

The Minutes of the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting, Saturday, 14th January, 2017, held at the BTC Clubhouse, Southampton.

The agenda and various attachments had been E Mailed to all Full and Assistant Race Officials except Carole Wall – who's present circumstances prevented her from using this method. It was agreed that in future Pete Staddon would forward information to her – and a hard copy should be posted.

Prior to the start of the meeting a minutes silence was held in memory of Poole's Andy Southcott who had passed away recently. Ray Murphy confirmed that as yet there was no news on the arrangements for the funeral.

Of the 29 Full and Assistant Race Officials on the H&D ARA Register 20 were in attendance at the meeting when the Chairman of the Umpires Committee, Andy Parsons, took the chair. Apologies were received from – Carole Wall, Simon Clements, Sharon Ayles and Garry Walters.

The meeting agreed that Pete Diffey of Poole who had not officiated or contacted the committee for a couple of years should be removed from the list as should Pete Lock of Lymington and Karen Fancett of Itchen Imperial – who had both indicated that they may want to withdraw their names. Their respective Clubs were asked to clarify the position of William (Bill) Dalby of Itchen and Dave Lathem of Imperial who had not responded – but it was assumed wished to remain as an Assistant Officials. *Note: Subsequent to the meeting Dave Lathem of Newport has submitted his availability form confirming he wishes to continue.*

It was noted that for 2017 Simon Canning would represent Bournemouth Rowing Club where he was now Captain and it was also noted that Westover & Bournemouth Rowing Club had changed their name and would now be known as Bournemouth Rowing Club.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated in advance and were agreed to be a correct record on a proposal from Pete Staddon, seconded by Martin Bradbeer. 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 apologised to John Adams for siting him in the report as an official who had forgot the new start procedure on one occasion – when he was actually umpiring! A comment was added regarding officiating at Southsea where the cooperation between H&D ARA and CARA Race Officials was much improved.

Andy Parsons then gave a report on the National Umpires Committee meeting he had recently attended – *see attached – Appendix B*. Subjects covered included - Umpiring Recruitment and training – where the question was asked – shouldn't we put some prominent content on the subject of 'How to become an umpire' on the H & D ARA website as an aid to recruitment? Also discussed – FISA mandatory retirement age; the new BR Ranking Index; Event ranking – the traffic light system; Tideway experience for coxswains – which could become an issue; Doping and Race Officials recruitment. Andy also recorded the heartening comment from BR's Sport Committee Chair Andy Crawford – 'I think you in coastal rowing are doing a lot right and we should learn from you'. Interest from Paddy Ibbotson in how our rules are written so he can suggest how to improve FISA coastal rules and train FISA umpires to handle coastal events better.

The meeting than considered the membership of the Umpires Committee and its chairman and after a brief discussion agreed, on a proposal from P. Staddon, seconded by J. Adams to recommend to the Association's Annual General Meeting that the following be re-appointed and that the terms of reference for the committee should remain unchanged – Chairman - Andy Parsons, Coalporters Rowing Club; Committee 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 – Ian Hutchings, Pete Staddon and Alan Stewart – who was now available to officiate again and was welcomed back - a total of three. It was also noted that Carole Wall wished to continue although due to family commitments would not be able to make herself available for many events.

Max Maxwell had completed his panel interview that morning and his promotion to full official confirmed. Ray Murphy's panel interview was due to take place after the meeting – at which point his promotion to full official should be confirmed – leaving Simon Canning's panel interview to be completed – as he was unfortunately not available. All subject to approval at the Associations AGM in March.

An appeal for more assistants should be part of the AGM Notice – Simon Whiting was put forward by Poole at the meeting.

