

# The 'X' One Design Class Association

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee

**On: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007 at 19.00 hrs**

**At: The Royal Southampton Yacht Club**

**Present:** Mark Hall XOD Class Captain  
 Diana Wilson, MOS FitzGerald Hamble Division  
 Bill Barnes, Alan Perry Itchenor Division  
 Robin Balme Lymington Division  
 Richard Batchelor Parkstone Division  
 Crispin Tombs, Tim Moorhouse Royal Motor Yacht Club  
 Nick Dorley-Brown Yarmouth Division

**Present up to Item 5:**  
 Ado Jardine, representing John Lacey for the Technical Committee

**In attendance:**  
 Tina Scott XOD Class Secretary

### Action

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| <p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Fenella Lees (Lymington Division), Mike Pascall (Parkstone Division), Jeremy Willcock (Yarmouth Division) and John Lacey (Chairman, TAC).</p>  |                        |
| <p><b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were approved and signed by the Class Captain.</p>   |                        |
| <p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tom Hunt Book:</b> Stocks in the Itchenor and Parkstone Divisions had been all sold. Proceeds payable to the XODCA and forwarded to the Class Secretary. Hamble were asked to provide 4 more boxes at the next Class Committee meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The remaining matters arising would be covered at this meeting.</p>  | <p>Hamble Division</p> |
| <p><b>4. Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Class Captain reported on the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from the Lymington Division, re Cowes Week 2007,</li> <li>• Several letters from Derf Paton but one relating to class rules and boat checks especially when ownership changes,</li> <li>• A letter from Adrian Jardine relating to Cowes Week,</li> <li>• Thank you letters from the Class Captain on behalf of the Class to Stuart Quarrie, Ian Lallow, Philip Gage, Robert Lamb, Simon Hands, Malcolm McKeage and Simon van der Byl for Cowes Week 2007,</li> <li>• Email correspondence with Rob Lamb, re the criteria for a Committee Boat start.</li> </ul> |                        |
| <p><b>5. Technical Matters</b></p> <p>The previously distributed minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2007 were reviewed by Ado Jardine, representing John Lacey. Items as per minutes:</p>   |                        |

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| <p><b>Item 3 - Survey of mast breakages.</b> This had been completed.</p> <p><b>Item 4 - Shroud positions</b><br/>The survey report from Ado Jardine had been distributed to all Cowes Week entrants. The meeting requested that the report be sent electronically to the Class Secretary for forwarding to the Divisional Captains and on to all boat owners with an explanation of the principle behind the proposal. The survey report was reviewed by Ado Jardine and discussed by the Class Committee. It was confirmed that there was no change to the requirement for two chainplates on each side. The Class Captain asked for views from the Divisions and no opinions against the idea were expressed. The Class Committee asked John Lacey to word an appropriate proposal to the AGM for consideration at the next Class Committee.</p> <p><b>Item 5 -Height of mast step</b><br/>The Class Committee agreed that there was a need to enforce the height of the mast step at a maximum of 8½ inches and asked John Lacey to draft an appropriate proposal to the AGM for consideration at the next Class Committee.</p> <p><b>Item 6 - Halyard locks</b><br/>The Class Captain raised this with the Class Committee, as the previous meeting minutes state that halyard locks were permitted under the Class Rules, although there is no mention of halyard locks in the Rules. The Divisional Captains were not aware of any at Lymington and Itchenor, and only possibly 2 at Hamble and 4-5 at Parkstone. The Class Committee agreed that they halve the compression on the mast. The report from Simon Russell was not yet available, but this may help to clarify the situation. Diana Wilson agreed to obtain the report and forward as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Item 7 - Electric bilge pumps</b><br/>The proposal to allow electric bilge pumps was considered by the Class Committee, who referred to the current September 2007 edition of Classic Boat magazine, in which there was an article describing electrics causing electrolysis in the stern post of a wooden boat. The Class Committee agreed they could not support this proposal.</p> <p><b>Item 8 -New sail materials</b><br/>The Class Committee considered the modifications proposed to the specifications detailed in Appendix E to the Class Rules and agreed they would support them.</p> <p><b>Item 9 -Draft resolutions for the AGM 2007</b><br/>The Class Committee confirmed their support for the TAC resolutions on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shroud positions</li> <li>• Height of mast step</li> <li>• Sail material changes</li> </ul> <p><b>Item 12 – Checks at Cowes 2007</b><br/>The Class Committee requested that the Cowes Week boat check results should be published and distributed to the Divisions. It was agreed that a more comprehensive check list should be compiled by the Class Measurer for use at Divisional level, so all boats can be checked regularly. This check list to be published and on the website. New owners boats to be checked prior to issue of a valid certificate.</p> | <p>Ado Jardine</p> <p>John Lacey</p> <p>John Lacey</p> <p>Diana Wilson</p> <p>John Lacey</p> <p>Class Captain</p> |
| <p><b>6. Measurer’s Guidelines</b></p> <p>The Class Captain confirmed that these had been agreed by the Class Measurer and suggested they were published on the website, to which the Class Committee agreed.</p>   | <p>Secretary</p>  |
| <p><b>7. Cowes Week 2007</b></p>  |   |

