



**RS Tera AGM
Yacht Club Carnac
Thursday 3rd August, 2017**

Present ; Helena Barne (President), Robin Caiger (Treasurer), Emma Hawley (Secretary), Michiel Geerling (RS Representative), Richard Pye (Technical Rep), Nick James (UK Tera Class Assoc Chair), Emily Davis (UK Tera Class Assoc Secretary), John McGillivray (RS Tera Assoc Chair, South Africa), Lisa McGillivray, Marie & Darryl Graham, Nick Barraclough, David Bailey, David Whitfield, Martin Miller.

Apologies – none received.

Unanimous thanks to Silvia, in her absence, for all her hard work as President last year.

President's Report

Helena Barne is new to the President role and therefore there is no President's report this year.

Treasurer's Report

To be finalised. RC will post final annual report on IRSTCA website soon. In meantime, RC was able to outline how the IRSTCA account is running a surplus of about £4k – enough to do something more – so the Class Assoc is looking at doing more than 1 event a year. RC explained how the Class Assoc is not run to make a profit & how the Class receives some funding from RS Sailing, which is much appreciated.

Discussion about Class conscious of need to keep entry fees low and work with hosting venues to ensure this happens.

Election of new Committee members

Nick Barraclough proposed by RB, seconded by EH as new Treasurer. David Bailey proposed by NJ & seconded by Richard Pye as the new Technical/Measurement/Class Rules rep.

Committee now as follows;

- President – Helena Barne
- Treasurer – Nick Barraclough
- Secretary – Emma Hawley
- RS Representative – Michiel Geerling
- Technical/Measurement/Class Rules – David Bailey

- Marketing ?

RS Tera World Championships, Sweden 4th – 9th August, 2019

HB outlined how Sweden would really like to host the Worlds in 2019 at her club, Ljungskile SC, 60km north of Gothenburg. The club has put a budget together to host the event and already has the local community working with them.

The location is a small village on the coast, but due to its location opposite a large island, it's fairly sheltered without big waves, tides, or currents, though the wind is shifty – *"If you play the wind shifts well, it's great sailing and a lot of fun!"*. The spectator area is really close.

Accommodation wise there are small houses on the island beside the racecourse to rent, plus camping and a hostel in a nearby school.

Assoc will look into most cost effective way to get boats to Sweden from UK and elsewhere. Helena's club is looking into sponsorship & community funding to keep the running costs and therefore the entry fee, down.

MG confident a Swedish Worlds would encourage more take up from those countries not represented at Carnac – believes should be able to expect 6+ new Tera sailors re-grouping in Netherlands, as many as 20 from Denmark, up to 20 from Sweden and up to 10 from Estonia.

The McGillivrays from South Africa expressed interest and while SA schools go back in late July, felt that SA sailors would be able to attend.

Unanimous agreement on Worlds in Sweden.

RS Tera World Championships, Weymouth 4th – 10th August, 2018 & Europeans/Eurocup

RS Tera Worlds 2018 – Registration 4th/5th August, racing starts Monday 6th.

MG explained goal of IRSTCA going forward is to attract more nations so it's not just GBR and RSA but also more competitors from Sweden, Norway, France, Denmark, the Netherlands and further away. Helena is to try and explore the Norwegian and Finnish junior sailing scene.

To this goal, IRSTCA is proposing a Eurocup series in 2018 of 4 events, which would include the UK Tera Nationals in Cardiff in June 2018, plus a 3 day European championship near Copenhagen, Denmark, over the August Bank Holiday next year (suggested racing dates Friday 24th – Sunday 26th August).

HB, EH & MG believe a European championships in Denmark is an important step in building a Danish group to then go to Sweden the following year.

EH & HB have already approached Peter Toft of the RS Tera Assoc in Denmark with this proposal. The current Tera fleet in Denmark is quite young and Peter considered the sailors too inexperienced to attend the Worlds in France this year.

MG reports that RS has sent 35 Teras to Denmark in the last couple of years. 5-6 years ago RS sent 100 boats over there, mostly going into clubs, so the fleet is there. The Danes have just re-introduced a National championships and have invited the Swedish Tera sailors to a training camp in October.

IRSTCA is still to plan 2 further events. MG suggested Bruinisse in the Netherlands, location of the 2015 Tera Worlds, possibly a 2 day event over the weekend of the 5th/6th May (Monday May 7th a Bank Holiday in the UK). Bruinisse a 40 min drive from Hook of Holland, 2 hours 50 mins from Calais. MG to approach the Bruinisse Sailing Club. (Dates, plus one other location TBC.).