The number of times Race Officials Officiated and Reports Received was analysed (*see attached. Appendix C*) – the Secretary making the following points - for a variety of reasons he may not have recorded every event that every officials officiated at. If he does not get a report he has to rely on the programme to tell him who was officiating and the role they played. If there is no report and no record in the program the officiating may not be recorded. If the Secretary is not at the event – and the event secretary does not send a program to him and no report is filed – he won't know who officiated. If an officials made themselves available that counts as having officiated – even if not actually asked to officiate. Only Umpires, Starters, Starter/Judges and Judges are obliged to complete a report – but other roles – controller, commentator, boat marshal etc.... count as having officiated. South Coast Championships – reports are sent to South Coast Council so the Secretary does not know who has reported. Not everyone completes a report – or if handed to the Secretary at an event he may misplace them! Better if E Mailed to him as he then has an electronic record. Some officials don't put down their role – and he then has to guess what they were doing based on what they have reported. Some Events either don't list their race officials – or don't list the roles allocated to the officials. Reporting from Non-H&D Championship Regatta – Head races and junior events is poor. Bournemouth Regatta was cancelled – Race Officials taken from program – no designated role – so all were recorded as Umpires.

With regards to the reports completed by Race Officials the meeting agreed that the current method of reporting should remain unchanged and officials were reminded that they should submit individual reports for all events they officiate at – including Head Races and Junior events – and that the combined de-brief report should continue. 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. On the rare occasions that a de-brief does not take place because of the conditions or because the event runs late or Race Officials are not available then the lead Official should try and establish a de-brief document via an exchange of E Mails with his fellow officials. This process worked well after the Newport Junior Regatta in 2016. A representative of the Regatta should attend the de-brief although this is not always practical.

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 the recommendation to the AGM should be that this should remain unchanged for 2017 and that it had had an impact on the number of new assistant racing officials that had been appointed. However the meeting was concerned about Southsea's attitude towards providing Race Officials – as they were the one club who did not appear to be making any effort in this direction – almost seeming to prefer to pay the fine. It was agreed that the Association Secretary should write to Southsea expressing the meetings concerns and warning that further measurers may be considered if it did not appear that Southsea making efforts to address the situation. It was noted that they had not had a H&D Race Officials since the late Pat Sherwin had retired from the role – but that they did have a CARA Official in Roger Smith.

The analysis of race official's availability in the 2016 season (*see attached, Appendix D*) means that Southsea and Westover – with no race officials should be fined £200 each and that Itchen, Lyminster and Newport – with one - should be fined £100 each. It was noted that Simon Canning would represent Bournemouth in 2017 and that Worthing & Dolphin do not stage H&D ARA Permitted events so are under no obligation to provide Race officials.

Race Officials availability forms had been received from all race Officials except Simon Clements, Carole Wall, Dave Lathem and William (Bill) Dalby and Alex Robertson. They would be reminded by the Association Secretary

After analysis of the availability forms the recommendation to go to the AGM of the selection of race officials for 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta at Dorney Lake on the 2nd September, 2017 was agreed as follows -

Championships & Open Regatta.

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE – Martin Bradbeer.

STARTER – Andy Parsons.

JUDGE - John Adams.

OPEN UMPIRE – Mark Viner.

RESERVES – Ian Hutchings,

Junior Regatta.

Umpire – Max Maxwell.

Starter – Andy Parsons.

Judge – Ian Hutchings.

Reserve – Keith Warland.

Other Race Officials that were available for Dorney were noted and their names would be passed to the 2017 SCC Organising Committee for appropriate roles to be allocated – as Race Officials have a useful skill set. Among those available and in some cases already allocated roles were Pete Staddon, Steve Bull, Denny Woodford, Penny Budd and Alison Houlton. All Race Officials who had not made themselves available would be approached again as it's a Hants & Dorset ARA hosted Championships and as much help as possible was needed.

Among the Key Roles at Dorney where assistance was still required was a Coordinator for the Junior Event and start pontoons and the Car Parking.

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 – but a small adjustment to the points awarded was proposed as follows – 1st nominated 5 point + “Cox of the Day awards; 2nd nominated – 3 points; 3rd nominated – 1 point. This should make the likelihood of a tie, which had required a decision by the Associations Executive Officers in the past, less likely. The meeting also agreed that the Race Officials should consider all aspects of coxing not just the turn and course when considering their nominees. The

meeting agreed that the “Cox of the Day” award was a positive move and that Regatta’s should make sure a prize awarded – and if possible all three Coxswains should be mentioned at the prize giving. Apart from the points allocated the terms of reference would remain the same.

