



Falmouth Sailing Week 2024 Public Wash-Up Meeting

Saturday 11 November 2024

0930 At FSC

Notes: Malcolm Forrest.

1. Bay Fleet:

- a. Generally very good racing.
- b. Firebirds: Racing was excellent, but the Fleet would prefer to be able to sail anywhere in the Bay rather than be restricted by the IRC and YTC Courses.
- c. IRC 3: 7 day and 3 day series is OK.
- d. Virtual Marks were not a success, some boats did not have GPS.
- e. Firebirds found some marks (Bay, Helston) difficult to spot when visibility was poor.

2. Carrick Fleet

- a. Dinghies
 - i. Very happy with the week. Feedback from Patrick Clarke, forwarded to Nigel.
 - ii. Under 18 entry being free helped to increase the numbers of Junior sailors able to participate.
- b. Gaffers:
 - i. Earlier start times were appreciated.
 - ii. Need to consider extending the finishing window as some boats were unable to finish within this limit even though on Handicap they were doing well.
 - iii. Would be good to use the Upper Roads more whenever practical.
 - iv. Perpetual trophies will be provided by G Class for 2025.
- c. Shrimpers:
 - i. Good week. Shorter legs made racing more interesting.
 - ii. Results to be published for a 3 day and a 7 day series in 'Sailwave' if possible. Prizes are not the issue.

3. Race Documentation and Communication

- a. 'Whats At' is very useful for courses etc. as VHF on Firebird for example is impractical.
- b. Could we consider more team events/prizes.
- c. Agreed that calling boats over the line on VHF is not always practical, onus is on the skipper to decide if they are over or not.



4. Results

- a. No issues.

5. Protests

- a. No protests.

6. Skippers Briefing

- a. Skippers briefing OK, but compromised by the Sunbeam dinner taking place at RCYC on the same evening.

7. Prizgivings and Teas

- a. Usual issue of getting ashore at St Mawes.
- b. Could consider PoFSA paying for the teas and the cost being included in the entry fees.

8. Prizes

- a. Champagne Race should have 1-2-3 prizes.
- b. Team prizes?
- c. Mugs rather than glasses

9. AOB

- a. Mark Set Bots
 - i. Trapezoidal courses, ability to minimise delays between races appreciated by competitors.
 - ii. Cost an issue – would competitors in the Bay pay £200 entry fee?
- b. 'Race Hub': IRC would like a race 'hub' for competitors to go to. John Hicks to investigate whether the Greenbank would be prepared to host.
- c. MoB event: Person (wearing a lifejacket) was recovered quickly by the yacht, both RIBS were able to attend within 1-2 minutes. Need to consider whether lifejackets should be compulsory.

Meeting Closed 11.30.