



## **The NECRA committee meeting 9th January 2024**

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

**Apologies:** Ian Maychell (Web)

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

**Correspondence:** None

### **NERR:**

LW & DW: met Martin Forster last Sunday and got most of the program and data. MF was supportive and transferred most of what's needed and agreed to help where necessary.

LW: unfortunately 2 files are missing to access the program and LW contacted MF to get those files.

DW: will contact MF Wednesday to ask for those files. MF still has access to all the files and data.

DW: has 800 pages hard copy of data from original set up of NECRA. Could scan documents to digitise but would take some time.

SM: where would we store this historic data?

LW: it can be stored in the current NECRA database.

SM: it shouldn't be on the main screen but accessible via an archive page. Any data beyond 5 years old isn't directly relevant. The Archive link could be that page.

LW: if the missing files are received the NERR site can be restored. Even without these files he can produce new certificates.

JA: where is the current data stored and is it available to retrieve?

LW: he keeps 2 copies, IM has a copy and the source data is on a secure site on the server.

JA: where would we install the NERR site if we can restore it?

LW: it can be included in the current NECRA website.

**It was agreed that this was the obvious place for it.**

### **2024 Programme:**

SM: sent everyone a revised programme draft. There is a problem with the races planned from Whitby to Hartlepool to do with tide. Can we alter the dates to make it work?

JA: the 9th June SM had asked to start at 08:45. Special bridge already booked for 09:30 and in WYC programme there is little reason to change.

LW: starting earlier would give more tide for trip.

SM: no major advantage in early start. Easier option is to go with 09:30 bridge and 10:00 start.

SM: 20th July definitely not an option as tide totally wrong so could WYC do 27th June?

JA: that would seem to be a reasonable option the tides are right. He would put it to the WYC committee.

DA: he could see no problem with SYC and that date.

SM: similarly 14th September not possible for WYC with tide. Would it be possible to change that to 21st September?

DW: SYC have a dinghy championship on 7th September so that date wasn't an option for them.

JA: tides for 21st would fit and WYC races could be shuffled so he'll put that option to his committee.

DA: that would work for SYC as well. The date for the 18th May would also work for SYC.

SM: if that is ok with WYC that will finalise the 2024 programme.

**JA: agreed to put that to WYC committee and come back to us.**

**Merchandise and Prizes:**

SM: are we ok with the boat stickers for 2024 – **agreed.**

SM: can we get some non-dated burgees, twice the size of last dated ones?

IL: what would be the cost?

SM: will find out. (last year quote 30 of 26x40mm £6.75 each + VAT).

SM: are we happy with mugs as prizes for 2024? – **agreed.**

SM: we have already agreed to continue with polo shirt but without rear flag print so I will get sizes to replace those already sold. We have enough caps for the moment.

**Website:**

LW: NOR needs to be revised to reflect different series, feeders and ratings. There is also a problem that the THYC winter series is using different rating splits and spinnaker.

SM: as the THYC WS isn't a NECRA event anymore the simplest option is to remove it from the website.

SM: how is IM managing the website?

LW: he is well on with installing the programme on his computer and in understanding its workings. They are working together to update.

SM: I will review the NOR and submit it for approval and remove WS.

LW: did SM want the new programme online immediately or as a draft/provisional.

SM: I would prefer the programme as a provisional until the start of the season to allow for any amendments.

**AOB:**

DA: North Yorkshire still hasn't invoiced for some moorings.

JA: they were notoriously slow but more so because of changing control from Scarborough to North Yorkshire.

DA: would NECRA be interested in providing a paddle trophy for use to promote challenge sailing events in conjunction with Hartlepool Marina. – **agreed.**

DA: it was likely that membership would be down this year because of non-involvement in WS.

**Action:**

DW: to talk to Martin about NERR and report back.

JA: to talk to WYC committee about programme.

SM: to distribute modified 2024 programme.

SM: to update website programme data and look at NOR.

SM: to get quotes for prizes and merchandise.

**Next Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday 5th March 2024 @ 19:30