There were no existing rules where the meeting required clarification and no recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules, for forwarding to the Associations AGM. However, the meeting did review and accept the recommendations from the Rules Sub Committee Ref. Rules for Boat racing and Regatta Rules and the Rule changes recommended at the Autumn Council Meeting and discussed the proposed changes to the South Coast Council Rules by the H&DARA and CARA. (*see attached, Appendix E*). It was generally agreed by the meeting that the experiment to drop the “set” command had reduced the “jumping of the start” and this was one of the rule change recommendations.

The meeting also discussed in some detail the way the existing rules should be interpreted and applied especially with regards to warnings to crews – need to be standardized as there is inconsistency, mainly at the start for ignoring instructions. It was agreed that only 2nd chances should be given and that warnings apply to all crew in the race. It was noted that race officials don’t have to give a warning – but most do. However there should be one warning/and one warning only - Yellow/Red card principle but little bit of latitude is needed and Race Officials Monitor warnings to clubs and keep notes and call-up Captains if necessary. The clarity of speakers at start was also important as this is often the reason given by crews/scullers for ignoring instructions.

The meeting reviewed the Insurance of Race Officials via British Rowing Membership. (2016 - £29 – BR non-racing/Silver membership – refunded in full). It was believed that the BR Non-racing/Silver membership was to remain at £29 for 2017 and it was agreed that a recommendation to continue to reimburse racing officials for the cost of a BR Silver membership at the rate of £29 – or any increased rate implemented by British Rowing - should be put before the Associations AGM. (*see attached, Appendix F*)

It was noted that the 2016 reimbursements had yet to take place and had been delayed by the Association Treasurer, Sue Sothcott’s difficult circumstances at the moment which the meeting fully appreciated. Payments would be made as soon as possible.

The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials was reviewed by the meeting. The Association Secretary reported that the equipment was being checked this year for the new season by Gary Joyce as a member of the H&D Safety Committee and that the Life Jackets had been serviced. No additions were considered necessary by the meeting.

Any other business. A “Monitoring” Power Point presentation produced by the National Umpires Committee had been circulated and it was thought that this might be a useful document to send to volunteer helpers and race officials at head races. Andy Parsons to action.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 2.25pm with thanks to BTC for their hospitality.

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

Attachments:

- i) Appendix A. Season 2016 – Report from Chairman of Umpires Committee.

- ii) Appendix B. Report from National Umpires Committee.
- iii) Appendix C. Times Officiated – roles.
- iv) Appendix D. Number of Active Racing Officials per Club, 2016.
- v) Appendix E. Recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules, for forwarding to the Associations AGM + proposed changes to SCC Rules.
- vi) Appendix F. BR Membership

Appendix A. Season 2016 – Report from Chairman of Umpires Committee.

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 B. Report from National Umpires Committee.

Notes from National Umpiring Committee Meeting. Sat 7th January 2017

Attended on behalf of H & D ARA Umpires Committee by Andy Parsons

Umpire recruitment and Training

The recruitment drive for race officials at all levels of the sport is in line with current Sport England targets for funding sports emphasising volunteers, youth and diversity. The National Umpires Committee needs to establish a standard recruitment, training and examination procedure across all

regions – aligning the annual schedule well enough that a national handbook can be produced to guide new trainee umpires on what to expect they must do in their year's training and when it will be happening. BR needs to do this to satisfy Sport England that the sport has consistent methods and standards across all regions unless any variations can be justified. The Sport England funding for BR will not be announced until February, although the UK Sport funding was agreed before Christmas.

There's been a 4% reduction in umpire numbers from 2011 to 2017 (although the number of female umpires increased) while total competitor numbers was increasing – so more umpires are needed in the sport. BR is keen to show that it's possible to combine masters rowing and umpiring. They're also keen to get each umpire doing more than just the minimum of 3 appearances per season and settled on a minimum of 3 appearances adding up to at least 12 hours per season.

