UK RS Tera Class Association

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Date: 17th November 2025 at 7.30pm

Held: via Zoom

Attendees:
Mark Anderson, Lynn Bew (East Representative), Paul Bew (Class Safety Officer), Emily Chisnell, Dylan Collingbourne (Lead Coach), Marcus Collingbourne (Class Development Manager /Secretary), Mark Dell, Natalija Edwards (Treasurer), Clare Hill, Richard Garner (Chair), Ross Heyburn, Clare Hill, Terry Hunt, Chrissie Le Petit, Alex Mills, Tara Oliver, Daniel Redshaw, Jeremy Seger, Simon Skinner, Lee Smith, Graham Spicer, Warren Tudor, Emma Wilson, Paul Wilson.

Apologies:
Chris Atherton - RYA

Format:
This years AGM was held as a Zoom video conference. Class Development Manager Marcus Collingbourne facilitated the meeting and illustrated the various reports with a PowerPoint presentation. Any voting was carried out verbally by a show of dissent if in disagreement.

Minutes of Class AGM 2024

Due to technical issue with the Zoom recording of the previous years' AGM, there are currently no minutes from the AGM. Marcus circulated the slide deck presentation to all members prior to this meeting. It is hoped that we will be able to recover the recording as of when the Minutes will be produced and published on the Class website.

Chair report

The Chair report was delivered by Class Association Chairman, Richard Garner and is reproduced below:-

"It is my pleasure to present the Chairman's Report for the RS Tera Class Association UK for the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

2025 has been a strong year for the RS Tera Class in the UK, and we are proud to report that there were over 780 entries into RS Tera Class Association racing events across the country last year. With a Class membership figure of 245, we are experiencing real-terms year-on-year growth in our numbers, which is creating a vibrant and competitive junior sailing community of RS Tera sailors. We have made excellent progress towards balancing gender ratios across the fleet, with more young female sailors competing at the top of the fleet than ever, and we have committed to ensure that further positive progress is maintained, supporting all our young sailors within our friendly and competitive class where everyone can feel at home.

One of our key class objectives is to support sailing for life, and it is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm for sailing and the RS Tera across the regions, with lifelong friendships and experiences being a key foundation of our class. We still have work to do in some regions; for example boosting the RS Tera presence in Scotland, and we are actively looking at ways to grow the class across all areas of the UK.

The Class is a key entry point into the youth sailing classes, and we continue to receive strong support from the RYA to support our class objectives. We have received significant funding for 2025 and 2026, which will allow us to deliver more performance coaching, and legacy coach training, making the RS Tera circuit as accessible as possible and to help us realise our goals, both Nationally and regionally. We are hugely grateful to the RYA for their continuing belief and support.

Further, I am pleased that our application for the Pro Rig to become an RYA British Sailing Recognised Class is drawing to a positive conclusion, and we hope to announce the outcome very shortly.

Thanks to our sponsors and supporters
We are immensely grateful to our sponsors and supporters for all their help to the Class this last year.

We hosted an impressive and well-attended calendar of events throughout the season, with a record entry across all events of 449 participants, an increase of 16% on last year.

- Start of Seasons - Grafham Water SC : 101 sailors attending
- Inland Championships - Burton SC: 99 sailors attending, a record for the event
- National Championships - Paignton SC: 145 sailors attending, our largest ever Nationals. Congratulations to Cass and Tom, our 2025 Pro and Sport National Champions.
- End of Seasons – Draycote SC: 99 sailors attending, another record attendance for this event.

Our Open meetings, Regional Championships, Regional Junior Championships and Traveller Series were well attended with strong support from sailors, volunteers and host clubs

We are also delighted to have two new World Champions in 2025, with Rafe and Hari taking Tera Pro and Tera Sport world titles respectively. 19 UK Tera sailors, made the journey to Lipno in Czech and reinforced the UK's strong reputation on the international stage – well done to our sailors.

Regional squad training continues to provide a very popular skill development pathway for sailors. Winter training took place in all our regions with a mix of Regional Training Squads and Open training We also ran regatta fleets at each of our national events this year.

Our Online Sailing Academy was again popular this year, with our Class Coaches delivering sessions for 3 ability groups. Over 100 sailors took part in the Academy this winter and our thanks go to coaches Dylan, Sam & Jack.