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| <p>The Class Captain referred to the previously distributed reports on Cowes Week 2007.</p> <p><b>Team Racing</b><br/> The Class Committee considered the recommendation to have On Course Judging, which was perfectly feasible with minimal cost. It was agreed that a bad judge or one following too close was not acceptable. The location in Osborne Bay was considered to be usually satisfactory, although prone to wind shifts requiring course changes. The Bramble Bank would be an alternative location.</p> <p><b>Cowes Week racing</b><br/> The Class Captain reviewed his previously circulated reports on all the races. The balance of RYS line to Committee boat starts was agreed to be about right. The circumstances surrounding the abandonment of racing on the Tuesday and the shortened course for the Thursday's race, when 3 classes were rafted up around the South Bramble buoy were reviewed. The Class Committee concluded that it was now clear that the choice of start line location can be changed from a Committee Boat back to the RYS line, if appropriate. Communication of decisions needed to be re-enforced through the Official Notice Board. For the Thursday race, the requirement to start on the RYS line together with the very light variable SW-N breeze made course setting very difficult.</p> <p>A report "From a few of the Lymington XOD sailors that participated in 2007" was reviewed. The Class Committee agreed to support the point that a laid windward mark in Dayglo Orange would be easier to distinguish than a black mark with a band, although the use of Solent marks, if nearby, should be encouraged. The Class Committee also supported the notes on the chart supplied to competitors, regarding replacing the compass rose, more accurate positioning of yellow marks on the chart, errors with the bearings between marks on the reverse and retaining current mark numbers for the future. The Class Committee also agreed that the issue of landing an injured person from an XOD needed to be addressed.</p> <p>The Class Committee discussed the various points raised in recent communications regarding VHF. It was reported that Hamble River SC will be requiring VHF for their Wednesday evening racing, but the Hamble Division is strongly opposed to it. The Class Captain referred to a recent email from the Itchenor Technical Representative to the Chairman of the Technical Committee regarding the XOD Class rules and use of VHF and asked the Class Secretary to forward it to the rest of the Committee.</p> <p>Following discussion on safety and VHF versus mobile phones, the opinions from the Divisional Captains and Vice Captains present were: Itchenor and Parkstone for VHF, Hamble, Lymington and Yarmouth against. MOS FitzGerald queried what other White Group classes did and the Class Secretary was asked to contact the other classes to find out. The Class Captain concluded that there was no consensus of opinion at this stage.</p> <p><b>Cocktail Party</b><br/> The Class Committee agreed with the report from MOS FitzGerald that a less formal party was needed so that "commuters" from Lymington and Hamble could attend in casual racing gear. Alternative venues were discussed and Hamble Division agreed to organise the party for next year. The RLYC was not to be reserved for 2008.</p> | <p>Class Captain</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Hamble Division</p> |
| <p><b>8. Cowes Week scoring system</b></p> <p>The results provided by Alex Jones were, as usual, exemplary. For future years, the Webmaster had been liaising with the CCC Official Scorer to pilot a scoring system based upon the CCC system that would capture the XOD Class trophies, in addition to daily winners. There was more work to do, but initial results looked promising to take forward to another year.</p>  | <p>Webmaster</p>  |

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| <p><b>9. XOD Class membership computer system</b></p> <p>The Class Secretary reported that the ClubMaster software program had been purchased at a cost of £75 +VAT and the Webmaster had agreed to assist with its installation.</p>  | Secretary           |
| <p><b>10. Honorary Members</b></p> <p>The Class Captain proposed that Honorary Membership should be granted to Alex Jones who invented the Cowes Week scoring system and has kept the Cowes Week scores for the Class for over 25 years, and the Class Committee agreed.</p>   | Class Captain       |
| <p><b>11. Centenary Committee Report</b></p> <p>There was no report at this stage, so this item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>  |                     |
| <p><b>12. Marketing Committee Report</b></p> <p>The Class Captain reported that the name of the Committee had changed from PR to Marketing and the next meeting was scheduled for the following day. It was agreed that the Marketing Committee Chairman should be on the Centenary Committee and vice versa. It was recognised that the Marketing Committee should always exist, although Chairmen may wish to change. Marketing information should be fed back to the Class Committee, although post-2011, feedback should be encouraged to the Divisions.</p>   |                     |
| <p><b>13. Subscriptions and Direct Debits</b></p> <p>The Class Captain summarised the situation regarding Direct Debits and the unlimited liability guarantee, and the recommendation from the Class Legal Adviser that the Class Committee did not sign up to the unlimited liability clause required by the banks. Enquiries to insurance companies, banks and a DD service provider had not found any way round this requirement. The Class Captain advised that the Direct debit system could not be adopted by the Association and that members will need to be encouraged to pay subscriptions by Standing Order.</p> <p>The Class Captain informed the Committee that the Class will need to increase subscriptions if it is to meet the anticipated needs of the Marketing Committee. With the current level of Full Members, a rise of £5 on each subscription will raise £1000. A budget from the Marketing Committee will be before the Class Committee in October for approval. The Class Committee will consider a motion for subscription increase at that time.</p> |                     |
| <p><b>14. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p><b>Cowes Week:</b> The Class Secretary reported on the profit and loss for the Cowes Week social events, where the loss of £182 for the Cocktail Party represented the Class guests.</p> <p><b>Return of Trophies:</b> A list of trophies won by each Division in 2006 was circulated with a request that trophies were returned at or before the next Class Committee meeting in October, to allow time for engraving prior to the AGM.</p> <p><b>Membership:</b> There were 205 Full Members and 74 Associate Members, including 8 new Full and 8 new Associate Members this year.</p> <p><b>Handbook:</b> The Class Secretary reported that the unique size of the Handbook was originally decided to enable it to be put into a pocket. However, the increase in the length of trophy winners over the years has required the print size to become increasingly smaller to keep the Handbook to its 80 pages. The Class Committee</p>  | Divisional Captains |

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| <p>preferred that the Handbook stayed the same size but the number of pages were increased to enable a larger font size to be used.</p> <p>The Class Secretary asked to be notified of any incorrect Divisional, boat or owner information, for updating the next Handbook.</p> <p>The Class Committee asked for the Class Drawings to be posted on the website.</p>   | <p>Secretary</p> <p>Divisional Captains</p> <p>Secretary</p> |
| <p><b>15. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Cowes Division</b><br/>It was not certain if the minimum number for a division was 4 boats, ie, the number required for the Team Race, or 6 boats, but it was agreed that any number would be a good start to encourage more. Crispin Tombs knew of one potential interest and MOS FitzGerald knew of two. The Class Captain agreed to try and identify interested potential XOD sailors and to write to Cowes Clubs to ascertain interest in joining and reforming a Cowes Division.</p> <p><b>Southampton Boat Show 2008</b><br/>The Marketing Committee Chairman was reported to be in favour of having an XOD at next year's Southampton Boat Show.</p> <p><b>Handbooks</b><br/>The Class Committee recommended that the Handbook included more pictures and stories, as well as the Boat Rules Checklist, as a quick reference guide. It was agreed that the Divisional Captains should have an extra supply of Handbooks to distribute to any potential interest.</p> | <p>Class Captain</p> <p>Secretary</p>                        |
| <p><b>16. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next XOD Class Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at the Royal Southampton Yacht Club.</p>   |  |

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