



# **Bewl Sailing Association (BSA)**

## **Meeting with MSL**

### **10 am on 22 January 2016**

#### **Present**

Andy Daniells (MSL)  
Phil Daley (MSL)  
Martin Brooking (BSA)  
Jason Perry (BSA)  
Amanda Conrad (BSA)

#### **Fee Structure**

Our membership of BWB or Bewl Water Sailing has now lapsed because they are no longer on site. MSL have no records of who purchased a pass or who owns the sailing boats but will let us continue using the water for the time being.

In future, membership fee and separate boat parking fee to be paid to MSL for use of water, slip and changing rooms. Every member will need public liability insurance.

There will be a marginal increase in fees. We explained that renewal notices are going out now for Bough Beech and Weir Wood, and prospective Bewl members want to know the new rates and to have clarity of a strong offering before re-joining. We emphasized that, although the Bewl venue is attractive, the pricing is crucial and high fees will prevent us from attracting re-joiners. Jason explained that rates for young sailors and potential champions are much lower at other clubs, but MSL do not have plans to offer lower rates for youth boats at present. MSL see casual sailors who don't want a club situation as a big market. Andy said that MSL are flexible and will reduce rates if necessary in due course. They will offer a reduced winter rate to attract racers from the sea clubs.

MSL will publicise new rates in 2 to 3 weeks after legal consultation on Ts and Cs.

#### **Boat Parks**

Flying Fifteens and other large boats to be moved to former lower dinghy park behind fishing lodge. Smaller boats in former Laser boat park behind. Martin said that there were tie downs in the ground. Jason raised the issue of youth boats. They cannot be parked near the water, but it may be possible to park them in the lower boat park.

Boats to be moved over two weekends in 2 to 3 weeks' time. BSA to give boat owners' contact details to Phil so he can let them know. Jason thought it would be better for us to contact the owners and ask them to contact Phil due to data protection law. Movement to be supervised by Howard and Lee.

No tyres or plastic sheeting to be used, just trestles or old fenders.

#### **Safety Boats**

Offpeak cover will be by Rangers, as now. MSL will provide safety boats and fuel for Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Sailors are to provide coxswains and crew as before. Incidents can be

reported on 01892 890486, which goes to the estate office and after 10 rings this goes through to the Rangers' radio system.

We can retain our two commandoes for special events. They are more powerful than the MSL ones. We will obtain fuel from the tank as before via Howard – to be charged. Can leave them in the sheds for the short term but we must then move them to the race box area. MSL to investigate secure cages for engine storage – though there is overnight man+dog security from 4 pm to 8 am.

MSL would like their staff to do PB2 training, but will organize this themselves. A 50 HP RIB would be best for rescue purposes.

### **Race Box**

This will be decorated and wood will be replaced as necessary to make it safe. We can use the Race Box free of charge, but must share it with rowers etc. on a bookable basis. We can use the storage area below the race box, and Phil will investigate the locks.

### **Club House**

The upstairs area will be a Boathouse Bistro with a chef who has already been recruited and a woodblock floor. There will be coffee machines and snacks in the former chandlery and seating outside – the Boathouse Snack. The flagpole on the clubhouse is to be removed. Noticeboards will be placed on the outside far end wall of the clubhouse, and we can put the plan on the race hut. The former downstairs classroom and kitchenette are to be merged, after removing the kitchenette, and will be available for hire.

### **RYA Affiliation**

MSL have spoken to Sam Rowe at the RYA and may eventually become affiliated as a best practice benchmark, but this is not a priority and will not be for racing. MSL racing under the RYA is a long way off and may never happen. MSL agreed that BSA, as a fully incorporated and RYA-affiliated association, is best placed to run regular racing and special events and can help in attracting new members. BSA also provides public liability insurance for all its members.

### **Boat Hire**

MSL are going to provide a fleet of hire boats in due course, so will not allow BSA to store 4 to 6 Oppies and 6 Teras for hire to youth sailors. MSL could not give more details at this time and boat hire will not be available immediately.

### **Programme**

MSL would like a proposal on our planned events: dates and anticipated numbers etc. so they don't clash with their limited event calendar.

Dates and arrangements for the Bewl Blaster and FF Open Meeting were discussed. BSA will collect entrance fees, do registration and check insurance and pass on a portion of visitor fees to MSL. They will be club-sensitive. Arrangements on the day for catering and prize giving are to be further discussed with Phil. FF sailors may possibly use bistro on the Saturday evening by special arrangement.

Jason said Bewl could be an inland training venue and could train up potential Olympic sailors as in the past.

### **Committee Boat**

MB explained that a committee boat allows better courses and avoids the confusion caused by a race box start line. Shelter required for race management team using clip boards etc. in cold and inclement weather. A second-hand boat can be obtained for £3 - 5K. MSL will consider this as their business grows.

### **Windsurfing**

Fees were historically slightly lower than dinghy sailors. Andy said that the cages are unsightly and will be moved to a sympathetic location. MSL are open to further discussions with windsurfers to determine suitable arrangements.

### **MOB**

Their boats will be moved to other side where they were before.

### **Miscellaneous**

Howard is still here.

The area in front of the club house and grass banks is to be gated and pedestrianized.

Camping on the former camping field is allowed for a set number of days as per lease. Cadets, scouts and guides have already booked. MSL will consider youth weeks for 2017.

Site will be closed on 6, 7 and 8 May.

Meeting closed at 11 am.