The Association launched it’s new training initiative for sailing clubs this last year, the UKRSTCA Flying Coaches Scheme. This scheme gives Clubs the chance to receive one day’s coaching from one of our UKRSTCA coaches at no cost to the Club*.This is particularly aimed at clubs with new Tera fleets.The scheme is operating throughout our regions and will be expanded in 2026.

The UKRSTCA launched a pilot national training programme, the UKRSTCA RS Tera Performance Academy. Designed to attract the top Nationals sailors in both the Sort and Pro rigs, this has been expanded for the winter of this year. Thanks to RYA support we hope to further expand te programme next year

Our thanks go to Marcus for all of the hard work in the background, and of course to all the parents, coaches, volunteers, and race officials who made all of these events possible.

We have continued to support new clubs and regions wishing to grow RS Tera activity, including equipment grants and coaching support. We have secured RYA funding to continue supporting growth in the regions, and are in the process of promoting use of the Class Teras across the regions, to improve access for new sailors looking for their first racing class boat.

Once again we have run our Legacy Coach training programme, this time in the East and South regions, supporting older sailors to mentor and coach younger members, fostering a culture of responsibility, inclusion, and peer learning. This has created a number of legacy coaches, who are joining the Regional Training Squads this winter.

Technical engagement with RS Sailing continues to yield improvements in parts availability and class rules. We are in advanced discussions with RS regarding the bottom-section/rivet issue and hope to be able to bring some positive news on this soon.

Looking ahead, the following key objectives will guide our work in 2026:

1. Strengthen Participation Pathways
    - Expand introductory and transition-level training to support sailors moving from stage 2 courses into RS Tera Sport and Pro racing.
    - Work with other classes to encourage competition transition into 'the next boat', such as the RS Feva.
    - Improve venue accessibility for the RS Tera class competitions by extending our planning calendar to 3 years.
2. Increase Regional Engagement
    - Support and develop regional circuits in underrepresented areas to ensure more equitable access to class racing across the UK.
3. International Preparation
    - Support a structured campaign towards the 2026 RS Tera World Championships in Travemunde including funding and coaching initiatives for selected sailors through our National and Regional Training Squads.
4. Sustainability and Inclusion
    - Roll out class-wide environmental awareness actions, such as clean regatta guidelines and gear recycling initiatives.
    - Continue engagement with clubs looking to establish Tera fleets, particularly in underrepresented areas.
5. Digital Modernisation
    - Continue improvements to the class website, results archiving, and communications platforms to better engage with both current and prospective members.

The RS Tera Class Association remains committed to providing safe, exciting, and inclusive sailing opportunities for young people across the UK. I am immensely proud of the community we've built - one rooted in sportsmanship, learning, and the joy of competition , and I look forward to continuing this work going forward.

I extend my sincere thanks to all parents, volunteers, coaches, sponsors, reps, the committee and, most notably, our Class Development Manager Marcus for making this Class, and it's Association, one we can truly be proud of - thank you. I look forward to another successful year together on the water.

Marcus thanked Richard for his comprehensive report and for the work he has done over the past year.

Treasurers report – to 30th September 2025

The Treasurers report was delivered by Class Association Treasurer, Natalija Edwards:-

The Association prepares its accounts using a hybrid accounting method. Tangible assets such as ribs, trailers, and trophies are neither capitalised nor depreciated. Association's only reported assets are its cash reserves.
Adjustments have been made to ensure that income and expenditure are accurately reflected within the appropriate financial periods. These adjustments primarily relate to income from End of Season 25, and RYA grants.
The previous year's figures had also been restated and is shown for comparison purposes.

Financial Highlights

	y/e 2025	y/e 2024
	£	£
Membership	7,240	6,900
Sponsorship	0	0
Event Income	50,922	44,427
Event Costs	(40,840)	(34,428)
Net Event Income	10,082	9,998
Training Income	47,181	45,713
Training Costs	(48,708)	(42,632)
Net Training Income / (Cost)	(1,527)	3,081
Gross Profit	15,795	19,980
Administrative Costs	(15,122)	(15,706)
Operating Profit / (Loss)	673	4,274
Other	5,900	3,532
Profit / (Loss)	**6,573**	**7,807**

Membership Revenue
Membership income increased from £6,900 to £7,240, corresponding with a rise in membership numbers from 239 to 245, and Squad memberships at the current membership rate
This figure includes 41 discounted sibling memberships, a slight decrease from 48 in the previous year. Temporary memberships associated with Open Training events are also included in income, although these individuals are not counted as full members.

