

**Attendees:**

Harry Sissling	WYC, Chairman				
Stuart Armstrong	THYC, Treasurer				
Peter Bolton	THYC, Rep				
20 Other attendees					
N Robinson	WYC, Secretary				

**MINUTES FOR THE NECRA AGM HELD AT TEES & HARTLEPOOL YACHT CLUB ON**

**WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

- 1. Opening.** The Chairman opened the meeting at 1940 with a welcome to all attendees.
- 2. Adoption of 2009 Minutes.** It was proposed by Larry Wilkinson and seconded by Peter Bolton that the 2009 be recognised as a true record of the meeting. Carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer reported that as membership had been down on previous years and this was our only source of income, income was down. Funds had been used both for the NECRA Regatta and the Tall Ships gatherings and therefore, expenditure was greater than income by approximately £200, but the Association's funds were still in the region of £2000.
- 5. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman reported that participation in events had been down on previous years. The NECRA regatta had been well attended, although visitors were down on previous years. The Sunderland to Whitby overnight race had been cancelled due to a strong northerly making the bay at Whitby untenable. This had a knock-on effect for the Whitby to Hartlepool. The Bass Rock race had seen 1 NECRA entry who, unfortunately, did not finish. However, the North Sea Race had seen an increase in the number of NECRA entries with four participating, gaining 2 firsts, a second and a fourth in their respective Scarborough classes. The races to the Hartlepool for the Tall Ships gathering were reasonably supported, but only the boats coming from

Sunderland gained a result as the Whitby boats ran out of time. Then came the remainder of the inshore series with just one visitor from NECRA to Roker, but this was better than both RNYC and WYC's events which had no visitors. The Inshore Series would need seriously looking at.

6. **Election of Officers.** There being no other candidates for any executive positions, the following were duly re-elected:
  - a. **Chairman.** Harry Sissling, WYC.
  - b. **Vice-Chairman.** No volunteer.
  - c. **Treasurer.** Stuart Armstrong, THYC.
  - d. **Secretary.** Nigel Robinson, WYC.
7. **Any Other Business.** There was no other business.
8. **Close.** The meeting closed at 1955.

**Nigel Robinson**

**NECRA Hon Sec**

#### **NOTES ON THE OPEN MEETING HELD AFTER THE AGM AT THYC ON 23<sup>RD</sup> OCT 10**

1. **Inshore Series.** The general opinion of the meeting was that the Inshore Series of races had not been successful. There had been a distinct lack of interest to away events. The options available for the inshore series were:
  - a. The same 4 regattas again.
  - b. 2 Regattas
  - c. 1 Regatta, rotating round the clubs.
  - d. 1 Regatta hosted by THYC

This last choice was considered the most likely to attract most competitors.

The THYC Rep was concerned that suitably qualified Race Officers might not be available and thought it might be appropriate for a Race Officer from each club to participate. A WYC rep stated that WYC had trouble filling their own

Racing Station and if it was demanded that an RO be provided, it could be that the sole WYC entry could not take to the water. Barry Hughes assured all present that he could persuade suitable ROs from THYC to fill the role. Therefore, it was agreed that the only NECRA Inshore Event in 2011 would be at Hartlepool, hosted by THYC over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend

2. **Offshore Races.** The only comments on the Offshore Series were:
  - a. Do not have 2 races on the same day finishing at one destination (i.e. Whitby-Hartlepool and Sunderland-Hartlepool).
  - b. Race Instructions should consider:
    - i. Methods of shortening courses
    - ii. Methods for changing the starting position.
    - iii. Methods for changing the destination.
3. Members were disappointed that trophies were not being engraved, but it was explained that we had not been receiving some trophies back at all and others were not being returned early enough to have engraving being done.
  - a. Members were requested to ensure that they did not have “lost” trophies in their possession.
  - b. Trophy winners should ensure that they return their trophies early (mid-September?) to enable engraving to be done.
4. Apart from comments above, members were happy with the NECRA programme.

Nigel Robinson

NECRA Sec