

NECRA Minutes 9th Dec 2016

19.00 hrs at THYC

Present

Mick Lawlor, Larry Wilkinson, Ian Lynch, Dave Wheldon, Dave Broughton.

Apologies for absence

Tony Freeth, Ken Murray, Stu Armstrong

Minutes of the AGM and Open Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising from these minutes

None.

Programme 2017

It was decided that the Bass Rock race would not be included in the series for points, but that certainly no competing NECRA event should be scheduled for the same weekend.

It was suggested that a compromise for the hung decision of the open meeting for the inshore series would be to have two regattas (Saturday only) counted for the inshore series. This year, it was decided that the two more central clubs (THYC and SYC) should host these, but next year it should rotate. Since the current date for the THYC regatta clashed with Bass Rock IL resolved to find a different date for the THYC regatta. It was also suggested that the clubs look to provide 'Olympic' style courses to differentiate from normal bay racing.

It was decided that we try a daytime race from Hartlepool to the Tyne with a view to going up the Tyne and mooring at the City Marina for a night. The date proposed was Saturday of August Bank Holiday weekend. THYC would be the organizing authority. ML undertook to contact Newcastle City Marina to see if they could accommodate us.

The provisional programme (subject to confirmation of a satisfactory date for THYC regatta and the ability of NCM to host mooring for the August BH weekend) is:-

Inshore Series

THYC Date TBC

SYC 8th July

Offshore Series

23rd June Sunderland to Whitby

25th June Whitby to Hartlepool

1st July North Sea Race

29th July Vernon Dawson

12th August Hartlepool to Blyth

13th August Blyth to Sunderland

26th August TBC Hartlepool to Tyne and then on to Newcastle City Marina.

9th September Sunderland to Hartlepool

9th September Whitby to Blyth

26th October AGM at THYC

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It was decided to drop the 2 handed category due to lack of interest.

It was requested to get Sailing Instructions in early.

The committee were concerned that OODs generally didn't have a list of crew and shoreside contacts for many offshore races. This is of particular concern for offshore races. NECRA would like to suggest that the organizing authority for a race have a list of competitors for each boat, particularly for overnight races. Some mechanism for achieving this should be included in the Sailing Instructions.

AOB

Next Meeting Friday 24th February at 7pm.

On-line registration was discussed, and ws decided to work well.