

**The Minutes of the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting, Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, held at the BTC Clubhouse, Southampton.**

The agenda and various attachments had been E Mailed to all Full and Assistant Race Officials and they had each been asked if in future they would be prepared to accept all communication via E Mail. Those who had not responded by 10<sup>th</sup> January were sent a hard copy. All had eventually agreed to accept future communication via E Mail except Carole Wall – who's present circumstances prevented her from doing so and Dave Lathem who was not present at the meeting.

There were 21 Full and Assistant Race Officials in attendance when the Chairman of the Umpires Committee, Andy Parsons, took the chair. Apologies were received from – Martin Bradbeer, Ray Murphy, Pete Locke and Bill Dalby.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated in advance and were agreed to be a correct record on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Pete Staddon. Matters arising from these minutes would be covered in other agenda items.

The Umpires Committee Chairman, Andy Parsons, then presented his Chairman's report – which had been circulated in advance (*see attached, Appendix A*) and then gave a report on the National Umpires Committee meeting he had recently attended (*see attached, Appendix B*). It was noted that CARA was not represented at the National Umpires Meeting and it was commented on that there had been no contact with or from Roger Smith their representative. It was also noted that there was a shortage of umpires nationally and that some regions were training umpires remotely. In addition the meeting briefly discussed the South Coast Varisty Head Race, a private match, outside the control of the Wessex or the Hants & Dorset ARA which was being staged on the Itchen on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, organised by Southampton University. While there safety plans and risk assessment had been scrutinised and circulated and appeared to be in order – Andy Parsons agreed to call the event umpire Mike Beresford and discuss the event.

The paper produced by Southsea Regatta after concerns regarding their 2014 regatta had been circulated in advance (*see attached, Appendix C*) and was discussed in detail by the meeting. The main concern from an officiating point of view cantered on the perceived bias of the course that led to some clubs and crews "racing" for the inside lanes regardless of the start position. It was agreed that Southsea's proposal for two umpire's boats was a good one but that one of them needed to be a running umpire although there were concerns expressed about the spread of races. Crews and Clubs needed to be reminded that they were obliged to try and avoid collisions not cause them and that it would be useful if there could be a discussion between both Associations Officials – either in advance of the regatta – or at least just prior to the event – but this had been promoted before but had failed to take place because of the difficulties in getting in contact with Roger Smith!. A buoy at mid-course – which you cannot change station before passing was debated with no firm conclusion reached as well as a bias the buoy lane to make the inside lanes less of an advantage – or even a straight race. With regards to the regatta usually running late – one view was that Southsea were simply trying to cram in to many events. The following recommendations were made by the meeting – which would be forwarded to Southsea by the Association Secretary for their consideration -

1. One of the umpires boats to be a running Umpire or stationed mid-course.
2. Marquee/tent at start – clearly segregate – admin from race officials.
3. Consider bias on course at turns to elevate advantage of inside positions.
4. Speaker coverage – cover the whole of the boat park.
5. Boat changes to be allowed for finals.
6. Consider shortening course in rough conditions.

The meeting than considered the membership of the Umpires Committee and its chairman and after a brief discussion agreed, on a proposal from D. Woodford, seconded by A. Stewart to recommend to the Association's Annual General Meeting that the following be appointed and that the terms of reference for the committee should remain unchanged – Chairman - Andy Parsons, Coalporters Rowing Club: Commission Members - John Bailey, Southampton A. R. C.; Keith Warland, Coalporters A. R. C.; Alan Wigmore, Shanklin Sandown Rowing Club;

Martin Bradbeer, Itchen Imperial R. C. and John Purkess, BTC Rowing Club. Plus Andy Parsons and Keith Warland would organise and allocate the Assistant Race Officials.

The examination of Full and Assistant Racing Officials was then discussed – including the mentoring, assessing and reporting on Assistant Race Officials. The full official due to take their three year exam – who would be sent their question papers shortly were – John Adams, Pat Glover, John Bailey, Denis Woodford, John Purkess, Alan Stewart and CW? – a total of seven. It was noted that these would be the first examination since the revision of the rules – which would present a new challenge. The rules can be downloaded from the H&D web site at – [www.hdara.co.uk](http://www.hdara.co.uk) – or a hard or electric copy requested from the Association Secretary. It was noted that Sharon Ayles was supposed to have assessed for promotion to full officials status in time for the 2014 season but for various reasons this had not happened. So she would be put forward for promotion to full official along with assistants – Penny Budd, Ray Murphy and Karen Fancett and the Umpires committee would make arrangements for their assessment. It was again hi-lighted that the criteria assistants had to meet before promotion to full official had still not been circulated as promised – and the Umpires Committee agreed to do this as soon as possible and to circulate this to all Assistant Race Officials.