Sponsorship revenue
The Association has not received direct sponsorship income over the past four years. However, it continues to benefit from in-kind support from its sponsor, Rooster, which provides prizes valued at approximately £2,000 per annum.

Events

Events generated a total surplus exceeding £10,000 during the year.
The End of Seasons 2024 event contributed £1,300.
The National Championships, hosted at Paignton Sailing Club, produced a surplus of approximately £4,200.
The other two events generated surpluses of approximately £2,200 each.

The Association remains committed to supporting families through initiatives such as the 10% sibling discount on the second child's entry fee. While this reduces individual event revenue, it is offset by increased participation and aligns with the Association's ethos of promoting accessibility and inclusivity in sailing.

Training

The Association delivered another successful year of training programmes, including the Regional Training Squads, Regional Open training, our pilot Performance Academy, the UKRSCTA Online Sailing Academy and our new Flying Coaches scheme.
Training activities currently show a net loss of £1,500, primarily attributable to the Performance Academy and a minor deficit in the North & Midlands regions. Final training figures will be subject to adjustment with the allocation of funding from our RYA grant.
It is worth noting that training activities generated a surplus in the previous financial year, thereby minimising the long-term financial impact.

Administrative Costs

Administrative costs, which include the secretary's salary, licensing fees, insurance, and marketing, totalled £15,122 for the year.
Although this is slightly lower than the previous year, the prior year's figure included one-off purchases of a rib (£3,000) and a stacker trailer (£1,200).
When adjusted for these items, administrative costs have increased by 23%, largely due to rising costs and the additional expenses associated with the ownership of new assets.
Administrative costs are funded through membership income and event surpluses.

Other

The Association received RYA grants over a two-year period:

- £6,000 in 2024, with half allocated to the previous financial year and half to the current year.
- £12,000 invoiced but not yet received, with half allocated to the current year and half to the next.

These funds have supported initiatives such as regatta fleets at national events, the Flying Coaches programme, and the Battle of the Regions All-Squads weekend, plus Regional training support.
This category also includes interest income and minor timing differences between income and expenditure related to club open meetings.

Cash

As of 30th September, the Association's main bank account held a balance of £14,182, with an additional £30,000 in a savings account.This figure includes entry fees for the End of Seasons 2024 event but does not account for outstanding invoices or the pending RYA grant.
After adjustments, the estimated year-end balance is approximately £42,000, inclusive of savings.

There were no questions for Natalija on the finances . Marcus thanked Natalija for her efforts throughout the year, making sure everybody's paid on time and again for keeping the books in such a good order.

Membership report

The Membership report was delivered by Association Class Development Manager, Marcus Collingbourne:-

2025 has again been a year of consolidation in membership, showing a very small increase against 2024 and another positive year in sailing participation for the UK RS Tera Class Association.
Our membership has shown a small increase and our participation numbers at events are up.We have 245 members, and 171 sailors competed at one or more of our National events (not including Regatta fleet) – up 16%

East*	45 members	(down 6)	18.4%
South*	90 members	(down 7)	36.7%
South West	40 members	(same)	17.6%
Wales	17 members	(up 2)	18.2%
Midlands	17 members	(down 9)	6.9%
North	29 members	(down 9	11.8%
Scotland	1 member	(up 1)	
Total	*245 members (up 16)*		*+2.5%*

** South East sailors currently incorporated in South and East regions*

Our members represent 62 sailing clubs.
Our youngest sailor is 7 and our oldest is 16
The average age of our Class member is 12.5
Our Class Association is made up of 65% boys and 35% girls, with a similar percentage of girls competing in our National events
Our members sail Pro rig - 37%. Sport rig - 63%
Members competing Nationally:- Pro rig - 32%. Sport rig - 68%
These figures again show a slight increase in participation with the Sport rig this year
5 years ago we introduced discounted Class Association membership fees for siblings, and this now applies to some 16% of our members.
Once again we added to this by adding discounted entry fees for all our National events for siblings. In addition to this, the Class underwrote some of the coaching costs of the Regatta fleet at our National events
We see lots of sailors entering local events who are yet to join our Association. Spread the word that the RS Tera is THE junior single -handed dinghy to sail and encourage your Tera friends to join the Association.

Technical report

The Technical report was delivered by Class Development Manager Marcus Collingbourne:-

There have been no significant technical questions/issues this year, apart from the ongoing issue with spars. The UK RS Tera Class Association will continue to work with the International RS Tera Class Association, RS Sailing and World Sailing on any matters arising.
Opdates wer provided on 2 matters arising from last year:-
Following discussions at last year's AGM, the UKRSTCA took the decision to allow electronic compasses at all its events from 2025. This brings our UK Class into line with the International Class, and will aid our sailors as they progress into their next Junior and Youth Classes. RS are currently working on a Tera specific mount and hope to have a package available in the next month or so.

