

## Minutes of the NECRA Executive Committee at THYC on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

1. Attendees: Harry Sissling, Chairman  
Stuart Armstrong, Treasurer  
Peter Bolton, THYC Rep  
Jimmy Carter, SYC Rep  
Nigel Robinson, Secretary  
Apologies: Gordon Spencer, SYC Rep
2. The meeting opened at 2.30pm and the Chairman, Harry Sissling (WYC), welcomed all attendees.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising. Points on programme planning were covered under their own agenda item
5. **NECRA Programme for 2010**
  - a. **Inshore Logic.** Little direction had been obtained from the AGM as to what the members wanted from NECRA. Members from RNYC and SYC had stated that they had the impression that the northern clubs were not getting a fair amount of the competition and requested that their regattas be included in the inshore series. Correspondence from the RC SYC endorsed this request. There had been a debate at the AGM on whether THYC wished to host the NECRA regatta, and in their own sailing meeting, they had agreed that they would like to run the regatta again. In order that a fair allocation of inshore events was achieved, it was agreed to include the WYC Mini-Series as an inshore event.
  - b. **Offshore Logic.** The Sunderland-Whitby overnight race was as popular as ever as was the return race to Hartlepool and would automatically be included. RNYC had notified the AGM that the Bass Rock Race would be held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June and NECRA agreed to include it in their offshore series. The North Sea Race (Scarborough-Ijmuiden) was a popular race and would be included. The Whitby-South-Hartlepool race had received little support and was dropped. Feeder races to Hartlepool for the Tall Ships visit was thought appropriate and would be included as over-night or day races, as thought appropriate by the organising clubs.
  - c. **Draft Programme.**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
29-31 May	NECRA Regatta, THYC	Spring Bank Holiday
18 Jun	Sunderland - Whitby Over-night	
20 Jun	Whitby - Hartlepool	
25 Jun	Bass Rock Race	
16 Jul	North Sea Race, Scarborough-Ijmuiden	Scarborough Yacht Club
6 or 7 Aug	Sunderland-Hartlepool	Possible overnight, Tall Ships
6 or 7 Aug	Whitby-Hartlepool	Possible overnight, Tall Ships
28-30 Aug	Roker Regatta, SYC*	Summer Bank Holiday
4-5 Sep	RNYC Regatta*	
11-12 Sep	WYC Mini Series*	3 Races Sat, 2 Sun
20 October	AGM/Prize-Giving/Open Meeting	THYC

**d. Other Events (Non-NECRA).**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>COMMENTS</u></b>
15-16 May	Inter Club Championship	Sunderland
26-27 June	Sonata Northerns	Whitby

\*The adoption of SYC, RNYC Regattas and WYC Mini Series as part of the NECRA series was dependent on confirmation by each club that they would specifically cater for NECRA classes within their events

6. **Return of Trophies.** Not all trophies had been returned this year and it had been difficult mustering a reasonable number of trophies to be presented at the prize-giving. Recipients are requested to return them at the last race they attend or September at the latest. Committee members will start recovering trophies in September in 2010 to hopefully overcome this problem.

7. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting would take place at THYC on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 14:00

Nigel Robinson

NECRA Secretary