the Men's and Ladies Novice Fours and for Southampton in the Ladies Master Fours and Ryde in the Ladies Junior Fours – with a 3rd place for BTC in the Men's Coastal Junior Fours. They may well have been another win – in the Ladies Senior Fours but for the unfortunate disqualification of Itchen for a second false start. The best results in for H&D Clubs in the Junior Fours events came for Shanklin in the Boys in J16 Coxed Quad were they finished 2nd and for Itchen who were second in both the Girls J16 Coxed Quad event and the Boys J14 Coxed Quad.

Southsea's two wins and three seconds gave them the Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sesquicentennial Trophy for the most successful Club in the open and invitation events – which they

would not have won had one of their two Junior Men's crews accepted the invitation to represent the Association. Deal won the Pat Sherwin Memorial Trophy for the most successful club in the Junior Regatta.

It often appeared that Ryan Epps was the sole organiser – as all communication came through him – but I am sure he had a strong committee behind him who are to be congratulated on a successful Regatta – let's hope it's not another 31 years before we return to this venue.

For the record – and for the first time in four years – WEARA actually provided a boat Inspector – who alongside Phil McCorry representing CARA and myself for the H&D ARA inspected around fifty Coastal Fours – including the late arrivals – and found four faults – all heel restraints – and all fixed on the day, re-inspected and allowed to go afloat.

It is not clear to me why the entries were lower than usual – I can't believe the earlier date had any particular impact – although it may have put off some WEARA crews – but their poor response was not unusual – they don't even support WEARA hosted events very well - and this remains the single biggest threat to continuation of the Championships.

So for the 61st Championships we – the Hants & Dorset ARA - host - back at Dorney - and we can only hope that we have an improved response from our own Clubs and that the opportunity to race the Junior events in river boat inspires an improved response from the WEARA Clubs – encourage them to provide crews for the Championships and open events as well - but I am not holding my breath.

Steve Bull.
Association Secretary.
Hants & Dorset ARA.
September, 2016.

Entries Table.

South Coast Rowing Championships.

2016

ENTRIES TABLE. *Southsea regarded as H&D/Worthing as CARA.*

Sat.3/9/16.	H&DARA	CARA	WEARA	Totals	% H&D.
Championship	15	13	5	33	45%
Open	25	41	1	67	37%
J14/J16	6	9	0	15	40%
Totals	46	63	6	115	40%

Results

Championship Events

Men's Senior Coxed Fours.

1st. HERNE NAY.

2nd. ITCHEN.

3rd. Deal.

Ladies Senior Coxed Fours.

1st. ITCHEN.

2nd. Shoreham.

3rd. BTC.

Men's Masters Coxed Fours.

1st. ITCHEN

2nd. BTC

3rd. COALPORTERS.

Men's Junior / Senior Coxed Fours.

1 st . Deal	2 nd . CHRISTCHURCH	3 rd . Deal.
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Men's Junior Coxed Fours.

1 st . CHRISTCHURH.	2 nd . Deal.	3 rd . Bideford Blues.
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Ladies Junior Coxed Fours.

1 st . SOUTHAMPTON.	2 nd . POOLE.	3 rd . RYDE
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Open Events.

Men's Senior Coxed Fours.

1 st . Bexhill.	2 nd . Shoreham.	3 rd . Deal.
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Men's Junior-Senior Coxed Fours.

1 st . SHANKLIN.	2 nd . BTC.	3 rd . Herne Bay.
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Men's Junior Coxed Fours.

1 st . SOUTHSEA.	2 nd . SOUTHSEA.	3 rd . BTC.
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Men's Novice Coxed Fours.

1 st . Bexhill	2 nd . SOUTHSEA.	3 rd . Eastbourne.
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Ladies Senior Coxed Fours.

1 st . Worthing.	2 nd . Folkstone.	Only 2 crews finished.
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Ladies Junior Coxed Fours.

1 st . SOUTHSEA.	2 nd . RYDE.	3 rd . Folkestone.
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Ladies Novice Coxed Fours.

1 st Herne Bay.	2 nd . SOUTHSEA.	3 rd . Deal.
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Masters 40 Coxed Fours.

1 st BTC/RYDE Composite.	2 nd . Herne Bay.	3 rd . Eastbourne.
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Ladies Masters 40 Coxed Fours.

1 st . BTC.	2 nd . SOUTHAMPTON.	Only 2 crews entered.
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Masters 50 Coxed Fours.

1 st . Bexhill.	2 nd . Herne Bay.	3 rd . Herne Bay.
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Junior Events.

Boy's J16 Coxed Quad.

1 st . Deal.	2 nd . SHANKLIN.	3 rd . Worthing.
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Girls J16 Coxed Quad.

1 st . Shoreham.	2 nd . Itchen.	3 rd . Herne Bay.
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Fights

Boy's J14 Coxed Quad.

1 st Deal.	2 nd . Itchen	Only 2 entries.
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Girls J14 Coxed Quad.
1st. Herne Bay

2nd. Deal.

Only 2 entries.

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.

H&D ARA Autumn Council Meeting. 5/11/2016.

Agenda Item 9.

Report from Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committees.

