

## Newsletter Number 1 dated 23 January 2010

### Committee Meetings

A meeting of the Organising Committee was held on 14 January despite the travel difficulties being experienced in the UK at the time. The car park at Rutland Sailing Club was like an ice skating rink as can be seen in the photograph taken on the day!



The majority of the committee members were able to attend and a number of important decisions were taken. These will be referred to in the following items.

Meetings of the main committee will now be held at least every two months with sub-committee meetings taking place inbetween.

As important decisions are made, these will be reported in follow-up newsletters so please check the ACA(UK) website regularly.

### Class Rules

As stated in the Notice of Race, there will be a full inspection of all participating boats to ensure that they comply with the current Class Rules. These are currently those dated December 2009 for the Access classes and dated July 2008 for the SKUD18 class. Note that some minor variations on the class rules have been approved as "Replacement or Additional Equipment" and these are listed on the IACA website - [www.accessclass.org/](http://www.accessclass.org/) - Technical Section. These "RAEs" will be allowed at the 2010 World Championships. The class rules can be found on the same website.

Liberty sailors please note that it is intended to apply the weight equalisation rules as at item C.5 of the class rules.

All entrants should take special note that they are required to supply their own sails, correctly marked up in accordance with the class rules and with the appropriate national letters.

### Boat Storage Arrangements

Whilst it will be possible to store all Access 303s and 2.3s ashore overnight, it is intended that Access Liberties and SKUD18s will be kept on moorings near the jetties when not in use. This will reduce the complications of launching and recovering these larger and heavier boats, and the lowering and raising of keels. There will be plenty of power boats available to move boats to and from the jetties when needed.

Liberty and SKUD18 entrants must therefore ensure that their boat's insurance covers the boat being left afloat when not in use.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The Race Office is receiving a number of queries about the organisational arrangements, so it is intended to publish a FAQ section on the website in the near future. All sailors and helpers are advised to check the ACA(UK) website regularly for new information.

## Entries and Chartering

There are 23 entries at the time of writing, and the organisers encourage all others intending to compete to get their entries in without delay, even if payment is deferred. We urgently need to know how many entries we will have so that we can make suitable arrangements ashore and afloat. There are 6 requests for chartered 2.3s or 303s; the deadline for further requests is 1 March so, if you want to charter a UK boat, you should get your forms in without delay. Later on it is intended to publish a full list of entrants on the website.

Any entrants who have not yet booked accommodation are urged to do so without delay. There is advice on the website.

## Lifejackets, Buoyancy Aids and Slings

In accordance with local Rutland regulations competing sailors must bring with them, and wear, either an appropriate buoyancy aid or a lifejacket. This must be of a type which has permanent flotation. Manually or automatically inflated lifejackets are not acceptable. For those flying in from overseas, it is regrettable that these tend to be on the bulky side, but at least they are not heavy!

Those sailors who need a sling to be hoisted into their boats are reminded that they must bring their own with them as there are not sufficient at Rutland. It is UK practice to leave the sling in the boat whilst sailing so that it is in position when the boat and sailor return to the jetty.

## “Ambassadors” for each participating nation

The organising committee intends to appoint ambassadors who will act as a point of contact for each national group of visiting sailors during the event and act as a link with the race office, ideally speaking the language of the visitors, although we will have a problem with Hungarian! If any national grouping has an English speaking helper familiar with sailing championships who would be willing to take on this role, please contact the race office, propose a name, and supply contact details.

## Support Power Boats

A special notice will shortly be posted on the website to cover the action needed for any individual or group that wishes to bring a power boat to use on Rutland Water during the championships. Note that applications must be made by 1 April at the latest and that a certain minimum equipment level will be required including a VHF radio and English-speaking operator!

All power boats will be under the overall control of the event safety coordinator and may be required to act as general safety boats if required.

### Useful websites:

1. Access Class Association (UK) – [www.accessclass.org.uk/](http://www.accessclass.org.uk/) – for all information;
2. International Access Class Association – [www.accessclass.org/](http://www.accessclass.org/) – for class rules etc.;
3. Rutland Sailing Club – <http://rutlandsc.co.uk/cms/index.php> – for local information;
4. Rutland Sailability – [www.rutland-sailability.org/](http://www.rutland-sailability.org/).

**Race Office email address:** [access2010@live.co.uk](mailto:access2010@live.co.uk) – for all queries.