BR's online quiz on the rules is working well as a training aid. Online training is being prepared but currently on hold pending BR personnel changes. We looked briefly at the US umpires training scheme which has recently introduced a lot of online learning modules and may soon drop all face to face training. We noted that US rowing insist on background checks (like our DBS checks) but BR has decided not to do this for umpires. I note that our training philosophy in H & D ARA is for no formal instruction away from regattas and instead to take perhaps 3 seasons as an assistant gaining experience, learning entirely 'on the job'. We should acknowledge that this takes longer than the (more intensive) 1 year that BR takes to train and licence a new umpire – should we perhaps consider a 'fast track' umpire training route as an alternative option?

Thought for H & D ARA – shouldn't we put some prominent content on the subject of 'How to become an umpire' on the H & D ARA website as an aid to recruitment?

FISA mandatory retirement age likely to rise from 65 to 70 in 2017. There is a drive to get more young people and females into FISA qualified umpire status. Realistically it is a 15 to 20 year commitment of time and some cost to train and have a reasonable career as a FISA umpire. Someone commented that Matt Pinsent had probably got a shorter route to qualify as a FISA umpire by winning 4 Olympic golds than most people take for the normal qualification process!

Ranking Index.

Event Ranking. Traffic Light System.

Tideway Experience for Coxswains.

Presentation on doping. Could turn up at any event.

Big stick – sport funding. Official exam inconsistencies regionally.

Race Officials recruitment. On Face book. Good angle.

Continuing assessment and development of umpires' skills

All of the BR regions hold 1 or 2 umpires training seminars each year. They require all umpires to attend at least one seminar during each 3 year period. BR wishes to avoid getting umpires stereotyped as 'bullying middle aged men'. One of the regions reported a complaint from a female umpire about a disrespectful attitude from certain older male umpires. Umpires committees are looking at what might be called umpires etiquette and at training committee members on how to feed back to underperforming umpires what they need to do to improve – or face having their licence revoked as a last resort. There is a procedure to licence an umpire who needs to improve for 1 year instead of 3 – then if they don't make the necessary improvement, the licence isn't renewed at the end of that year.

On the positive side, it was nice to note that BR issues each retiring umpire with a certificate as a memento and a thank you for their service to the sport. They showed a new format for these certificates.

BR rules and competition format, Ranking Index introduction

The new Ranking Index (RI) comes in optionally in 2017 and fully replaces the points system in 2018. A competitor's RI will be fixed as calculated by BROE2 8 days before the closing date for entries in each competition so the entry system will take care of competitor eligibility to race in a given event automatically. The Junior A and B categories will disappear in 2018 and there will be no novice category.

The Ranking Index will not at this stage take inputs from coastal events run by CARA or H & D ARA, and will rely upon clubs truthfully implementing the conversions between coastal status and ranking index when making entries to BR events inland.

BR (i.e. Paddy Ibbotson) have now done a rules rewrite much like ours to simplify the structure and make rules clearer and easier to find for reference, without changing the rules content itself. The new rules will come into effect in April 2017.

The representative from Thames region commented that the Tideway heads may in future require coxes to have previous Tideway experience before racing the Head – by racing first at one of the minor events on the Tideway like Quintin Head. Clubs in our region will need to look out for this as it's bound to cause problems if it's implemented.

Ranking of events – traffic light system

Some of the BR regions, principally Thames, use a 'traffic lights' classification of events. A member of the umpire's commission will attend each event as an assessor rather than as an umpire. Their assessment of the regatta is coded as green (satisfactory), amber (keep under careful review) or red (action required) and the assessment is logged and reported in summary form to the National Umpires committee. Each regatta gets a full feedback of observations and recommendations or requirements for future improvement. *(I think we do this quite comprehensively in our reports at the autumn meeting).*

Anti-doping and integrity in Rowing

We had an interesting presentation from Jacqui Johnston about anti-doping and integrity issues and procedures. The UK antidoping organisation can attend any sporting event and, when they do, will require specific assistance and facilities from the event organisers. They are much more likely to attend a national level event than a local one but in theory can turn up anywhere. Clubs affiliated to BR need to let their competitors know that by entering an event organised by those clubs, each athlete is consenting to allow UKAD to require them to take a doping test using defined procedures. They much prefer to work on the basis of received information and encourage all athlete support personnel to inform them of any suspicions of wrongdoing – in the interest of protecting the clean athletes and ensuring fair competition everywhere.