With regards to the reports completed by Race Officials there was again a discussion as to whether both the individual report and the “combined” de-brief report was necessary but the general feeling was that both reports provided useful and slightly different views on an event and Race Officials should continue to submit individual reports for all events they officiate at – including Head Races and Junior events – and that the combined de-brief report should continue. Alan Stewart again asked about a facility to complete forms on-line – and it was explained that although our webhost software could arguably handle this it is difficult to set-up although it would remain a medium to long-term target – but in the meantime it was pointed out that the report form can be downloaded from the web-site, filled in and E Mailed to the Association Secretary which many Race officials now do. It was thought it would be useful if the location and approximate time of the de-brief could be agreed between race officials at the beginning of the regatta so everyone new when and where it would take place.

Most Race Officials availability forms the 2015 season had been received – or were handed in at the meeting – and these would be analysed and summarised and event secretaries advised over the next few weeks. Those few not received would be chased-up – and the availability forms from assistant officials would be copied and sent to the Umpires Committee Chairman who would allocate assistant to events. Availability forms were outstanding from – Pete Lock, Dave Lathem, Martin Bradbeer and Pete Diffey – the Association Secretary to send them a reminder.

The charge made on H&D Affiliated Clubs who run a Regatta but who do not provide a minimum of two racing Officials available for at least three Regattas was reviewed (currently £100 per official) – and it was agreed that this should remain unchanged and that it had had an impact on the number of new assistant racing officials that had been appointed. The analysis of race officials availability in the 2014 (*see appendix D attached*) season means that Southsea would be charged £200, Westover £200 and Newport £100.

The Race Officials for the 2015 South Coast Rowing Championships at Wimbleball were then agreed – subject to the approval of the Association AGM – as follows -

**Championship/Open Regatta. Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE	–	Pete Staddon.
STARTER	–	John Purkess,
JUDGE	-	John Adams.
OPEN UMPIRE	–	Andy Parsons.
RESERVES	–	Martin Bradbeer?

Boat Inspections	-	Steve Bull & Mark Viner.
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**Junior Regatta. Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.**

STARTER	–	John Purkess.
JUDGE	-	Keith Warland.
OPEN UMPIRE	–	Ian Hutchings.
RESERVES –	-	Pete Staddon/Andy Parsons/John Adams.

The method of selecting the H&D Coxswain of the Year was considered and while not perfect it was agreed that the current method, where race officials on the day nominate up to three coxswains in order should be continued – with points awarded as follows – 1<sup>st</sup> nominated 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> nominated – 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> nominated – 1 point. The “Cox of the Day” award introduced at last season’s regattas was also seen to be positive move – and it was confirmed that whichever coxswain was confirmed as “Cox of the Day” at a Regatta was awarded the three points. In response to a question from the floor the Association Secretary advised that there was a criteria for judging the coxswains written by Mike Green many years ago – and he would try and find a copy and circulate it to race officials.

The report from H&D ARA “Rules” & “Competitions” Sub-Committees which included rule changes for discussion and approval at the AGM – was then discussed in some detail. The meeting was generally supportive of the Report from Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committee that had been circulated prior to the meeting was discussed. (See attached. Appendix 5.) With the views of the Sub Committees clearly laid out there was little further discussion, the meeting agreeing with main proposals from the sub-committees – with recommendations to go forward to the Association AGM in March as follows -

- introduction of Ladies Masters 40 4+ as a Championship event
- individuals winning above status should count as wins at current status
- Regression of status for seniors (men and ladies) after 5 years without a win. The drafted regression rule would be circulated to clubs before the end of the year so applications in anticipation of AGM approval of the new rule could be submitted before the deadline – and some interest has been shown.

There was also a possible need to agree a hierarchy of events to guide regatta secretaries if they are unable to offer all championship events due to time/tide constraints and this would be addressed by the Sub Committee. This led on to the Agenda item to clarify existing rules where required and consider any recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules, for forwarding to the Associations AGM. There was a lengthy discussion around some lack of clarity in the rules for someone winning a race at a higher status. The intent was clear to me; if a junior oarsman/woman wins a race at a higher status, then the win is just the same as any other win i.e. it counts the same as a win at junior status. So if a junior oarsman wins just one senior race then he remains a junior. If he then wins a junior race, he continues to be eligible to compete in junior races for the rest of the season and starts the next season as a junior-senior oarsman. It was felt that two of the existing rules seem to contradict this - 4.0. SENIOR STATUS. 4.1. Senior Oarsman. A Senior Oarsman is one who has won a senior race at an open regatta and 17.0. WINNING AT HIGHER STATUS. 17.1. If an oarsman/woman wins rowing in a higher status to the one for which he/she is qualified the Rules governing classifications immediately apply. The “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committee would be asked to examine this with a view to proposing appropriate Rule amendments to the AGM in March to clarify.

There was also a lengthy discussion around the starting procedure with the idea that the “set” instruction should be dropped in favour of a simple “Go” once the race was lined-up – with a prior instruction along the lines of ““I will call you to then the line and when I am happy with the line the next instruction will be go”. The idea being that this procedure would prevent “jumped” starts. While the proposal had some support and idea of trialling this process at one regatta was considered but this was rejected by the meeting the majority feeling that the existing rules were adequate and just needed to be enforced and the procedure should be emphasised at pre-regatta briefings. Clarification was also sought regarding the J16 Rules – and the meeting was reminded that until these were give Championship status local rules applied – and it was up to each event if they imposed any status restrictions on the age ruling.