Hants and Dorset ARA

Rules and Competitions Subcommittees

Notes of meeting 18.00 Tuesday 27th September 2016

Itchen Imperial Rowing Club

Rules and Competitions Subcommittees 18.00

9.16.1	Present Steve, Jeff, John, Gary, Martin, Pete S Apologies for Absence Adam, Sue
9.16.2	Rules of Boat Racing – proposed changes - written in red STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSMAN. 1.0. NOVICE STATUS. 1.1. The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status. 1.2. Novice Oarsman. <i>Single win before promotion to Junior status.</i> 1.2.1. A Novice Oarsman is one who has never won a Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarsman wins a Championship point he becomes a Junior Oarsman. 1.2.2. He is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for him. 1.3. Novice Oarsman. <i>Two wins before promotion to Junior status.</i> 1.3.1. A Novice oarsman is one who has never won or only won one Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. 1.3.2. Single Championship points wins will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarsman having a Championship point wiped clear twice (Note. This applies to sweep oar events only and not to Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season). 1.3.3. Immediately he wins two Championship points at Novice status (see rule 1.3.4.) he becomes a Junior oarsman. 1.3.4. He is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a single qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win

at Novice status for him.

2.0. JUNIOR STATUS

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

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

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

3.0. JUNIOR SENIOR STATUS.

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

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

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

4.0. SENIOR STATUS.

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

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSWOMAN.

5.0. NOVICE STATUS.

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

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

5.2.1. A Novice oarswoman is one who has never won a Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice oarswoman wins a Championship point she becomes a Junior oarswoman.

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

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

5.3.1. A Novice oarswoman is one who has never won or only won one Championship, point in an open race with oars at a Regatta.

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

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

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

6.0. JUNIOR STATUS.

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

6.2. Immediately she wins two Championship points at Junior status ~~or above~~ (see rule 6.3.) she becomes a Senior oarswoman, but may continue to row in

Junior racing for the rest of the season in which she has won her second Championship point.

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

7.0. SENIOR STATUS.

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

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF MASTERS.

8.0. MASTERS 40 STATUS

8.1. Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman. A Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman is one who has attained the age of 40 years on the day of the Regatta.

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

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

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

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

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

9.0. MASTERS 50 STATUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.7. Masters 50 races are not Championship events

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.

10.0. NOVICE SCULLER STATUS.

10.1. A Novice Sculler. A Novice sculler is one who has never won or won one sculling Championship point in a sculling race at any open Regatta.

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

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

11.0. JUNIOR SCULLER STATUS.

11.1. A Junior Sculler. A Junior sculler is one who has 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~~ (see rule 11.3.) he/she becomes a Senior sculler but may continue to row in Junior sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won their second Championship point.

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

12.0. SENIOR SCULLER STATUS.

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

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF J16 OARSMAN/WOMAN.

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

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

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

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

13.2. J16 races are not Championship events.

GENERAL STATUS RULES.

14.0. WINS AT A HIGHER STATUS.

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

15.0. REINSTATEMENT TO LOWER STATUS.

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

16.0. NO CHANGE TO STATUS.

16.1. If no Championship Points are awarded then there is no change to an Oarsmans/Oarswomans status.

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

17.0. EFFECTIVE START OF STATUS.

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

18.0. STATUS OF COXSWAINS.

18.1. Coxswains. There is no classification.

19.0. EFFECT OF SWEEP STATUS AND SCULLING STATUS.

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

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

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

The subcommittee agreed that the wording as written above

<p>9.16.3</p>	<p>H& D trial start procedure. Adopt as a rule change.</p> <p>4.0 THE START.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4.2. Each boat must race in the position they are drawn. Any boat taking up a position other than as advertised in the programme or direction by the starter or umpire shall be liable to be disqualified.</p> <p>4.3 The starter shall announce the race and <i>may</i> call over competing crews and lane numbers where clarification is needed.</p> <p>4.4. The starter shall raise a red flag to notify crews to come under starters orders and any boat not at the start at the signal being given shall be liable to be disqualified or the race started in its absence.</p> <p>4.5. When the starter is ready he shall lower the red flag and replace it by raising a yellow flag measuring at least 2' x 2' and the race shall be started by the dropping of the yellow flag which may be accompanied by a verbal "Set" pause - "Go" the "Go" to coincide with the dropping of the flag which is the overriding signal.</p> <p>4.6. Any boat failing to obey an instruction to get back behind the starting line from the starter or umpire or starting over the line or starting to row before the dropping of the yellow flag shall be liable to disqualification.</p> <p>4.7. The starter shall have control of the start with the power to disqualify and if he considers the start false he shall at once recall the boats to their stations and any boat refusing to start again shall be liable to disqualification.</p> <p>4.8. Once the race has started to the satisfaction of the starter the control of the race shall pass to the umpire or umpires.</p> <p>4.9. If after the yellow flag has been raised the line shall become unsatisfactory or an obstruction shall appear on the course the red flag will be re-hoisted and the yellow lowered to indicate that the start is delayed and crews must obey any instructions given by the starter or umpire or may be liable to disqualification.</p> <p>4.10. The raising of an arm by a crew member or coxswain on the start is an indication to the starter that the crew considers it is not ready to start for some reason but the decision when to start rests entirely with the starter.</p> <p>The subcommittee agreed the deletion of the words "Set" pause struck through in 4.5 above so the wording now reads:</p> <p>4.5. When the starter is ready he shall lower the red flag and replace it by raising a yellow flag measuring at least 2' x 2' and the race shall be started by the dropping of the yellow flag which may be accompanied by a verbal: "Go." The "Go" to coincide with the dropping of the flag which is the overriding signal.</p>
<p>9.16.4</p>	<p>BR to H&D Status Comparison - in light of changes to BR Rules.</p> <p>See attached comparisons document for current agreed equivalents.</p> <p>Agreed not to do anything at the moment as the proposed ranking index system does not appear to be equivalent to the Hants and Dorset Statuses – to be kept under review.</p>
<p>9.16.5</p>	<p>South Coast Championships Rules</p> <p>Southsea would like to ask the question, whether the 3 month rule should apply to novice and junior (age) open events in the South Coast Championships (see rules d and e above)</p>