Interest in H & D ARA

Heartening comment from BR's Sport Committee Chair Andy Crawford – 'I think you in coastal rowing are doing a lot right and we should learn from you'.

Interest from Paddy Ibbotson in how our rules are written so he can suggest how to improve FISA coastal rules and train FISA umpires to handle coastal events better.

Appendix C. Times Officiated – roles.

H&D ARA. Full Racing Officials. Times Officiated. 2016.								
FIRST_NAME	SURNAME	UMPIRE	STARTER	STARTER/JUDGE	JUDGE	TIMES OFFICIATED	Other	
John	Adams	4	2		4	2	12	0
Sharon	Ayles	1	1		1	0	3	0
John	Bailey	0	0		1	0	3	2
Martin	Bradbeer	5	0		1	0	6	0
Penny	Budd	3	0		3	0	8	2
Steve	Bull	1	0		1	3	10	5
Simon	Clements	1	0		0	0	1	0
Bill	Dalby							
Karen	Fancett							
Ian	Hutchings	4	1		1	0	6	0
Dave	Latham	0	0		1	0	2	0
Pat	Glover	0	0		0	2	3	1
Max	Maxwell	5	2		2	0	8	1
Ray	Murphy	1	2		0	0	3	0
Pete	Lock							
Andy	Parsons	8	0		0	0	8	0
John	Purkess	2	1		4	1	8	0
Pete	Staddon	7	1		1	0	9	0
Andy	Sothcott	1	0		0	3	4	0
Alan	Stewart							
Mark	Viner	5	1		1	0	9	2
Alan	Wigmore	0	0		1	0	1	0
Keith	Warland	1	1		2	1	6	1
Denis	Woodford	2	2		1	0	5	0
Carole	Wall	1	0		0	0	1	0
Dan	Angel-Collins	0	1		1	0	2	0
Alison	Houlton	2	1		2	0	7	2
Roger	Hames	1	1		1	1	4	0
Alex	Robertson	1	1		0	1	3	0
Gary	Walters	0	1		0	1	1	0

Appendix D. Number of Active Racing Officials per Club, 2016.

H&D Racing Officials. 2016. Availability/Times Officiated.					
	FIRST_NAME	SURNAME	Available for	TIMES OFFICIATED	Other
BTC					
	Max	Maxwell	17	8	1
	John	Purkess	11	8	0
	Denis	Woodford	8	5	0
	Dan	Angel-Colli	10	2	0
Christchurch					
	Simon	Clements	4	1	0
	Pete	Staddon	11	9	0
	Carole	Wall		1	0
Coalporters					
	Penny	Budd	9	8	2
	Ian	Hutchings	6	6	0
	Andy	Parsons	16	8	0
	Keith	Warland	7	6	1
Itchen					
	Martin	Bradbeer		6	0
Lymington					
	Mark	Viner	10	9	2
Newport					
	Dave	Latham	4	2	0
Poole					
	Ray	Murphy	4	3	0
	Andy	Sothcott	4	4	0
	Alison	Houlton		7	2
Ryde					
	John	Adams	11	12	0
	Sharon	Ayles	5	3	0
	Steve	Bull	11	10	5
Shanklin					
	Pat	Glover	6	3	1
	Alan	Wigmore	3	1	0
	Alex	Robertson		3	0
	Gary	Walters		1	0
Southampton					
	John	Bailey	9	3	2
	Roger	Hames		4	0

Appendix E. Recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules, for forwarding to the Associations AGM + proposed changes to SCC Rules.

**ASSOCIATION RACING OFFICIALS MEETING, SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY, 2017,
10.30am at the BTC CLUBHOUSE, SOUTHAMPTON.**

AGENDA Item 10.

ii) To review any recommendations from the Rules Sub Committee ref. Rules for Boat racing and Regatta Rules.

iii) Recommendations for amendment to the Rules of the South Coast Rowing Council

ii) To review any recommendations from the Rules Sub Committee ref. Rules for Boat racing and Regatta Rules.