The meeting reviewed the Insurance of Officials via British Rowing Membership. (2014 - £28 – BR non-racing/Silver membership – refunded in full ). It was believed that the BR Non-racing/Silver membership was to remain at £28 for 2015 and it was agreed that a recommendation to continue to reimburse racing officials for the cost of a Silver membership of BR should be put before the Associations AGM.

The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials was reviewed by the meeting (see report attached – appendix F). The Association Secretary reported that the equipment had been checked and in order to bring them back into standard – one new first aid kit and some exposure blankets had been purchased. With regards to the Air Horns – all three have depleted cylinders that needed replacement. The substitution of an alternative -a Pump Action Emergency Horn with no requirement for a cylinder was considered and agreed by the meeting. The Loud Hailers remained an issue – and a further unit had been purchased to add to the two purchased at the end of last season in anticipation of the South Coast Championships – so we start the 2015 season with three new working units. The Association Secretary had three units that were unreliable in his possession – two probably suffering from water ingress – and one with an electrical fault – this unit being fairly new – but now out of warranty – and the Association Secretary apologised for not returning this when the fault was first found. Pete Staddon offered to attempt a repair of the units. It was felt that the new bags for the safety kits introduced in 2014 were a definite improvement. Around £300 had been spent to bring the Kits & Life Jackets up to standard for the 2015 season.

While not exactly Safety Equipment the Meeting discussed the provision of four large racing buoys following loss and damage to ones used at the South Coast Championships that were owned by Westover Rowing Club and also used at Swanage Regatta. With the Association Treasurer confirming that Swanage Regatta had made a reasonable profit over the last few years the meeting agreed that the Association should purchase four large orange racing buoys, for the use of the Association Clubs/events – at a cost of £166.63 each which Pete Staddon agreed to organise. Westover were thanked for their offer to make a financial contribution towards the purchase but this was not considered necessary.

Any other business.

- BR awards. It was noted that and the meeting congratulated Andy Parsons of Coalporters, Pete Jacobs of Poole and the 2007/11/14 South Coast Championships Organising Committee who had all received BR Volunteer Awards in 2014.
- Clarification was sought as to whether Newport were going to restrict the number of events someone could enter at their Junior Regatta. It was thought that this was now in place – with a maximum of 2 or 3 but that the Association Secretary would confirm this with Newport.
- There was some concern that with Coalporters as the last Regatta of the H&D Season – if it ran late then there might be difficulties with the Council Meeting that usually takes place after the last regatta to confirm H&D Champions and South Coast selection. Coalporters reminded the meeting that the 2014 pretty much ran to time.
- Pete Staddon sought clarification over which Race Officials had not received their medals following the South Coast Championship Regatta.
- Concern was expressed over the time race officials were required to officiate for at some regattas – and that a “shift” system could be employed at the longer regatta’s if there were sufficient race officials available.

Attachments:

- i) *Appendix A . Season 2014 – Report from Chairman of Umpires Committee*
- ii) *Appendix B. Report on National Umpires meeting, Nottingham, Sat 10/1/15.*
- iii) *Appendix C. Paper produced by Southsea Regatta after concerns regarding their 2014 regatta*
- iv) *Appendix D. Number of Active Racing Officials per Club, 2014.*
- v) *Appendix E. Report from Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committee*
- vi) *Appendix F. The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials.*
- vii) *Appendix G. Times Officiated – roles.*
- viii) *Appendix H. BR Membership*

Steve Bull. Association Secretary. For the H&D Umpires Committee.

**Appendix A. Season 2014 – Report from Chairman of Umpires Committee.**

**2014 Annual Report from Chair of Umpires Committee**

H & D official's safety equipment was generally OK although a brand new loudhailer proved temperamental at times. Once again, thanks to Steve Bull for ensuring that these essential kits are in good condition for every season. Regatta organisers please note that they need to be looked after and handed over to the next regatta in good time (didn't always happen) and in good condition. There were a couple of mentions by officials for good work by boat marshals at our regattas this season and I'd like to thank all of the boat marshals. They really do make huge contribution to keeping regattas on schedule and ensuring that all of the races on the programme can take place. Coaches need to spend more time getting their crews boat handling skills up to a good standard. Particular issues (again) were awareness of the effects of wind and tide, ability to manoeuvre and in particular back down to get aligned at the start and for many novice crews, holding the boat to achieve a sharp buoy turn – the very first race of the season resulted in disqualification of a crew which traversed along the line of turns buoys, impeding other crews. Coxswains, scullers and steersmen need to take time to familiarise themselves with each course before going afloat – quite a few crews rowed a longer course than necessary due to poor steering. I would like all coaches to spend more time on these oft-neglected aspects of our sport.