There are more than 100 boats in the Netherlands but the current generation of Tera sailors are quite young and inexperienced and according to MG, afraid of the whole global sailing scene. He reports that all these sailors will be attracted to a European event in their own country & will then feel more enthusiastic and confident about travelling further afield to compete and ultimately be encouraged to go to the 2019 Worlds in Sweden, which might not attract as many GBR sailors.

MG also spoke about a project going on in Hungary – deciding what single handed boat to go for – so if they go down the Tera route, that will be 60 new boats there.

There was discussion about whether GBR sailors would want to travel to Sweden for a Worlds. MG explained how it's more about getting some good numbers out of other countries. Estonia have just bought 26 club owned boats and if we have events in Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands, it's much closer.

It was generally agreed that attracting GBR sailors is not a problem, but the committee feel growing the fleet beyond GBR is, so should be a top priority for the future.

Future Eurocups 2019 onwards

Discussion about whether this becomes an annual series for the Tera Class. Previously had a Europeans in the year the Tera Worlds was in South Africa, for those who couldn't get to the event. MG felt it should be every year so it doesn't look like it only happens when our World championship is further away.

Martin Miller suggested we start with a Eurocup series next year and beyond that the Class Assoc sends letters out to clubs/associations across Europe to ask if anyone is interested in hosting a Eurocup event or a World championships in the future.

Perception of the Tera World Championships

There was discussion about the need to spread the word amongst the growing Tera fleets outside the UK of the typical ages of in the GBR fleet. Generally felt that many believe, wrongly, that their children will be too young and inexperienced to compete in a World championships. The youngest sailor this year in France was only just 9 and his sister, aged 11, had only been sailing the Tera for 6 weeks before competing at the Worlds.

RC & ED suggested we write a report or put something on the website that sells the Class as family friendly that welcomes everyone, shows the ages of the sailors so parents understand that even the younger, less experienced sailors, can still compete and don't have to qualify, as with other junior fleets.

Discussion about the South African model. John McGillivray (Chair, RS Tera South Africa) & his wife Lisa, both explained how in SA most kids don't get the opportunity to sail from the age of 6. Parents often wait until their kids are 8 or 9 or much older and physically strong enough to sail a boat in what can be very rough seas. Lisa explained why the Tera Worlds is an important championship for them – *"It's great for the slightly older kids who have not been in it from the year nought but still get an opportunity to sail in a World event on the sea. We don't care where they come as long as they come off the water with a smile."*

Tera World Championships 2020 & beyond

Some discussion about whether Worlds should come back to the UK in 2020. Weymouth easy, but anywhere else. East coast venue? Agreed that UK Tera Class should look into this.

South Africa would like to host possibly in 2020/21. Accommodation is cheap, biggest expense is chartering boats.

John McGillivray to look into which club would like to host event. Port Elizabeth, Mussel Bay, Cape Town clubs very keen. Discussion about if go for Africa, there would be a need to look at where else we can bring in competitors from other African countries.

Request for John to send us a report of what clubs might be interested.

Discussion about USA & growth there in Tera fleets. MG explained how RS Sailing is achieving some success in USA and fleets are growing but it's early days and the Class needs to keep plugging away before we can consider a Worlds in North America.

Richard Pye suggested the need to see some numbers first before we commit to countries in the future. So have the Eurocup series as a starter.

Agreed that beyond 2019, should look at a 5 year plan - general consensus was to wait and see where the Tera class grows in the next few years.

Any other business

Training/Coaches

MG - Estonia & the Netherlands need support for racing & getting the new generation of Tera sailors excited about racing and competing nationally and internationally.

Discussion about funding Tera coaches abroad- no support for that. Good thing to do, but we can recommend coaches for Estonia, Netherlands, Denmark & Sweden. Possibility of the UK Tera Class Assoc's young coaches travelling to Different countries to help with coaching, or perhaps we could encourage their coaches to come to the UK and watch how we coach on a national level - they would therefore come at their own cost.

HB suggested we try and put together a network of coaches in the future that countries can approach for help. Also some discussion about extending the network further to include South Africa.

**Next AGM, RS Tera World Championship, Weymouth - Thursday
9th August 6pm, 2018**