

Minutes of J24 NSW Meeting – Tuesday 17 November 2015

Present: Tim Briggs, John Crawford, Paula Dock, Dave Mckay, Marc Van Dinther

Apologies for Absence: Janette Syme, Mick Reynolds, Terry Wise

Matters Arising

1 Regattas

Sailing Calendar for 2015/16

25-28 March 2016– Botany Bay Mixed Fleet Regatta

11-12 June 2016– Cronulla Regatta

All committee and club reps present agreed that while the Botany Bay Regatta and the Cronulla Regatta are already in place by the clubs that we will approach the organizers about these regattas running in conjunction with the J24 Association of NSW. The requirement for this would be that there needs to be a maximum crew weight of 400kg and that in the Notice of Race there will be a clause that sails can be spot measured, especially for the first 5 placed boats.

Crew would not be required to join the association and no measuring certificate will be required for the boat, to encourage participation, but to also get people thinking more towards racing under class rules.

The J24 Association will host a BBQ after racing on the Saturday at Cronulla on 11 June.

Marc will speak to the organizers at Botany Bay Sailing club. Paula will not be available at Easter to organize a weigh in, probably before racing on the Saturday but the rest of the committee will organize between them.

Dave and Mick will speak after his Mick returns from his holiday about him liaising with Cronulla Sailing Club re the same.

1-2 October 2016 – Gosford J24 Regatta

Gosford Regatta will continue to be held under its existing format.

November – date TBC – NSW State Championships

The 2016 State Championships will be held at Cronulla Sailing Club. All committee members agreed that the date will be decided by Cronulla Sailing Club, sometime in November on a weekend that fits into their calendar. Dave will liaise. All agree that we will discuss with the club the option to host a J24 Dinner on the Saturday night at the club – with tickets to be subsidized for Association members.

4-7 January 2017 tbc – J24 National Championships

The 2017 State Championships will also be held at Cronulla Sailing Club. Dave will approach the club to propose locking in 4-7 January to condense racing into 4 days, and run an end of regatta prize giving function on the Saturday night with no racing on the Sunday. Format would be 10 races with 2 drops.

Everyone agreed that this would create a fuller regatta calendar and this format will serve to encourage more membership and participation, primarily for the Cronulla boats who now make up the majority of the racing Sydney fleet.

Paula will update the website calendar as soon as agreements are made for these 5 regatta propositions.

2 Masts and Booms

John has a quote for the cost of bringing 4 masts, boom and spinnaker poles in from NZ, jointly with the National association. Hugo has agreed to store them in Melbourne.

John is going to approach Simon Grain to confirm the joint purchase, with the exception of the Spinnaker pole which seems expensive. CST Composites are going to quote separately for the possibility of the NSW association purchasing two fully fitted poles, for potential resale to NSW boats only.

Once we have a pole quote, Paula proposes emailing all NSW owners to see if anyone wants to order one at the time, separate to us keeping two in stock.

The mast and boom purchase will cost approximately \$9000 and individual sales will be split between NSW and National associations for each purchase. It's proposed to add 5% to the sale price to cover lost interest.

John raised concerns that there are no builders that can make rudders in the event someone breaks one and we should explore options for replacement rudders. Similarly if we can find a solution it may be a future option to keep a rudder in stock.

3 Measuring

It was discussed if it would be a viable option to ask Mick if he was keen to go to the Nationals in Melbourne to learn more about measuring, but John said he is happy to organize measuring with Mick in Cronulla to teach him how to measure sails and weigh boats.

Paula proposed trying to organize a measuring day prior to Easter so that Cronulla boats keen to obtain measuring certificates for the November State Championships, could do so prior to the Botany Bay Regatta and the Cronulla June regatta and get organized early.

Paula to Liaise with John and Mick to see if this may be an option, potentially in Feb/March.

4 Online material

The committee discussed that nothing can be copied to or put on the J24 NSW facebook page without approval from the owner/photographer, to protect us from potential copyright/legal issues. Only Tim

and Mick have the passwords to put anything on Facebook. Paula continues to be the only one who can edit/add to the J24 website but is happy to upload anything other members wish to send.

Paula also suggested updating our J24 Supporters page – lots of old sponsors from the Legends Regatta are still listed. We should look to advertise for other organizations what can offer J24 Services, such as Tony Dillon Rigging and CST Composites and will speak to these about some text to display.

Other Business

Arthur Crothers wanted to raise the issue of delayed prize giving after the 2015 State Championships. His thoughts were noted.

Next Meeting

TBA – January 2016