

Minutes of 40.7 Owners Association Meeting
London Boat Show 17th January 2008

Attendees:

Nick Margree - Big Bamboo
Guy Prest - Tarka
Paul McNamara - Incognito
Steven Anderson - Encore
Robert Blackwell - Rococo
Phil Holroyd Smith - Impression Sailing

Apologies:

Peter Newlands - Anticipation
Tim Spalding - Love Shack
Peter Robson - Playing Around
Nicholas Gaumont-Prat - Philosophie

Items Discussed:

- Group agreed that there was a need for an owners or class association to bring like-minded owners together to ensure fair 40.7 matched racing and act as a representative body for the class.
- Group agreed that a committee needed to be formed in the first instance along with a constitution of rules for the association (based on the RYA Association guidelines) in order to kick-start the 40.7 class association and the 2008 season.
- Group agreed that there was a need to define specific races or racing series throughout the year which would count towards a 40.7 owners association prize (to be determined). This would hope to encourage greater participation by 40.7 owners in the specified events and therefore enable more opportunity for matched racing for the owners. The point scoring and number of discards (50%?) would require further investigation by the committee. The group agreed that the 2008 season would be a learning curve and the number of qualifying association events would likely decrease in 2009 as the number of members participating in qualifying events became known.
- The group agreed that all 40.7 association events would be raced under IRC.

Events proposed:

1. Red Funnel Series 20-23 March
2. Big Boat Series (Warsash) 5/6 April 19/20 April
3. IRC Nationals 14/15 June
4. Round the Island Race 28 June
5. Cowes Week 2-9 August
6. Beneteau Cup 14-17 August
7. 40.7 Nationals 4-5 October?

- The location and date of the 40.7 Nationals was discussed. The group was in agreement that a date at the beginning of October 2008 would be suitable. However the group was divided in

the choice of location and the consensus was that the committee should approach the Royal Solent Yacht Club (Yarmouth) and the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (Cowes) to ascertain the best all round package for the association.

- Voting rights were discussed and would need to be defined in the class constitution rules. Charter companies and other commercial organisations would not have voting rights but they were welcome to become associate members and contribute to discussion forums. Joint owners would be allowed one vote.
- The group discussed the need for an AGM for the association at the start of the season to encourage communication between the members and support for the association. An evening event at the RORC office in London or prior to the start of the Big Boat Series in April was discussed. The committee would need to action this as a matter of priority.

Action Points:

1. Committee of 5 members to be formed (Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer + 3 owners)
2. Class Constitution Rules to be formulated and agreed by the committee - Nick Margree and Pete Newlands meeting 23rd January 08
3. Date for 40.7 Nationals to be set - Nick Margree and Pete Newlands meeting 23rd January 08