As in every season, starters had to call back a number of false starts, including some where the cox had shouted 'Go!' to their crew. Some starts were delayed by crews paddling away out of contact to warm up. Club captains and coaches please train your crews to marshal up, align and start correctly – it will save us all a lot of wasted time and avoid the very real risk of disqualification.

Christchurch's introduction of running umpires following the race was a welcome innovation which won approval from all. Newport regatta radio communications were poor and Woolston's start platform access was difficult/risky so I request improvements for next year please – we all need our race officials to be both safe and effective.

We had a number of clashes and protests at Southsea, many caused by the 'free for all' scramble of outside crews in to take the first 3 buoys. We need to resolve differences in rules and their interpretation with our colleagues in CARA or this undesirable situation will just persist. All of the disputes on the day contributed to a very late finish time.

We should review the requirements for additional safety cover for adaptive competitors to avoid leaving too little safety cover on the course for other competitors.

And finally.....a mention for the best novelty disqualification of the season goes to our own Ray Murphy, who was a late substitute in the Poole ladies masters crew at Ryde – I think the beard might have given the game away Ray!

Andy Parsons  
October 2014

ii) *Appendix B. Report on National Umpires meeting, Nottingham, Sat 10/1/15*

**Report on National Umpires meeting, Nottingham, Sat 10/1/15**

**Attendance** – there was no CARA rep and the secretary had been unable to get a response from them (Roger Smith is the contact they have).

**Para-rowing**

Slide presentation on para-rowing and 'Rowability'. Rowing for the disabled is a growing activity (not least from ex-services athletes) and the rules and formats for racing are now established. Race officials and safety boat crews need to be aware of the needs of each competitor. There are now rules on boat construction (position of rigger floats at minimum span) and quick-release strapping for competitors –

which safety crews will need to be aware of for each competitor so they can safely assist/extract in event of capsized).

**Recruiting** - still an important issue. BR is looking for young (30-40) recruits to become multilane umpires and take FISA exam by age 40-45. Had a chat with John Hedger (Chairman, Multi-Lane Umpiring Panel) who is keen to find a way that coastal multilane umpires could be considered for FISA qualification. The meeting minutes record as follows:

'Maybe the Multilane panel could consider a route by observing coastal events. John Hedger will look into this.'

### **Competition review**

Fiona Dennis gave a brief review of work in progress to revise BR competition format and competitor points system. It is timetabled to be complete by April 2017.

### **Umpire clothing free issue**

One of the regions issues umpires who officiate at a certain number of events with vouchers to purchase umpire clothing from their supplier.

### **Umpire training and e-training**

Increasing use of computers for training – one or two examples where training on the rules of racing done remotely where trainer and trainee are a long way apart – useful in large geographic regions. 'Teamviewer' software was used. Dan Smith did say his wife queried why he was going into an upstairs room for some time to talk online to a young lady – this was his best excuse! Online multiple choice self-test exam is being developed and widely trialled by umpires. Some discussion on consistency of training and 'train the trainer' – there was a proposal to put together a national repository of training material.

There was a suggestion to use feedback forms, perhaps completed by an independent observer, for all umpires, not just trainees as we do currently.

### **Allocation of umpires to events**

Regions vary; some chair of umpires allocate officials to each event (as we do for trainees) and some leave it to events to invite officials.

### **Umpire certification and renewals**

Where an umpire is not attending many events per year, just the bare minimum, renewal for a single year rather than 3 is an option being used. Annual renewal is also standard for umpires aged over 70 in some regions. Some regions use formal time-limited written exams for umpire assessment, there are discussions on a nationally unified approach which may include an e-exam. The motivation for this is to satisfy SOUK requirements – otherwise UKCC level 2 training of officials might get imposed.

### **BR Rules of Racing updates**

New sections on para-rowing and recreational competitions.

Safety: now referring to Row-Safe as guidance rather than requiring compliance.

Andy Parsons 13/1/14

iii) *Appendix C.* Paper produced by Southsea Regatta after concerns regarding their 2014 regatta

Southsea Rowing Club  
**SOUTHSEA REGATTA.**

## Introduction

This paper has been produced in response to criticism of the Southsea Regatta course and the consistent late running of the regatta. The Southsea Regatta course is not unique. The fairness on the course depends on a combination of wind and tide but in most conditions it favours the inside lanes. Similar conditions apply for most truly coastal regattas. Part of the skill or racing is steering a course which makes the best of a lane draw whilst, at the same time, avoiding accidents, damage to boats and injury to participants. Southsea is different, in that it has the potential for 23 clubs participating from two coastal rowing associations. This brings with it pressure on the programme and a potential clash of culture between Clubs of the two associations.

The Southsea Management Committee has received advice from a number of umpires from each association. It has been suggested by one that a "turn your own buoy" rule should be introduced but this has been rejected because of the difficulty of identifying your exact buoy in relatively rough conditions and with reflection off the sea. This rule does not apply to any multi-lane coastal regatta within the two associations.

This paper proposes a set of local rules for Southsea Regatta plus some additional recommendations to ensure the safe and timely running of the regatta.