Huge thanks went go to our previous Chair James Day, and lately Richard Garner, for conducting dialogue with RS and Selden regarding our ongoing issues with spar breakages. We are currently collating data on breakages, and we have developed a simple reporting form to log such occurences. This form will be emailed to all members this week and the link will also be featured on the Class website

Training /Events report

Class Development Manager Marcus Collingbourne reported on the Training and Events calendar:-

The UK RS Tera Class Association is again building a comprehensive programme of training and racing across all or regions throughout the winter of 2025 and for the 2026 season
The UK RS Tera Class Association is contining to build out its Regional-based training across the country. We now have Regional Training Squads/Open Regional Winter Training programmes across all our regions.
This winter we also have our National Squad training, the UKRSTCA RS Tera Performance Academy, with places offered to our top sailors based on National rankings
In addition, we will be introducing additional Regional Open Training Days across many of our regions.
East region has a full winter Regional Training Squad and also Open training.
South region has a full winter Regional Training Squad.
South West has Regional Training Squad and also Open training in conjuction with SWYSA. Wales region is running a programme of winter Open Training in addition to the RYA Cymru RS Tera Squad.
Midlands region is running a programme of winter Open Training.
North region is running a programme of winter Open Training.
In all we hope to have over 125 sailors training through this winter!
We are extremely grateful to the RYA for their renewed funding of the UK RS Tera Class Association this year. A proportion of the funding is to develop regional training and competition.
Examples include additional coaching support, opportunities for our sailors from across our regions to take part in our subsidised Regatta fleets at the National events, our Flying Coaches scheme and our Online Sailing Academy to mention a few, and we are continuing to introduce other projects to aid this development, including additional Open training regionally.

This newest addition to our National calendar, our Battle of the regions, where our RTS sailors are invited to an All-Squads coaching weekend, culminating in our inter-region Regatta, will be held at Draycote at the end of March.

Moving on from training to our Class national events and again as you're all aware we run four events, Start of Season Championships, Inland Championships, UK National Championships and the End of Season Championships as well as offering support to our regions with their Regional Championships and Traveller Series Regattas.
That support can be marketing support designed for publicity and in a lot of cases we've been running the event management support not only for our regional championships but also for some host clubs which we're more than happy to do.

- The Start of Season Championships will be held at Northampton Sailing Club at the end of April 2026.
- The UK Nationals Championships will be held for the first time at Plas Heli, North Wales on 27th - 30th May 2026
- The Inland Championships will be held at another new venue for the UK fleet, Chew Valley Sailing Club on 4th-5th July 2026
- The last event of the season, The End of Season Championships will be once again held at Draycote Water Sailing Club on 24th-25th October 2026.

Marcus closed his report by re-iterating the Class's thanks to Class sponsor Rooster and Event sponsor Allen and other local sponsors for their continuing support of our National race programme.

Date/Venue of AGM 2026

It was proposed that next years Annual General Meeting should be held via Zoom conference on or around 17th November 2026.

Election of Officers

The Association thanked our outgoing officers and committee members:- James Day (Chair), Mike Casey (Safeguarding officer), Pete Solley (South West Representative)
and Max Barber (Wales Representative) for their terms of service to the Class.A big “Thank You” went to Tim Lee (South West) and Lee Smith (Wales) for taking on the role of Regional Representatives during the year.

Richard Garner was ratified in his position of Chair . The motion was proposed by James Day and seconded by Loz Shell. The motion was carried unanimously.

Emma Wilson was proposed as Treasurer. The motion was proposed by Marcus Collingbourne and seconded by Richard Garner. The motion was carried unanimously.

Any other business

Dylan Collingbourne, UKRSTCA Lead Coach, submitted the following question:-

“Can you provide an update on the progress of us securing RYA Class recognition for the RS Tera Pro rig?”

Marcus replied that Richard has already touched on the question during his Chair report but added we had recently received confirmation from Chris Atherton from the RYA that the youth racing committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the acceptance and hopefully we will be able to report good news soon.

The meeting was closed with Marcus thanking all the attendees to the meeting and wishing all the sailors and families who are moving on to new Classes good luck in their sailing journey ahead.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm