



Notice: UK RS Feva Class Association AGM 2018

The UK RS Feva Class Association will hold its AGM at the UK RS Feva National Championships Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy on Sunday 27th May 2017 at 17:00. All timings are subject to change based on the finish time of sailing, though will be no earlier. A notice will be posted on the event noticeboard if the time is changed.

At the 2018 AGM there is a need to elect the following positions, should any member wish to stand for a role then please must make this known to the class secretary in writing, by mid-day on Saturday 19th May 2018. Please include contact details of a nominator and seconder. Emails to be sent to secretary@rsfeva.org.uk

General Committee

- Chairman Incumbent – Nick Hutton Penman
- Treasurer Incumbent – Nick Edmunds
- Safeguarding Officer Incumbent – Inge Pye
- General Committee Incumbent – Jo Tribe

Area Representatives

- South East Area Rep Vacant
- Northern Area Rep Incumbent – Sarah Nicholas – Not standing for re election
- Eastern Area Rep Incumbent – Jo Tribe
- Midlands Area Rep Vacant
- Southern Area Rep Vacant

Other Roles within the class

- Sponsorship Co-ordinator Vacant

The class needs enthusiastic volunteers to make it a success, so please come forward if you have the necessary skills to ensure longevity and continued enjoyment of the children in the UK RS Feva Class.

Should you wish to bring Other Business to the meeting, this will need to be presented to the Class Secretary by email secretary@rsfeva.org.uk no later than mid-day on Friday 20th May, no Other Business will be considered at the meeting if not previously advised.

Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes of 2017 AGM - <https://www.rsfeva.org.uk/docs/UKRSFevaAGMins2017.compressed.pdf>
- Election of Committee members
- Chairman's update

It is amazing to think that a whole year has gone by since we were in Torbay last year.

In that time the class has continued to go from strength to strength in terms of numbers of boats sailing, the distribution of the boats across the country and the popularity of the class as the main two handed RYA transition to the 29er and 49er.

We have continued to work closely with the RYA to ensure the class meets, and exceeds, the requirements of being a Junior pathway class and I am pleased to say that the broader Committee

representation at our annual RYA meeting in October resulted in increased annual funding to the class which enables us to offer the training we do.

Alongside another very successful winter of RYA National Junior Squad and Class National Squad training, we commenced a new project to offer affordable class association funded training in all the main areas of the UK. The class made contributions to the costs of the trainers in and the events were well supported, we saw ex Feva sailors coming back to support the class and help with the training which we want to encourage going forward.

To sponsor this kind of training and to allow us to run our events we are reliant on our sponsors. Via the relationship the class has with RS Sailing we continue to receive significant support from both Volvo Cars and PA Consulting. In addition, this year we agreed a two year sponsorship deal with Tokio Marine HCC with the money pledged directed towards paying for the regional winter training and the sponsorship of a couple of this year's events.

The above sponsorship, along with membership money and our ability to attract good numbers at many of our events means that the class remains very well funded and Nick Edmunds, our class Treasurer, will run through the financial situation.

We have put in place some additional procedures to enhance the control within the class, including creating a more robust budgeting process which includes proper provisioning that allows us to build up specific funds for larger future expenditure like the replacement of the class rib. We have also actively sort to hold committee meetings at all the major events and encouraged parents to join us and be open with the committee around ideas and to hear how we are running the class. We are keen to make the operation of the Committee more visible and inclusive.

Thanks to Lucy Jameson and our web designer we have a fantastic new website that I think you all agree looks fresh and is very easy to use. We also used the redesign exercise to ensure the class is compliant with the new data protection legislation that came into force on the 25th May 2018 and this legislation is particularly strict around children's data.

Turning now to the running of the class association and the events. It would be impossible to be so successful without a strong committee and the work of Lucy as the Secretary. The role Lucy plays is absolutely vital in putting together the annual sailing schedule, organising the individual events, organising the Winter training and ensuring that each event has the necessary race management, safety cover and parental/sailor organisation. Her role in the class should not be underestimated and our reliance on Lucy is considerable. This is great but it is a worry because without Lucy I fear the class would not be as successful and we have key person risk.

Nick Edmunds has also done a fantastic job in ensuring the financial position of the class is monitored and our newly incorporated budgeting approach means that we can actively manage the finances and ensure we cover costs and build adequate provisions. Nick as Treasurer is another vital member of the committee.

The committee is supported by regional representatives who help manage the regional training and represent the regions in the committee meetings. We have certain regional reps in situ, we have some new members and we have some leaving. These reps are important in ensuring that the needs of the grass roots of the class are understood by the wider committee.

I think it is very important that the class is run by parents of current sailors to ensure the committee and therefore the class as a whole stays in touch with the desires and needs of the sailors. I also

believe that it would be positive to have representation from younger adults who were ex Feva sailors and who are closer to the children's age group. To this end I am recommending that the National Class Squad has an assistant coach who is an ex Feva sailor and who sits on the committee as a sailors representative. We have a couple of names in the frame for this but having a younger member on the committee who is working with the children I believe will rejuvenate things and will give feedback on what the children are saying.

This brings us on to the current committee members. I am pleased to say that both Lucy and Nick have agreed to carry on for another year but we need individuals to step up and shadow the work they do with a view of taking over. As a Committee we do not want to leave the class without the necessary knowledge to run things and a shadowing exercise will ensure a smooth transition in future years.

We are always looking for regional reps and we currently have open spaces in the following regions and we need volunteers to fill these.

As class chairman I stood up last year when Jon Webster was stepping down and there were no other volunteers. In addition, my vice chairman Ian Jameson has guided the class for many years. Both of us have finally seen our children through the class and whilst we both have the same desire to ensure an orderly transition of both knowledge and information, we both believe that the leadership of the class needs to be with parents who have children active in the class.

We are therefore looking for parents to step up and fill the following the important roles to make up the committee . The current committee will happily continue to support the new members and bring them up to speed but as I said in my chairman's message earlier in the year, we are reliant on the help and support of the parents to keep the class flourishing.

So that brings me to the future. This is a strange year because we already have held our World Championships and, as you will have all read, our fifteen GBR representatives did us proud both in terms of sailing performance and also behaviour both on and off the water. We have a number of significant events organised through the summer culminating in our Europeans in Weymouth in August. We then have arranged the Winter selections and training. Venues for most of 2019 have already been selected and organisation work already started. I am pleased to say that the class has a great 2019 to look forward to.

In closing I think we can be hugely proud of our class and our sailors. We have a fantastic group of children and an ethos that has enjoyment and friendship at the core and I believe this brings out the best in our sailors. I also believe the class association is in great shape and has the necessary financial backing and direction to continue the success of the class. I would like to especially thank the committee for all their hard work, especially Nick, Lucy and Ian their very significant contributions in this and previous years.

Nick Hutton-Penman

- Treasurers update
- Events
- Marketing
- Safety/Major Events
- Technical
- Welfare
- Plans for 2018/2019

- Squads and Open Training.
- Membership and constitution changes.

AOB – to be submitted to the Class secretary prior to the meeting (secretary@rsfeva.org.uk). This must be submitted before mid-day on Thursday 24nd May 2017