	<p>(d) That all competitors in the Open events must have competed in at least three Championship Regattas within their Association in the current season of the South Coast Championship Regatta, or have been a registered Association member for 12 months for the Club that they are representing to qualify for entry into the South Coast Rowing Championships.</p> <p>(e) That all crews in the U16 Regatta must come from clubs affiliated to the Association that they are representing, and must all be registered members of that club.</p> <p>(f) No oarsperson who transferred between two Clubs less than four weeks before the published date of the South Coast Rowing Championships will be allowed to compete in any Open or Invitation event at the Championships for their new Club.</p> <p>Agreed to take to autumn council meeting</p>
9.16.7	<p>Potential links with CARA on these issues</p> <p>Agreed to let CARA have copy of our notes.</p>
9.16.8	<p>Dates of future meetings – January 10th 2017</p>

Appendix 6. The changes to the wording for the proposed rule changes agreed by the meeting.

H&D ARA Autumn Council Meeting. 5/11/2016.

To agreed possible rule changes for discussion and approval at the AGM.

1. Amendments to Hants & Dorset ARA Rules for Boat Racing. Section 4 The Start. (in Red)

Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

HANTS AND DORSET ARA RULES FOR BOAT RACING.

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 official the scheduled time if the race or as directed by any boat marshal or race official.

4.2. Each boat must race in the position they are drawn. Any boat taking up a position other than as advertised in the programme or direction by the starter or umpire shall be liable to be disqualified.

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may be accompanied by a verbal "~~Set~~—~~pause~~- "Go" the "Go" to coincide with the dropping of the flag which is the overriding signal.

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4.10. The raising of an arm by a crew member or coxswain on the start is an indication to the starter that the crew considers it is not ready to start for some reason but the decision when to start rests entirely with the starter.

2. Amendments to Hants & Dorset ARA Status Rules (in Red)

Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

HANTS AND DORSET ARA STATUS RULES

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSMAN.

1.0. NOVICE STATUS.

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

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

1.2.1. A Novice Oarsman is one who has never won a Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarsman wins a Championship point he becomes a Junior Oarsman.

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

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

1.3.1. A Novice oarsman is one who has never won or only won one Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta.

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

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

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

2.0. JUNIOR STATUS

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

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

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

3.0. JUNIOR SENIOR STATUS.

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

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

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

4.0. SENIOR STATUS.

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

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSWOMAN.

5.0. NOVICE STATUS.

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

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

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

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

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

5.3.1. A Novice oarswoman is one who has never won or only won one Championship, point in an open race with oars at a Regatta.

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

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

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

6.0. JUNIOR STATUS.

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

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

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

7.0. SENIOR STATUS.

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

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF MASTERS.

8.0. MASTERS 40 STATUS

8.1. Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman. A Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman is one who has attained the age of 40 years on the day of the Regatta.

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

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

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

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

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

9.0. MASTERS 50 STATUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.7. Masters 50 races are not Championship events

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.

10.0. NOVICE SCULLER STATUS.

10.1. A Novice Sculler. A Novice sculler is one who has never won or won one sculling Championship point in a sculling race at any open Regatta.

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

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

11.0. JUNIOR SCULLER STATUS.

11.1. A Junior Sculler. A Junior sculler is one who has 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~~ (see rule 11.3.) he/she becomes a Senior sculler but may continue to row in Junior sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won their second Championship point.

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

12.0. SENIOR SCULLER STATUS.

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

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF J16 OARSMAN/WOMAN.

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

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

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

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

13.2. J16 races are not Championship events.

GENERAL STATUS RULES.

14.0. WINS AT A HIGHER STATUS.

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

15.0. REINSTATEMENT TO LOWER STATUS.

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

16.0. NO CHANGE TO STATUS.

16.1. If no Championship Points are awarded then there is no change to an Oarsmans/Oarswomans status.

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

17.0. EFFECTIVE START OF STATUS.

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

18.0. STATUS OF COXSWAINS.

18.1. Coxswains. There is no classification.

19.0. EFFECT OF SWEEP STATUS AND SCULLING STATUS.

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

20.0. STATUS RULES ON NON-H&D ARA COMPETITIORS.

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

Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

HANTS AND DORSET ARA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE HANTS AND DORSET ARA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES.

1.0. The H&D ARA Championship Trophies.

Listed in the order Championship event was added.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association Championship Cup for Senior Fours.

The Marie Fraser Cup for Junior Senior Fours.

The Alderman Moulard Cup for Junior Fours.

The Westover Challenge Cup for Novice Fours.

The Southsea R. C. Bowl for Senior Pairs.

The Westover Lord Roberts Shield for Junior Pairs.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

Championship Cup for Senior Ladies Fours.

The P. J. Sherwin Cup for Junior Ladies Fours.

The A. Fraser Cup for Novice Ladies Fours.

The Christchurch Regatta Cup for Senior Sculls.

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The Frank Gillingham Cup for Junior Sculls.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

Championship Cup for Senior Ladies Pairs, donated by Southampton A. R. C.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

Coxswain of the Year Tankard (and The Hants & Dorset ARA Coxswain of the Year Cap.)

