

# **RS500 AGM Minutes**

**RS** 500

**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Venue:** Mounts Bay SC

**Class secretary:** Lizzie Cattermole

## **Attendees**

16

## **Welcome**

Sally Campbell gave a warm welcome to all attendees.

## **Apologies**

John Reynolds.

## **Matters Arising from 2024 Minutes**

None (no AGM was held in 2024).

## **Election of Committee**

After having very little committee structure, a new, formal committee has now been formed. Huge thank you to everyone who put their names forward.

- **Chair** – James Curtis (continuing)
- **Circuit Rep** – Emma McEwen
- **Results Rep** – Bob Preston
- **Youth Rep** – Ollie Kent; scouting for another youth rep to join also.
- **Technical Rep** – Mike Saul (continuing)
- **Social Media** – James Curtis
- **Social Secretary** – Fresh Abenstern
- Nigel Davis to join international board.

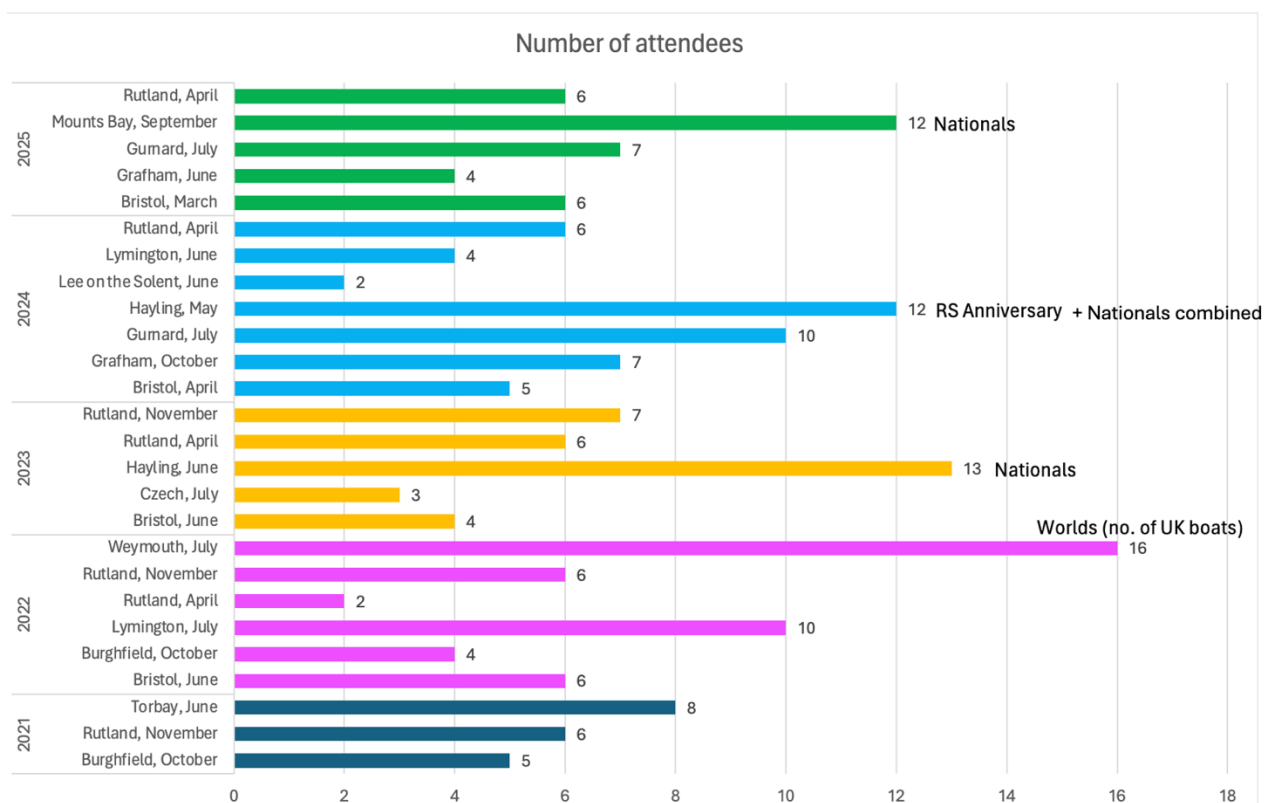
## **Technical**

None discussed.

## Review of 2025

- Attendance has been steady and consistent with previous years.
- Average of 5–7 boats at open events.
- Nationals’ attendance remains consistent at 12 boats.
- Class attendance has remained steady over the last 4 years. The aim now should be to encourage grow, potential to focus on youth engagement.

*Bar chart to show the number of boats at events since 2021.*



## Plans for 2026 and Beyond

- **April** – Vote to decide between **Stokes Bay** or **Rutland Sprints**.
- **June** – Inlands at Grafham.
- **Early July** – Gurnard Event (3 days). Potential for combined coaching and racing as preparation for Travemünde.
  - **Action:** Ben Willows to explore cost reduction options; potential RS support/funding for boat transport.
- **17-22 July** – European/World Championship in Travemünde
- **September** – Nationals at Torbay, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- **End of Season** – Social-focused event with party (location TBC).

Fleet prefers events well-spaced across the calendar to encourage attendance.

## Future Planning

- **2027** – we have been offered to host a RS500 UK Worlds.
  - International class is fairly young, so venue must be attractive and easy to get to from Europe.
  - Ideas: Lyme Regis or Felixstowe.
  - Preferred timing: *start of August*.
  - **Action:** Nigel Davis, Aaron Davis, Heather Wilkins, Luke McEwen, and Emma McEwen all volunteered to help organise. James Curtis to lead world organisation initially.
- **2028 Nationals – Tenby is an option.**
  - Possibility to join alongside RS800/100 Nationals.
  - Class agreed to attend if scheduled for *late August as they don't want it scheduled too near to the worlds*.

## Any Other Business

**Additional suggestion:** Ben Willows proposed introducing RS500s at Feva events to support youth growth.