### Southsea Regatta Local Rules

1. The start will be identified by a shore based start post and a large outer buoy
2. There will be four buoys 10m above the start to assist alignment
3. There will be a start marshal's boat to assist alignment above the 10m line and to keep crews clear of Lumps Fort
4. Crews will be at the start, ready to race 5 minutes before the end of the previous race, i.e. crews should be warmed up and in place as the previous race is approaching the turns, boat changes for successive races will not be allowed.
5. Two umpires boats will be deployed at the turns
6. The Associations' Rules of Boat Racing will apply in relation to the course to be followed and at buoy turns. In particular H&D Rules of Boat Racing 5.1 – 6.4 and CARA Rules of Boat Racing 22-26 apply. However, it is incumbent upon all crews and coxswains to avoid collisions and following crews should always give way to leading crews.

### Southsea Regatta Recommendations

1. The Southsea Regatta programme will be scheduled and sent out with the regatta invitation and races will be scheduled 15 minutes apart.
2. Races, wherever possible, will be scheduled: four, small boat, etc. but with 19 out of 35 races in fours, this will not always be possible.
3. Clubs will be expected to check in to race control at least one hour ahead of the start of the first race, however late entries, scratchings and crew changes will be accepted and acknowledged by e-mail 48 hours before the event to avoid bottle necks and maximise opportunities for combining heats.
4. Boat marshals will be deployed on shore but commentators will be asked to remind Clubs of when races are due.
5. Umpires are requested to be suitably clothed and prepared to be picked up by rib from the sea shore to be transferred to the umpires boats.

### Proposal

It is proposed to adopt the above local rule changes and recommendations for 2015 and reviewed, prior to the Associations' 2015 autumn meetings for 2016 onwards

Jeff Watling/SRC Management Committee 12 August 2014.

iv) Appendix D. Number of Active Racing Officials per Club, 2014.

<b>H&amp;D Racing Officials. 2014. Availability/Times Officiated.</b> Excludes some Head and Junior Events and the South Coast Championships.					
	FIRST_NAME	SURNAME	Available for	TIMES OFFICIATED	Other
<b>BTC</b>					
	Max	Maxwell	17	5	1
	John	Purkess	10	7	1
	Denis	Woodford	11	7	1
	Dave	Wyatt		0	0
<b>Christchurch</b>					
	Simon	Clements	5	5	0
	Pete	Staddon	12	4	0
	Carole	Wall	8	1	0
<b>Coalporters</b>					
	Penny	Budd	2	2	1
	Ian	Hutchings	7	5	0
	Andy	Parsons	13	1	1
	Keith	Warland	6	5	1
<b>Itchen</b>					
	Martin	Bradbeer	11	7	1
	Bill	Dalby	7	5	0
	Karen	Fancett	11	5	0
<b>Lymington</b>					
	Pete	Lock		2	2
	Mark	Viner	11	8	2
<b>Newport</b>					
	Dave	Lathem		4	0
<b>Poole</b>					
	Ray	Murphy	4	4	0
	Pete	Diffey		0	0
	Andy	Sothcott	4	3	0
<b>Ryde</b>					
	John	Adams	20	11	0
	Sharon	Ayles	7	2	0
	Steve	Bull	12	4	4
<b>Shanklin</b>					
	Pat	Glover	5	3	2
	Alan	Wigmore	4	3	0
<b>Southampton</b>					
	John	Bailey	9	3	4
	Alan	Stewart	18	9	1

Reference the charge made to Clubs who stage H&D Events but who do not provide a minimum of two racing officials available for at least three Regattas (currently £100 per official).

According to the above Southsea and Westover failed to provide any Race Officials in 2014 and Newport only provided one – therefore, subject to the agreement of the meeting – Southsea and Westover will be fined £200 and Newport £100 for failure to meet the criteria in the 2014 Season. All other H&D Clubs, who stage events, met the criteria.

v) Appendix E. Report from Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committee

**Hants and Dorset ARA. For Racing Officials Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.**

**Rules and Competitions Subcommittees**

**Notes of meeting Tuesday 14th October 2014 - BTC Rowing Club + Recommendations made at Autumn Council Meeting.**

**Rules and Competitions Subcommittees 18.00**

9..14.1	<p>Present Steve, John, Garry, Dave W, Adam, Colin, Jeff</p> <p>Apologies for Absence  Roger Hames, Keith Worland</p>
9.14.2	<p>There were no notes of the meeting on 18th February 2014, however the subcommittee recommendations of 14th February together with extracts of notes from H&amp;D AGM were attached to the agenda</p>
9.14.3	<p>Revised Hants &amp; Dorset Rules - to review the rule changes 6 months on Rules for boat racing parts A and B</p> <p>In general there had been very little comment with regard to Regatta Rules, etc. The electronic circulation appeared to have been accepted and umpires, etc. generally had copies available when required for reference.</p> <p>Agreed to invite the Umpires Committee to comment of rules at their January meeting.</p> <p>Regatta Rules</p> <p>Very few comments</p> <p>Regatta Safety Rules</p> <p>No reaction</p> <p>Membership and Status</p> <p>Some queries regarding two wins and up rule for juniors and above, but requests for clarification, not adverse comment.</p> <p>Registration and Competition Rules</p> <p>No comments</p> <p>. Status Rules</p> <p>Some doubts about junior age status, J14, J16, etc. but BR rule does need reading more than</p>