John Broom Trophy for Ladies Senior Sculls.

The Hersey Cups for Men's Novice Sculls Championship.

The Ladies Junior Sculls Trophy.

Ladies Novice Sculls - The Toby Trowbridge Trophy – (formally the National Championship Coastal Event Aggregate Trophy) donated by Christchurch Rowing Club.

The Veteran Fours Trophy. Donated by Itchen Imperial R. C. in memory of Alfie Flack.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Ladies Junior Pairs Championship Shield.

Hants & Dorset ARA Ladies Masters Championship Donated by Christchurch Rowing Club.

Additional Trophies -

The Archie Fraser Memorial Trophy for best performing Hants & Dorset Club in all events at the Southcoast Championship Regatta.

Championship Club – the R. S. O. "Hank" Carr Trophy donated by Barbara Carr in memory of "Hank"

The Daily Echo Trophy in memory of Arthur Chatfield. Awarded annually to an individual for Service to the Association and Coastal Rowing.

2.0. AWARDING OF TROPHIES.

2.1. The Trophies shall be awarded as grand aggregate prizes to be held for one year by the Clubs obtaining the greatest number of points in the respective championship races at regattas recognised by the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association for Championship points. A win shall count one point.

3.0. AFFILIATION OF REGATTAS.

3.1. The Trophies shall be competed for only at Towns where Regattas exist affiliated to the Association and whose regattas are held under its rules.

4.0. CONDITION OF TROPHIES.

4.1. The Trophies shall be returned in good condition, to the Hon. secretary of the Association at the Autumn Delegates Meeting or on a date decided by the Hon. Secretary.

5.0. OUTRIGHT WINNING OF TROPHIES.

5.1. The Trophies cannot be won outright.

6.0. DISPOSAL OF TROPHIES ON DISBANDMENT OF H&D ARA.

6.1. In the event of the Hants & Dorset A.R.A. ceasing to function, the trophies (other than the Senior Four Cup) shall be returned to the donors or heirs, to be held in trust until such time as the Association shall resume its activities.

7.0. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

7.1. The Trophies shall be presented to the winning Clubs as and where decided by the Association.

8.0. INSURING OF TROPHIES.

8.1. The Club winning a trophy shall bear the cost of insuring it for the ensuing year at the last valuation approved by the Association and in the event of any loss or damage shall bear the cost of reinstating or replacing the same including replacing any engraving of past winners.

9.0. ASSOCIATION TROPHIES.

9.1. All Association Championship trophies shall be under the control of the Association who shall govern the conditions subject to any overriding conditions laid down by the donor of the trophy.

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Appendix 7.

Agenda item 11. Report from the Umpires Commission.

Report from Chairman of umpires committee for 2016 As usual I will start this report with a big thank you to all of our volunteer officials. We've now got a panel of 20 full officials and 7 assistants in training and the friendliness and co-operation of all has made it a pleasure to officiate all year. A special thank you goes to Andy Sothcott and Keith Warland for their work in mentoring the assistant officials. The big change for race officials this year has been the new start procedure, omitting the 'set'. Right from the start of the season at Coalies and Ryde regattas it has worked well, significantly reducing the frustration of recalled starts. A good innovation which I believe we should keep. One note on starts – coxes and crews need to know that they must be ready to start even if the cox's hand is up – the rules do not require the starter to wait for the hand to go down. The positive advice for coaches is to train your crews to be really good at manoeuvring the boat to get lined up quickly on the start line and avoid the need for the hand to go up in the first place. Safety cover at all of the regattas has been good and the presence of very able first-aiders amongst the ranks of our rowers at Southsea proved to be a life-saver. A good reason for clubs to consider sending more members to learn and get qualified in first-aid! On the subject of Southsea, it's the only regatta apart from the South Coast Champs where both Hants & Dorset and CARA officials work together. In the past we have often had rather strained relations with the CARA officials because of differences in approach to what is acceptable race tactics and what is considered unfair obstruction. Although those differences remain, it's good to be able to report that we now seem to be having more constructive discussions over steering incidents with the CARA officials – an improvement which I think we can and should use to improve umpiring standards over the coming seasons. And finally (lest we forget)..... this year's award for starter's amnesia goes to Henry Adams who managed to say 'set' less than ten minutes after the special briefing on the new start procedure at Coalies regatta. It puzzled the crews a bit, but they got a clean start anyway!
Andy Parsons. 5/11/16.

Appendix 8.

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 2016 Autumn Council Meeting and to the 2016 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 2016 – one early in the new year – and one in September – both held at the BR HQ at Hammersmith. I was unable to attend the spring meeting due to a clashes with H&D event at which I was officiating – and the meeting in July was cancelled. I would hope to attend December’s meeting.

Among the matters discussed at NSC was – the review of RowSafe – where Wessex contributed the “on-shore” Coastal section. The long awaited re-view of RowSafe is finally close to completion having been approved by the NSC at the September meeting. It now goes to Sport Committee, Board then Council. Assuming others approve it should be on the BR Website at the end of November – it is almost exclusively an “on-line” document. There will be an Annual – review in April – starting in 2017.

BR will still not give safety greater prominence on the new “improved” web site than it currently has – it’s found in the “Knowledge” Section. Argument is that everyone would want the same prominence – a view that seems to dismiss the overriding importance of Safety. We did manage to force an “incident reporting” link on to the front page – all be it not very obviously.

