



## BRITISH SPITFIRE CLASS ASSOCIATION

Minutes Spitfire AGM 2009 held at Spitfire Nationals, Minnis Bay – October 10th

### 1. Chairman's report

- Richard voiced concerns over the number of members. We know there are spitfires being sold and resold but not many take up the association membership.
- It was suggested that the association join together with an insurance company to offer reduced premiums for association members (**Richard** to look into)
- It was suggested that LodayWhite pay the first years membership of the association when a new spitfire is sold (**Henry** to confirm)
- A suggestion of discounted spares / parts was also discussed or members (**Henry** to confirm)

### 2. Secretaries report

- Sailors were reminded that to race in class events their boat must be a member of the class association to make sure we are covered by insurance. Membership forms can be found on the website and runs January to January.
- The membership fee will stay at £25 for a year to cover affiliation for the association with the RYA, insurance, website costs, keeping a class jib etc
- There is a new youth image consent form
- At this time we have fewer members than last year, 38 members, spread between 10 different clubs.

### 3. Treasures report

- At the moment the class association has £780 in the bank account, in previous years the class has had to pay for its own trophies for events but as we have been attending cat opens mainly this has reduced our outlay.
- The funds will be used for advertising for the class and for trophies
- It would be good to get some sponsorship for trophies or events
- Tim Dieu De Bellefontaine is still a signature on the association bank account and Chris Sproat.

### 4. Events report

- We held 6 TTs last year plus Nationals. The Europeans were not held as it was Irelands turn (in rotation) but the French were not keen to attend and therefore we could not guarantee numbers.
- This year there has not been a very good turn at TTs.
- The long distance races that were in this years calendar are planned for 2010 calendar as there is usually a good turnout.
- The spitfire is now the youth catamaran and there will be joint as well as separate events for the youth fleet.
- The most successful events have been at Cat Opens, this will continue to support other events to tag onto are also a good idea – suggestions welcome. Note – there is no Stokes Bay Cat Open in 2010.
- A couple of UK spitfires attended the Irish Nationals 2009, it is a multiclass event with one start. The event was excellent and UK spitfires are encouraged to attend in 2010.



**5. Events 2010**

The number of events for next year was discussed as well as joining up with other classes to make holding an event viable for the clubs. The shadows are an obvious choice.

It was suggested that Henry might be able to offer a spinnaker as a prize for the Nationals 2010.

**a. Number of TT's**

4 no. for 2010 was confirmed plus the combined Nationals and Europeans event at Brightlingsea. 3 of the 4 are to count for the Travellers Trophy (the Nationals must be 1 of the 3). The long distance races do not count towards the sailors TT results total.

**b. Locations**

As provisional locations and approx dates until confirmed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>March</b>	<b><i>Dinghy Show, London</i></b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Datchet Cat Open</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Minnis Bay Cat Open</b>
<b>May</b>	<b><i>Eurocat</i></b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Pevensey Cat Open</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Instow</b>
<b>September 4 - 5</b>	<b>Eastbourne Cat Open</b>
<b>September 24 - 26</b>	<b>Nationals / Europeans Brightlingsea</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Grafham Cat Open (Inlands)</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Weston Cat Open</b>

**6. Rules**

**7. ISAF / youth boat**

- Nick Henson spoke about the spitfire being the new youth boat.
- The spitfire will be used for the qualification for the ISAFs worlds. The boat used at the worlds will be the SL16.
- At the moment there are 10 youth teams with a number of other teams joining in 2010
- The youth teams will be joining the spitfire circuit and racing on the same course as the other teams
- They will also have separate training sessions



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### 8. Committee for next year

Position	2009	2010
Chair:	Richard Golden	Richard Golden
European Events:	Chris Sproat	Henry White
UK Events:	Gary Smith	Gary Smith
Treasurer:	Chris Sproat	Sera Williams
Secretaries:	Alex Farr / Marcelle Newbold	Alex Farr / Marcelle Newbold

### 9. AOB

- The dinghy show is in March and the spitfire association will be having a stand again.
- The London boat show is in January and there is a pursuit race to show off the classes – volunteers required, 2 boats per class. 1 youth both has already volunteered.
- Chris and George have moved on from the spitfires, this is their last event. Many thanks for their support of the class over the last few years and good luck !

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