

Streaker Class Owners Association

Papers to accompany the Streaker AGM 2009

9. Changes to Rules of Measurement and Construction

Proposal 1

Proposed: Peter Cogill
Seconded Peter Thornley

“To allow pure centre sheeting.”

Background

Over the last few years several Streaker sailors have experimented with pure centre main sheeting and found it successful. There has been an active debate on the Streaker Class Forum around the topic.

This proposal is aimed at formalising it in the Streaker Class Rules.

A number of systems have been tried, which are outlined below:

1. Bulls-eye fitted to the tank side below the thwart. The tank side was strengthened. NB Rooster now fit these bulls eyes as standard on new boats. A rope strop is attached to the bulls-eyes with a sliding or fixed (knotted) block. The movement of the strop may be limited by fixings (eyes) on the thwart
2. The ends of the bridle pass down through holes near the ends of the thwart and fixed to the keelson aft of the centre board case.
The hole in the thwart should be fitted with deck bushes with stainless steel lining. (to allow the tension to be transmitted to the lower part of the bridle).
The thwart to sidewall joint may need reinforcing to resist any upward force.
3. Thwart end deck eyes(through bolted)

The number of purchases is chosen by the each sailor – both 3, 4 and 5 part purchases have been used. Trialling has taken place in most wind strengths from drifters to 25 knots gusting 40 (Pennine)

There appears to be no significant difference in sailing with the existing sheeting or with full centre main.

Proposal 2

Proposed Steve Abbott
Seconded Linda Holmes

“It is proposed that parameters be established for a smaller standardised sail for which a handicap for club racing only can be established.”

Background

What the committee has in mind is making a sail that will be more manageable for smaller sailors, modern in design, that will promote the class. The committee suggests 5m² as an appropriate size.

Original proposal: "It is proposed that a PY handicap be determined and established for the "cut-down" or "storm" sail allowed by the rules, in order that lightweight, inexperienced or timid helms might competitively compete in breezy conditions AT CLUB LEVEL."

The intention is to extend Streaker racing conditions for younger, older and female (i.e lighter) crews, and to bring us in line with other classes that offer a variety of rigs (Laser, Topaz, Feva etc.)

I'm not suggesting that handicap racing be permitted at Paddle or National regattas, but be allowed in what are generally mixed handicap fleets in club racing. For example, at our club, we have one lady who won't go out with her full sail in anything above a force 2.5; I use the "storm" sail in anything above a low force 4, and we recently had a twelve year-old who capsized a Streaker in a force 3, and then couldn't get it up again because he couldn't reach the board from the water, and was probably too light to right it anyway. All too often I've seen Streaker owners sitting in the clubhouse on a windy day, wishing they were on the water, but considering that there's no point in racing the small sail on a full handicap. In much the same way that Laser helms will drop to a Radial in a breeze, and still get a result in a handicap race, I want to extend Streaker racing so that we can still enjoy a race and be competitive; there's a chance that if we don't, we'll lose crews to more flexibly rigged classes - it's the modern way!"

10. Changes to the Rules of the Streaker Class Owners' Association

Proposal 1

Proposed Mike Rimmer (Chairman)
Seconded Ian Bradley (Hon Sec)

"With effect from AGM 2010 the AGM will elect a Chairman, Honorary Secretary & Treasurer plus three other committee members. All committee members will normally be elected for a period of three years, but at the 2010 AGM the chair and one other committee member will be elected for a period of 2 yrs, the Honorary Secretary and one other committee member for 3 yrs and the Treasurer one other committee member for 4 yrs."

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11. Open meetings

1. Criteria for open meetings. Should we have Opens that are part of the paddle series and others that are not, and have specific criteria to determine the status of a meeting. Pros and cons may include that only clubs with streaker fleets can hold Paddle opens which may preclude some good venues;
2. Paddle scoring system for 2010 season. Proposed is to have 14 races to qualify for a paddle, and six races to qualify for a cluster award. It has been suggested that one result from the respective Area championship must be counted in the 14, meaning that it would be a requirement to attend the Area championship in order to qualify. This has positive and negative aspects.

12. Any Other Business

1. Is there any value in calling a meeting of fleet captains, possibly in September 2009.
2. [What will the response of the Association be to a possible increase in the handicap as a result of new boats and changes to sail designs?](#)
3. Colour of Streaker sail. New materials are available which do not look white from a distance. How does the class wish to consider the use of these materials.
4. A suggestion has been received that Streakers should carry the word 'Streaker' on the sail, thus naming the streaker on the sail. Will this make non-streakers more aware of our class? Can this be done through the existing rule 10?