Other topics covered were – Incidents of Interest. Various incidents of interest were discussed; Life Jackets – may be a reason not to inflate; Consequences discussed - All sorts of people do all sorts of stupid things and there are never any consequences - or none that we hear about; River Authorities and their response to Safety issues; Incidents reports at events - H&D approach commended; Clubs / Events of Concern among them City of Oxford Regatta & “Bumps” – have been put on “special measures”; Volunteer of the year - Safety Award. Only nomination Andrea Worley for her work on revised RowSafe - so she gets the nod!; Heel restraints /Rules of Racing Panel. NSC recommendation was 5cm/BR disagreed – choose 7cm - in line with FISA – and this was approved by Sport’s Council & Council. Much disagreement even within NSC; Pathways to safety and the role of the RRSA.

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 2015/2016 BR Club audit – although some were a little late in complying – risking suspension from racing by BR.

The 2016/2017 Club Audit – has now gone live and Club RRSA should have had an E Mail to this effect from BR. Much effort was put in during the year to overcome last year’s failings and to make the audit more meaningful – and to just be about Safety matters - and while there is still work to do I believe it is a much improved document and process. As RRSA’s we should now be able to track completion by region again. There will be Automated E Mails and BR will be using Google Drive with every club and RRSA’s having access to a secure folder for archive and documents – audit copies, risk assessments etc..... These will be Locked but can view and download, amend and re-load. May eventually expand to other areas. But note – to be of value the BR database needs Club Management information to be up to date – a Club responsibility. There are significantly fewer questions – although probably still too many – but down from 160 to 88. Form will be deliberately blank to make CWSA re-do but everyone will have a back-up of their safety documents with BR and you will be able to view last year’s audit. Note RWSA’s accept or reject – but do not approve (i.e. – is the form completed correctly). Time scales - E Mail to Clubs – End of September/Early October, Complete by End of November. Cut-off – and suspension from racing in January.

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 capsized.

In the period from 1st January to 31st August I have records of one hundred and three (103) incidents in the Wessex Region of which ninety-four were recorded by Wessex Region/H&D Clubs and nine 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 94 incidents submitted by Wessex/H&D Clubs 4 related to H&D ARA Equipment inspections, and 7 were duplications – leaving 83 actual separate incidents logged – significantly more than the 45 recorded at this stage last year. This is probably more a reflection on improved reporting rather than deteriorating safety but this will be analysed in detail along with those reports received between 1st September and 31st December – at the 2017 H&D ARA safety meeting which will probably be held in February – when I would also hope to have some national statistics available.

Probably the most significant incident within the Wessex Region was the collapse and resuscitation of the Shoreham oarsman just before the start of Southsea Regatta. Along with the incident at Poole R. C. last year this led to a debate on access to defibrillators for Clubs and at events – and has resulted in a survey being undertaken on their location for Clubs and events – which will be a topic at the next H&D Safety Meeting to consider any concerns and recommendations we should make in the light of the incidents.

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 – Coalporters, Woolston, Swanage and BTC Regatta's. A total of 88 boats of all types were inspected with 27 faults found – some boats having more than one fault. The number of boats inspected was slightly more than last year (2015 - 84) and the number of faults found showed a significant increase – up from 18 last year – a slightly concerning trend. As ever the largest fault found was heel restraints – at 14 – around 60% - Bow ball issues and lack of boat ID being the other significant ones. A full heel restraint check on every boat present was undertaken at Woolston – with 49 boats checked - and a full inspection of Coxswains Life Jackets was undertaken at Coalporters – with 18 Life Jackets examined with 10 failures (some had more than one fault). The BR Incident reporting system was used to summarise the results of the boat inspections once again and 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! Three Clubs – BTC, Newport and Ryde – went through the inspection process with no fault found during any of the equipment inspections – and will/have received an award in recognition on this.

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. All the Life Jackets were professionally serviced prior to the season – and the intention is now to do this annually. The Kits and Life Jackets were loaned to Herne Bay/CARA for the South Coast Championship Regatta.

Steve Bull.

Wessex Region Safety Adviser and Hants & Dorset ARA Safety Committee.

November, 2016.

Appendix 2.

Agenda item 4. Reports on the 2016 Regatta Season and Regatta's.

H&D Regatta's, 2016. Entries compared with 2015. H&D Regattas only.

[Late Entries included - except Bournemouth. Scratchings not deducted.]

Regatta	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference	Percentage - up/down.
Itchen Eights & Fours.	29		29	
Christchurch Head of the Stour.	125		125	
BTC River & Coastal HERR.	72		72	
Southampton Coastal HERR.	59		59	
COALPORTERS.	96	104	-8	-0.07
RYDE.	90	118	-28	-0.23
SHANKLIN.	107	110	-3	-0.02
LYMINGTON/MILFORD-ON-SEA,	110	101	9	0.09
CHRISTCHURCH.	62	67	-5	-0.09
POOLE	117	143	-26	-0.18
NEWPORT. Fours.	35	58	-23	-0.39
NEWPORT Junior & SMALL BOATS.	76	63	13	0.2
SWANAGE	171	165	6	0.04
BOURNEMOUTH.	102	106	-4	-0.03
SOUTHSEA	196	236	-40	-0.17
WOOLSTON	109	143	-34	-0.24
ITCHEN	137	157	-20	-0.13
BTC	115	120	-5	-0.04
Itchen Junior.	117		117	
	1925	1691	234	

Club Briefings. Attendance sheet. 2016.