The Autumn Council Meeting agreed that the following 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

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 marshal 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.

4.3 The starter shall announce the race and *may* call over competing crews and lane numbers where clarification is needed.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Oarsman's/Oarswoman's status.

16.2. Event wins in Masters 40, Masters 50 and J16 (or under i.e. J15 etc.) races shall not affect an Oarsman's/Oarswoman's 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.

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.

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.

iii) Recommendations for amendment to the Rules of the South Coast Rowing Council

The delegates at the Autumn Council Meeting 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.***

Since the Autumn Council Meeting proposals have been received from CARA for amendments to the Rules of the South Coast Council – to be discussed by South Coast Council delegates at the AGM in January – as follows –

Proposed Rule Changes – South Coast Championships. On Behalf of the Coast Amateur Rowing Association and in accordance with SCC Rule 3(c) we would like the Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Rowing Council, on Saturday, 28th January, 2017 to consider the following proposed rule changes (suggested in red)

That the following wording be added to Rule 25d

(d) That all competitors in the Open events, with the exception of any Novice Fours oars-persons that have become a NEW registered association member within 6 weeks prior to the date of the championships, 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

The Association would also once again like to propose that the South Coast Council **adopt a Veran 50+ Championships.**

Sara McCorry. CARA. 29th November, 2016.

Appendix F. BR Membership

Hants & Dorset Racing Officials. BR Membership Status.

FIRST_NAME	SURNAME	ARA_MEMBER	NUMBER	EXPIREY_DA	GRANT_CLAI	PAID
Pat	Glover,	Silver	201512S101761	31/12/2016		
John.	Adams.	Silver	201709S101224	30/09/2015	08/12/16	Pay by cheq
Steve	Bull	Silver	201712S101756	31/12/2015	23/11/2016	Bankers Ord
Pete	Staddon,	Silver	201709S101070	30/09/2017	23/11/16	Pay by cheq
Ian	Hutchings	Gold	201023G101410	31/03/2016	23/11/16	Pay by cheq
Andy	Sothcott.	Silver	201608S100738	31/08/2016		DECEASED
Alan	Wigmore,	Silver	201705S100832	31/05/2011	23/11/16	Bankers Ord
John	Bailey.	Silver	201702S100259	28/02/2016	08/12/16	Not required
Keith	Warland,	Silver	201710S100542	31/10/2017	08/12/16	Not required
Denis	Woodford	Silver	201604S100607	30/04/2016	23/11/16	Pay by cheq
Mark	Viner	Silver	201704S1005240	30/04/2017	20/12/16	Not required
Martin	Bradbeer	Silver	201707S101058	31/07/2017	08/12/16	Not required
John	Purkess.	Gold	201708G100854	30/08/2017	08/12/16	Bankers Ord
Alan	Stewart	Gold	201311G101631	30/07/2012		Not active.
Simon	Clements	Silver	201409S109943	30/12/2014	02/01/2017	Pay by cheq
Carole	Wall	Gold	201403G101342	31/01/2011	23/11/16	Bankers Ord
Andy	Parsons	Gold	201707G101067	31/07/2017	08/12/16	Not required
Pete	Diffey	Silver	201408S103533	31/08/2013		
Sharon	Ayles.	Silver	201609S101413	30/09/2016	23/11/16	Bankers Ord
Penny	Budd	Silver	201405S103401	31/05/2014		
Karen	Fancett	Silver	201404S111438	30/04/2014		
Dave	Lathem	Silver	201702S100305	28/02/2014	23/11/16	Offset agains
Steve/Max	Maxwell	Gold	201311G103728	30/11/2013		
William (Bill)	Dalby	Silver	201504S110275	30/04/2015		
Ray	Murphy	Gold	201510G110576	31/10/2015		
Dan	Angell-Collins	Silver	201705S113081	31/05/2017	23/11/16	Pay by cheq
Alison	Houlton					Not member
Roger	Hames	Silver	201706S104785	30/06/2017	08/12/16	Bankers Ord
Alex	Robertson,	Full	201707B108468	31/01/2007	06/01/17	Bankers Ord
Garry	Walters.					