	<p>once to be clear. Garry has modified wording slightly to clarify</p> <p>Championship Event Rules</p> <p>No comments</p> <p>Championship Trophy Rules</p> <p>No comments</p> <p><b>Potential recommendations to Autumn Delegates meeting and AGM</b></p> <p>Potential for slight tweak of Junior (age) rules will need ratification at AGM.</p> <p>Alternative wording for starts discussed. Possible use of BR's "Attention.....Go". Potential to ask umpires meeting about possible change also potential to have an air horn, in addition to verbal, "Go."</p>
9.14.4	<p>Review of draft Competitions Subcommittee recommendations for 2014 AGM</p> <p><b>Introduction of Ladies Masters 40 4+ as a Championship event</b></p> <p>On average there were 3.5 ladies crews entered in masters events during the season. Agreed to recommend ladies masters 40 4+ as a championship event and review at the end of 2015.</p> <p>On the basis of the average number of entries during the season also need to consider ladies junior 2-</p> <p><b>Junior (age) quad events</b></p> <p>There were only three regattas that held J16 quad events: Newport (b&amp;g), Southsea (b&amp;g), Swanage (mixed)</p> <p>Shanklin, Woolston, Itchen, BTC and Poole ran sweep events</p> <p>Lesson learned during year – need to send crews to start line as a group, rather than letting thm away in dribs and drabs only for some crews to get cold and wet on the start line.</p> <p>Should be recommending running of quad events wherever possible because of link to SCC.</p> <p><b>Spread regattas more evenly through season</b></p> <p>Maybe a "vain hope" due to need for some regattas to be linked to tides. May also take some time to change attitudes, potential also problems with dates in August with some local authorities. Steve struggling to accommodate dates requested by Clubs for 2015</p> <p><b>More Autumn/Winter Head Races</b></p> <p>This was tried but less successful than planned due to cancellations. Christchurch have requested 14th or 15th March 2015 as date for Stour Head. Jeff to ask Shoreham to avoid this weekend if possible.</p> <p><b>Two wins and up for junior and junior senior events</b></p> <p>No problems noted in 2014</p>

	<p><b>Individuals winning above status should count as wins at current status</b></p> <p>Potential issue of keeping track of wins out of status. Sensible extension of two wins and up, in that it doesn't force individuals to row above ability following one "lucky" win. Worthy of consideration at AGM.</p> <p><b>Regression of Status for Seniors (men and ladies) after 5 years without a win.</b></p> <p>Agreed worthy of consideration for sweep events only, not sculling. NB SCC events are non status and should not affect the 5 year cut off.</p> <p>Proposed wording of rule:</p> <p>Any Senior Oarsman or Oarswoman who has not won a Senior Status race shall have the opportunity to regress back after five years of holding Senior Status. Senior men may regress to Men's Junior Senior Status and Senior Women to Women's Junior Status. All applications for regression shall be made in writing to the Association Secretary on the regression form provided, stating the year and regatta at which they had their last senior win. The application must be submitted by 31st January of the year that they wish to regress their status.</p> <p>The change of rule should be flagged to the Autumn Council Meeting and applications for regression sought immediately but subject to ratification of rule at March 2015 AGM.</p> <p><b>Introduce league table for Clubs.</b></p> <p>Jeff had not taken this forward but agreed to do so on offer of information on regatta results from Steve. Also agreed to look at best three results of day as well as proposed system.</p> <p><b>Potential recommendations to Autumn Council meeting and AGM</b></p> <p>In summary the following need to be flagged as recommendations to the Autumn Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• introduction of Ladies Masters 40 4+ as a Championship event</li> <li>• encourage more Junior (age) quad rather than sweep events</li> <li>• spread regattas more evenly through season</li> <li>• encourage more Autumn/Winter Head Races</li> <li>• individuals winning above status should count as wins at current status</li> <li>• regression of status for Seniors (men and ladies) after 5 years without a win.</li> </ul> <p>Possibly need to agree a hierarchy of events to guide regatta secretaries if they are unable to offer all championship events due to time/tide constraints</p>
9.14.5	<p>Future of Hants &amp; Dorset Subcommittees including relationship with Wessex Regional Committee.</p> <p>Potential roles for the future:</p> <p>Hants &amp; Dorset          Organisation of Events (regattas and head races)          Umpire training and organisation          Safety?</p> <p>Wessex Region</p>