Regatta	Date	Briefing Attendance Sheet	Clubs failing to attend Briefing
Itchen Eights & Fours.	21/02/2016	NO	Event cancelled. No briefing.
Christchurch Head of the Stour.	12/03/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received. Rule
BTC River & Coastal HERR.	26/03/2016	NO	
Southampton Coastal HERR.	09/04/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received. Rule
COALPORTERS.	14/05/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
RYDE.	21/05/2016	YES	All who competed attended.
SHANKLIN.	22/05/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
LYMINGTON/MILFORD-ON-SEA,	28/05/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
CHRISTCHURCH.	04/06/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
POOLE	11/06/2016	YES	All in attendance.
NEWPORT. Fours.	18/06/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
NEWPORT Junior & SMALL BOATS.	19/06/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
SWANAGE	25/06/2016	YES	All competing clubs in attendance except
BOURNEMOUTH.	09/07/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
SOUTHSEA	16/07/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
WOOLSTON	23/07/2016	YES	All competing clubs in attendance.
ITCHEN	13/08/2016	YES	All entered in attendance.
BTC	20/08/2016	NO	Not aware of any/No form received.
Itchen Junior.	08/10/2016	NO	

Hants & Dorset ARA. 2016 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 5/11/16.

Regatta Itchen Eights & Fours.	Date 21/02/2016	Entry 29	Entry - last year	Difference 29
Reports received 0	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme NO	South Coast Levy Received. n/a	Late Scratch Fines 0

Significant incidents

THE EVENT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF ENTRIES.
It was not rescheduled.

Correspondance NO	Content
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Safety self-audit 18/02/2016	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
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Safety incidents

H&D Rules & procedures

Regatta Christchurch Head of the Stour.	Date 12/03/2016	Entry 125	Entry - last year	Difference 125
Reports received 0	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme NO	South Coast Levy Received. n/a	Late Scratch Fines 0

Significant incidents

Not aware of any.

Correspondance NO	Content
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Safety self-audit 07/03/2016	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
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Safety incidents

H&D Rules & procedures

Hants & Dorset ARA. 2016 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 5/11/16.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
BTC River & Coastal HRR.	26/03/2016	72		72
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
0	YES	NO	n/a	0

Significant incidents

THE EVENT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE CONDITIONS.
Rescheduled for 15/10/16. Entry on 15/10/15 was 79! Including the first appearance in an H&D event by Dolphin R. C. - with two fours. Added since meeting - Lots of crews finished wrong side of finish and not enough pins on numbers.

Correspondance	Content			
NO				
Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
18/02/2016				X

Safety incidents

Added since meeting - A canoeing incident delayed the start by 1/2 hour. Lots of crews finished wrong side of finish boat.

H&D Rules & procedures

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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
Southampton Coastal HRR.	09/04/2016	59		59
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
1	YES	NO	n/a	0

Significant incidents

Finish position on pontoons was fine with regards to viewing crews finishing and noting results. However, no cover provided rain would have soaked officials and made recording results very difficult. Some form of cover and - better seating is needed.

Correspondance	Content			
NO				
Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
20/02/2016		NO RE-AUDIT.		

Safety incidents

No significant safety incidents. Reliance on Mobile phones for communication a concern. May have been radios on safety boats and at start but certainly not at finish. Communication in an emergency may have been difficult.

H&D Rules & procedures

Only one H&D ARA Race Official on the finish line - with two SARC members in support. This was just enough but was an issue as the process and safeguards had to be explained. Smaller than usual entry helped - but it would have not taken much to disrupt this - poor weather etc... - at least one more H&D Race Official should be present at the finish.

Hants & Dorset ARA. 2016 Season. Summary of Comments from Racing Officials Reports received for Autumn Council Meeting of 5/11/16.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
COALPORTERS.	14/05/2016	96	104	-8
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
6	YES	YES	Not known..	1

Significant incidents

No major incidents. No re-rows or disqualification's. 1 Ladies Junior Pair crew did not complete course due to breakage.. Minor issues with mic/PA noted. Some issues with lane numbers & Crews without or wrong numbers. Additional race added to resolve same "2nd place" times in Men's Novice Fours. False start in Masters Four - after "go" was allegedly shouted from bridge.

Correspondance **Content**

NO

Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
13/04/2016		NO RE-AUDIT.	YES	

Safety incidents

Concern over boat changes on starters side at high water when wall was steep & slippery. One safety boat only a driver at times during the Regatta. Incidents noted - 1 - Ladies Novice Four from Poole withdrew before start of semi-final due to injury.

H&D Rules & procedures

First trial of new start procedure - deemed to be a success.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
RYDE.	21/05/2016	90	118	-28
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
6	YES	YES	242	0

Significant incidents

Men's Senior Pairs final re-rowed after a clash at the start. Ryde coxswain warned for bad language. One disqualification for finishing outside outer marker. Clash in Men's junior Sculls final - not stopped or re-rowed.

Correspondance **Content**

NO

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

Safety incidents

Poole Ladies Novice Sculler capsized and another retired from the race. No other significant incidents.

H&D Rules & procedures

No issues with trial start procedure.

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Regatta SHANKLIN.		Date 22/05/2016	Entry 107	Entry - last year 110	Difference -3
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Reports received 6	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES	South Coast Levy Received. Not known.	Late Scratch Fines 4
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Significant incidents

No re-rows or restarts. Two disqualification's for failing to turn the buoy. Inside marker buoy required adjustment at half way stage of regatta and turning buoys required occasional adjustments. Christchurch Juniors won J/S event.

Correspondance Content

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Safety self-audit 13/04/2016	Safety Re-audit	By NO RE-AUDIT.	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
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Safety incidents

Inshore Rescue boat was called to another incident at the start of the Regatta and arrived late but appropriate cover remained in place. Safety boat need to cover turns better. Incidents noted - 1 - Foot injury getting out of boat - handled by First Aider present. Club not noted.

H&D Rules & procedures

Trial start procedure worked well. No briefing attendance sheet received.

Regatta LYMINGTON/MILFORD-ON-SEA,		Date 28/05/2016	Entry 110	Entry - last year 101	Difference 9
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Reports received 5	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES	South Coast Levy Received. Not known.	Late Scratch Fines 0
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Significant incidents

Protest in Novice Final from Coalporters ref. impeding - no contact - not upheld. Men's Junior Pairs Final - Coalporters & Ryde - disqualified - failure to turn the buoy. Masters 40 - Christchurch left at start - rowed at least course distance away from start in wrong direction and well out of PA range. Repeated requests to return not responded to so race started - did race - but started well behind others. Large market buoys at start drifted badly - more weight needed. Can spectator PA system be expanded further into boat park? Advantage in outside lane?

Correspondance Content

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Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
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Safety incidents

Coalporters Men's Novice Sculler capsized. No significant incidents.

H&D Rules & procedures

Trial start procedure worked well. No briefing attendance sheet received.

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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
CHRISTCHURCH.	04/06/2016	62	67	-5

Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
9	YES	YES	Not known.	0

Significant incidents

One race re-rowed following near collision with pleasure boat - but re-row only ordered after race completed - should have been stopped. Protest from BTC J/S ref start - not upheld. Another protest about an incident at the turn not upheld. Communication of boat and cox changes between Judges and starters was insufficient, Judges must be point of contact for protests as no Race Officials at Race control. A better sound system and hooter required for starters along with a table.

Correspondance

Content
NO

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

Safety incidents

2 H&D Loud Hailers not working. Kits not checked by Regatta before start? Some officials in Safety boats wearing boots - not good practice.

H&D Rules & procedures

No issues with trial start procedure. Association Secretary did not get sent a final version of the printed program. race Officials need hard copy of program a week before the regatta. H&D Horn and Loud Hailers used at Start. Christchurch should have supplied. No briefing attendance sheet received.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
POOLE	11/06/2016	117	143	-26

Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
4	YES	YES	319	0

Significant incidents

No re-rows, clashes or capsizes. Three disqualification for missed turns. Issues at start of Men's masters. Three attempts to start needed due to attitude of crews including arguing with each other and the starters. 2nd marker buoy at start to help crews align.

Correspondance

Content
NO

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

Safety incidents

One safety boats only had one person in it all day. Clash after finish of Ladies Novice Sculls between Poole sculler and Itchen Ladies Senior Pair. Head on collision avoided after warning shouted from shore. Hi-lights limited space between shore and inside lane. Shore marshal needed?

H&D Rules & procedures

Regatta need to provide finishing horn and better PA system at start. No issues with trial start procedure.

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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
NEWPORT. Fours.	18/06/2016	35	58	-23

Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
5	YES	YES	Not known.	0

Significant incidents

Short program - just 19 races - which helped flow of Regatta which finished ahead of time with plenty of water. No re-rows, no disqualification's. Two crews clipped buoys on the river. Big improvement to Radios and Boat Marshaling. Umpires boat a little small. Weed in the return lane did cause some issues in the early part of the Regatta..

Correspondance	Content
NO	

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

Safety incidents

H&D Rules & procedures

Trial start procedure worked well. No briefing attendance sheet received.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
NEWPORT Junior & SMALL BOATS.	19/06/2016	76	63	13

Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
2	YES	YES	Not known.	0

Significant incidents

Disappointing that a number of H&D Clubs did not compete - Southsea, Westover, Christchurch among them - although program very tight with little water left at the finish so maybe a good thing. Disqualification at the finish - Ryde Senior Pair for veering of course are clashing with another crew. Protest in the Ladies Senior Pairs - not seen/upheld. Radios - much improved but need Aqua bags or similar - if it had rained the ones afloat would had suffered. Gap between Junior Races - some felt this was to short - when individuals doubling-up. Bring start position other side of Red Channel marker - this would not shorten course by much - but would reduce the risk of collision just after the start.

Correspondance	Content
NO	

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

Safety incidents

Did not have one in RRC RIB/Safety Boat - not supplied - used RRC equipment. Not aware of any issues. New Loud Hailer added to Kit 3 on Saturday to replace non-working one. A capsized at the finish by a Shanklin Sculler after hitting a buoy. Umpires boats also acting as safety boats - not ideal.

H&D Rules & procedures

Very short of Race Officials - just 3 full and 3 assistants - 1 of each in each position. Quality not quantity! Forced change to umpiring method - one Umpire in Ryde RIB covering from half way to finish - Another Umpire in a Newport RIB covering start to midpoint. System worked well. No briefing attendance sheet received.

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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
SWANAGE	25/06/2016	171	165	6
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
4	YES	YES	480	4

Significant incidents

J16 Boys - Westover disqualified - 1 was a coastal Junior - against local regatta rule. Men's Senior Pairs. race stopped itself after a collision! All returned to start and race restarted, 1 disqualification for missed turn. Men's Junior Pairs - stopped after a collision just after the start. Not possible to determine who was at fault - would need a running umpire. race re-owed. Mixed Fours final was a "dead heat". Crews not as disciplined as they had been in the past. One buoy needed adjustment and inside course marker needed a lot of adjustment during the Regatta - but no other complaints regarding the course this year.

Correspondance	Content			
NO				
Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
			YES	

Safety incidents

Safety kits - one had very wet contents - not dried out by previous regatta. Issues in build up of event over safety boats and qualified crews but resolved by the day of the regatta. Ladies Junior Sculler capsized after hitting a moored boat.

H&D Rules & procedures

No debrief form received. No issues with trial start procedure.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
BOURNEMOUTH.	09/07/2016	102	106	-4
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
0	YES	YES	Not known.	0

Significant incidents

Regatta cancelled on Thursday evening due to forecast - but H&D not formally advised until the Friday. Event not rescheduled. Entries refunded?

Correspondance	Content			
NO				
Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.

Safety incidents

H&D Rules & procedures

Regatta cancelled on Thursday evenings due to forecast - but H&D not formally advised until the Friday. Initial cancellation was via Facebook!. H&D must be first to be informed.

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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
SOUTHSEA	16/07/2016	196	236	-40

Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
3	YES	YES	Not known.	1

Significant incidents

Protest in Ladies Senior Pairs (Deal) - not upheld. Ladies Senior Fours final re-rowed after an incident at the turn. Men's Senior Fours Final - protest by Coalporters after incident at the turn - not upheld.

Correspondance	Content
NO	

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

Safety incidents

Serious incident involving collapse of Shoreham Masters Oarsman prior to start of Regatta - who required resuscitation and emergency services. Taken to Hospital where he recovered. Excellent cooperation from all concerned. Delayed start of Regatta. Shoreham retired from the Regatta. No other significant incidents.

H&D Rules & procedures

H&D trail start procedure was used - agreed in advance with CARA. No issues. No briefing attendance sheet received. Added since meeting - Completed Race Officials de-brief form received from Andy Parsons - 4/11/16 - to late for Autumn Council meeting.

Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
WOOLSTON	23/07/2016	109	143	-34

Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
3	YES	YES	Not known.	4

Significant incidents

Protest in Ladies Senior Pairs (Deal) - not upheld. Ladies Senior Fours final re-rowed after an incident at the turn. Men's Senior Fours Final - protest by Coalporters after incident at the turn - not upheld.

Correspondance	Content
NO	

Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.
			YES	

Safety incidents

Three capsizes - all well handled by safety boats. BTC Junior sculler hit post and broke oar. Several scullers also tangled with finish posts. Note wind increased during regatta.

H&D Rules & procedures

Mixed race - allow all crews to make entries before allowing 2nd and subsequent entries from Clubs. Several Clubs prevented from entering - Southampton had 4 crews entered. No issues with trial start procedure.

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Regatta ITCHEN	Date 13/08/2016	Entry 137	Entry - last year 157	Difference -20
Reports received 6	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES	South Coast Levy Received. Not known.	Late Scratch Fines 0

Significant incidents

Two re-rows after clashes - Men's & Women's Senior Pairs - two other clashes not re-rowed. One disqualification for missed turn. Buoys required adjustment on a couple of occasions.

Correspondance NO	Content
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Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected.	BR Incident report no.

Safety incidents

No safety equipment at start? No significant incidents.

H&D Rules & procedures

No debrief form received. Trial start procedure worked well. Added since meeting - Completed Race Officials de-brief form received from Andy Parsons - 4/11/16 - to late for Autumn Council meeting.

Regatta BTC	Date 20/08/2016	Entry 115	Entry - last year 120	Difference -5
Reports received 5	Times in program. YES	Names in Programme YES	South Coast Levy Received. Not known.	Late Scratch Fines 0

Significant incidents

No re-rows or disqualification's. BTC Club warned after 3 crews attempted to jump start causing re-rows. Protest in Men's Junior Final - not upheld.

Correspondance NO	Content
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Safety self-audit	Safety Re-audit	By	Boats Inspected. YES	BR Incident report no.

Safety incidents

Problem with RIB's on course doing RYA training. Not very cooperative. Some safety boats only had one person in them for much of the day.

H&D Rules & procedures

Event switched to Coalporters course on the Friday after poor forecast. Resulted in reduced program. But excellent efforts by BTC and Coalporters to ensure Regatta went ahead. Trial start procedure worked well. No briefing attendance sheet received.

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Regatta	Date	Entry	Entry - last year	Difference
Itchen Junior.	08/10/2016	117		117
Reports received	Times in program.	Names in Programme	South Coast Levy Received.	Late Scratch Fines
2	NO		n/a	

Significant incidents

Some of those racing had won previous Junior event's but were still entered as B/Inexperienced Crews and scullers. If we cannot rely on Clubs honesty, then perhaps we need to provide some "guidance" - similar to Bryanston. Don't understand why the last race of the day - the Boys J12 2x was awarded a re-row. Shanklin had failed to make the start. Unfair on BCS and Ryde who raced full course. Parent from Christchurch gave the Race Officials a real hard time.

Correspondance

NO

Content

Safety self-audit

Safety Re-audit

By

Boats Inspected.

BR Incident report no.

X

Safety incidents

No capsizes or near misses but some steering issues. Good safety cover - four boats afloat. First aid seen.

H&D Rules & procedures

Incorrect handicap was applied on at least three occasions. Maybe use the words Experience and Inexperienced rather than A and B which caused confusion. Instructions needed to clarify Experianced/inexperianced. Hilight inexperianced crews who have a head start. Keep races on same page of program. Comment at meeting - will review rules.