



## The NECRA committee meeting 12th January 2023

**Attendees:** Steve Marsden (Sec), Dave Addison (Tres), David Wheldon (SYC), Larry Wilkinson (Web), John Anderson (WYC).

**Apologies:** Ian Lynch (Chair)

**AGM minutes:** the previous minutes were approved.

**Correspondence:** None

### 2023 Programme:

SM – WYC had informed us that they couldn't do 3 races on the Saturday so the format would be the same as 2022 with 2 races on the Saturday, a single race on the Sunday starting at 10:00 with the race to Hartlepool starting ASAP after that.

THYC were having their planning meeting on 25th January.

SYC could accommodate 3 races on the Saturday starting at 12:00.

RNYC – Ken Murray (RNYC) had assured me that they would run their races such that NECRA would be able to extract our results. **I had misunderstood Ken and said that RNYC would have just one race on the Saturday but in fact there would be 2 races on the Saturday starting at 13:00.**

We could ask THYC to do their Tyne race the weekend before.

LW – these races would clash with the THYC Tyne race, did we want another inshore series on our program and what number of races would we score? We had also discussed in the past not to run races on Bank Holidays.

JA – WYC probably wouldn't do either race if that was the format. The Tyne race suited them on the Bank Holiday as they had the time to get home or cruise on. Would it be possible for RNYC to be a one off event as far as scoring was concerned?

DW – SYC would favour the RNYC event over the THYC Tyne race.

SM – we want to keep RNYC & ScYC involved with NECRA.

DW – leave both RNYC and ScYC regatta in program with the choice of which event to do.

LW – inshore scoring would still be for 9 races, 5 to count.

JA – had there been any further developments of plans for the Tall Ships.

DW – in the previous TS Marina berthing had been for the week.

SM – the Marina had assured us that there would be space for all NECRA boats even if it meant rafting up.

JA – perhaps we should encourage members to indicate their intention to participate early to secure moorings.

DA – he would speak to Alan Henderson this coming Sunday.

### Flags, Pennants & Promotional clothing

SM – had quotes for flags and pennants from Flying Colours, Knaresborough. The large flag is £58 and smaller £47. We have 3 large ones already so should have at least 3 more but what size?

JA - Several members had expressed an interest in having a battle flag and would be prepared to buy one. At events it would indicate where to find the NECRA rep.

LW - all club reps should have one.

SM - recommend that we should order 5 and have 2 spare to sell. **Approved.**

SM – what was the feeling about pennants? The quote was for a slightly larger pennant without a

year that could be kept and reused.

JA – would these be for prizes? New members appreciated the pennant but other members already had enough.

LW – was there any other prize we could produce that would be better accepted. In the past there were engraved glasses, tankards, coasters, wine, vouchers.

DA – SYC had given printed mugs and embroidered caps. Black caps for prizes and other colours for members to purchase.

SM – agreed it would be good to find alternative prizes and to research costs.

**AOB:**

LW – boats that join NECRA in September onwards should have their membership carried forward for the following year as the season had nearly finished and THYC winter series no longer needed NECRA membership.

This was agreed by all.

**Action:**

- SM to update and circulate proposed 2023 programme
- SM to order 5 large flags
- SM to price merchandise/prizes

**Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 16th February 2023 19:00 Zoom**