	<p>Club/Rower Development Planning                  Coach Education (not just Level 2, etc. courses which are now organised nationally)                  Coach support and resource documents (boat launching, rigging coastal boats, training for juniors, etc) – including organisation of junior inter-regionals                  Review, assistance and support of funding for clubs.</p> <p>Specific suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry level courses for new coaches – similar to the old IA – need to be flexible with regard to any prerequisites – need to have a system for signing off any prerequisites undertaken</li> <li>• Coastal coxswains’ course including available video of most racing courses</li> </ul> <p>Agreed timetable for discussion proposed in paper a bit tight, may need to reach out to Clubs by organising series of local meetings to identify needs of Clubs and then to put together plan to meet their needs. Adam and Jeff would be happy to visit H&amp;D Clubs.</p> <p>Potential links with CARA on these issues</p> <p>Item on CARA Autumn Council Meeting. Potential for Jeff and Colin to visit CARA Clubs if they are interested.</p>
9.14.6	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>
9.14.7	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>No meeting date agreed</p>

**Hants & Dorset ARA Autumn Council Meeting, Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.**

A Report from Hants & Dorset ARA “Rules” and “Competitions” Sub Committee that had been circulated prior to the meeting was discussed. [See attached. Appendix 5.] With the views of the Sub Committees clearly laid out there was little further discussion, the meeting agreeing with main proposals from the sub-committees – with recommendations to go forward to the Association AGM in March as follows -

- introduction of Ladies Masters 40 4+ as a Championship event
- encourage more Junior (age) quad rather than sweep events
- spread regattas more evenly through season
- encourage more Autumn/Winter Head Races
- individuals winning above status should count as wins at current status
- Regression of status for seniors (men and ladies) after 5 years without a win. The drafted regression rule would be circulated to clubs before the end of the year so applications in anticipation of AGM approval of the new rule could be submitted before the deadline.

There was a possibly need to agree a hierarchy of events to guide regatta secretaries if they are unable to offer all championship events due to time/tide constraints and this would be addressed by the Sub Committee.

These discussions led to the consideration of possible rule changes for discussion and approval at the AGM with the following agreed by the meeting –

- Introduction of Ladies Masters 40 4+ as a Championship event, which was also prompted by a request from Poole A.R.C. to consider a Masters Ladies Championship.
- individuals winning above status should count as wins at current status
- Regression of status for seniors (men and ladies) after 5 years without a win.

There was also discussion on a suggestion that the entries close date should be reduced to two weeks, with circulation of the draw allowed by E Mail at least 1 week before the regatta. The Rules Sub Committee were asked to consider this request – and the Secretary was asked to canvas the views of event secretaries.

### **SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY ASSOCIATION.**

Condition of equipment on return to Association Secretary at the end of 2014 Hants & Dorset season - *Note. Equipment left at \itchen for winter head races and not collected and checked until the end of December, 2014 -*

- 1) INSTRUCTIONS. All in a reasonable condition.
- 2) THROW BAG (Grab Line) - 3 in good condition - and would appear to be unused.
- 3) KNIFE - all 3 in good condition - and would appear to be unused - no repair or replacement required.
- 4) WHISTLE (Warning Device) - all 3 in good condition - and would appear to be unused - no repair or replacement required.
- 5) FIRST AID KIT - Two in good condition – and would appear to be unused. One – contents appeared OK and unused but zip on bag jammed. Kit replaced. [Two purchased - £46.80 – 1 “spare” in stock]
- 6) EXPOSURE BLANKETS –  
Three foil exposure blankets per kit - all in good condition - and would appear to be unused - no repair or replacement required. [+ 6 in stock]  
Mediwraps - 2 per bag - 5 - appeared to be in good condition - and would appear to be unused. The bag on one was open and this may have been used – discarded and replaced. [Three purchased - £28.72 – 2 in stock]
- 7) LIFE JACKET (in safety kit) - would appear to be unused – - no repair or replacement required.
- 8) LENGTH OF ROPE (15m) - all 3 in good condition - and would appear to be unused - no repair or replacement required.
- 9) TRANSISTOR MEGAPHONE (Loud Hailer). Two replaced during the season, in preparation for the South Coast Championships. The older three all working intermitantly and unreliable – repair will be attempted. New unit purchased [£87.18] so all effectivley new and in good working order. Batteries replaced as necessary – two sets of 8 with each unit. Around 20 batteries in stock.
- 10) FLAG - 3 in good condition.
- 11) AIR HORN/SOUND SIGNALING DEVICE – all three have depleted cylinders that needed replacement.. Consider substitution of alternative. Suggestion is Pump Action Emergency Horn at £10.99 each. No Cylinder needed (see sample). *Note: Devices STILL being used by Regatta’s to finish races. They MUST provide their own.*
- 12) LAUNCH KIT BAGS – First season using alternative “holdall” type w/proof bag (Mallig) – all appeared to still be in good condition and have survived the season. Only sign of damage – some inevitable scuff mark and a couple of “pin prick” holes in bottim – which have been taped over inside.
- 13) LIFE JACKETS – Still one life- jacket missing from 2013 season. The nine available appear to be in reasonable condition - plus the 2 arming kits – have not been used and are OK. One extra life Jacket purchased to bring number back to ten. [Cost - £109.98].  
*Note – Two Life Jackets have gone missing in three years - they were Serial number 295 85238 and 295 85225 and are marked H&D ARA inside. Strangly serial number – 295 85238 has reappeared – but Serial number 295 85226 has gone missing and 295 85225 is still missing.*  
*Note. 3 Life Jackets were serviced in 2014, 4 in 2011 – 1 (the one that has been found) was last serviced in 2009 - 1 was new in 2014 and 1 is new this year.*  
*Additional note – one of the Life Jackets is NOT automatic – I think this was the one purchased in 2014 – serial number - 07-05 20395 and was my mistake.*
- 14) BAG FOR LIFE JACKETS - replaced in 2012 and still in reasonale condition and useable.

Steve Bull, Association Secretary. January, 2014.

vii) Appendix G. Times Officiated – roles.

**H&D ARA. Full Officials. Times Officiated + Forms returned - 2014.**

Excludes some Head and Junior Events and the South Coast Championships.

FIRST_NAME	SURNAME	UMPIRE	STARTER	STARTER/JUDGE	JUDGE	TIMES OFFICIATED	FORMS RETURNED	Other
Bob	Springbett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max	Maxwell	0	1	1	3	5	0	1
John	Purkess	3	1	3	0	7	7	1
Denis	Woodford	1	4	2	0	7	5	1
Dave	Wyatt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simon	Clements	3	0	2	0	5	1	0
Pete	Staddon	4	0	2	0	4	4	0
Carole	Wall	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Penny	Budd	0	0	2	0	2	2	1
Ian	Hutchings	3	0	1	1	5	5	0
Andy	Parsons	6	0	1	0	1	6	1
Keith	Warland	1	1	3	0	5	5	1
Martin	Bradbeer	5	0	2	0	7	7	1
Bill	Dalby	3	0	2	0	5	0	0
Karen	Fancett	3	0	2	0	5	3	0
Pete	Lock	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
Mark	Viner	5	1	2	0	8	4	2
Dave	Latham	1	1	1	1	4	0	0
Ray	Murphy	2	1	0	1	4	0	0
Pete	Diffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy	Sothcott	0	0	0	3	3	3	0
John	Adams	6	1	4	0	11	9	0
Sharon	Ayles	0	0	2	0	2	1	0
Steve	Bull	0	0	2	2	4	4	4
Pat	Glover	0	0	0	3	3	3	2
Alan	Wignmore	0	0	0	3	3	1	0
John	Bailey	1	1	1	0	3	1	4
Alan	Stewart	7	2	0	0	9	3	1

viii) Appendix H. BR Membership

## Hants & Dorset Racing Officials. BR Membership Status.

FIRST_NAME	SURNAME	ARA_MEMBER	NUMBER	EXPIREY_DA	GRANT_CLAI	PAID
Pat	Glover,	Silver	201412S1017618	31/12/2010	06/08/14	06/08/14
John.	Adams.	Silver	201409S1012248	30/09/2010	06/08/14	06/08/14
Steve	Bull	Silver	201412S1017565	31/12/2010	06/08/14	06/08/14
Pete	Staddon,	Silver	201507S1010705	31/07/2011	06/08/14	Not claimed.
Ian	Hutchings	Gold	201502G101410	28/02/2014	06/08/14	06/08/14
Andy	Sothcott.	Silver	201508S1007387	31/08/2011	16/08/14	16/08/14
Alan	Wigmore,	Silver	201505S1008325	31/05/2011	10/08/14	10/08/14
John	Bailey.	Silver	201402S1002599	28/02/2011		
Keith	Warland,	Silver	201405S1005420	30/04/2011	06/08/14	Not claimed.
Denis	Woodford	Silver	201504S1006075	30/04/2011	06/08/14	06/08/14
Mark	Viner	Silver	201405S1005420	30/04/2011	06/08/14	Not claimed
Martin	Bradbeer	Silver	201407S1010582	31/07/2011	06/08/14	Kit
John	Purkess.	Gold	201406G100854	30/06/2010	06/08/14	06/08/14
Alan	Stewart	Gold	201311G101631	30/07/2012		
Simon	Clements	Silver	201409S1099432	30/12/2014		
Carole	Wall	Gold	201403G101342	31/01/2011		
Andy	Parsons	Gold	201407G101067	12/07/1937	16/08/147	Not claimed
Pete	Diffey	Silver	201408S1035337	31/08/2013		
Sharon	Ayles.	Silver	201408S1014132	30/07/2006	06/08/14	06/08/14
Pete	Lock	Gold	201310G102343	31/10/2013		
Penny	Budd	Silver	201405S103401	31/05/2014		
Karen	Fancett	Silver	201404S1114384	30/04/2014	06/08/14	06/08/14
Dave	Lathem	Silver	201402S1003052	28/02/2014	06/08/14	Kit
Dave	Wyatt	Gold	201310G101464			
Steve/Max	Maxwell	Gold	201311G103728	30/11/2013		
William (Bill)	Dalby	Silver	201504S1102757	30/04/2015	16/08/14	
Ray	Murphy	Gold	201310G110576	31/10/2013		