

**Minutes of the NECRA Executive Committee Meeting held by Telephone Conference on
Sunday, 28th November 2010**

Attending:

Harry Sissling, Chairman

Peter Bolton, THYC Rep

Ian Thompson, WYC Rep

Nigel Robinson, Secretary

Apologies: None

1. The meeting opened at 1405 with a welcome from the Chairman.
2. The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated previously, were read and approved as a true record.
3. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.
4. NECRA programme for 2011. The proposed programme for 2011 was:
 - a. 28 – 30 May 2011 – NECRA Regatta hosted by THYC
 - b. Fri, 17 June 2011 – Sunderland to Whitby Overnight Race, 2100
 - c. Sun, 19 June 2011 – Whitby to Hartlepool Race, 0930
 - d. Fri, 8 July 2011 – North Sea Race hosted by Scarborough YC, start TBD
 - e. Coquet YC has shown interest in participating in NECRA events. However, with no representatives from the northern clubs present, it was not possible to put any northern races on the programme. If Offshore races (the Open Meeting at the AGM made their wishes known that they only wanted one inshore event and that that would be the NECRA Regatta at Hartlepool) are to be hosted by SYC, RNYC or CYC, could representatives notify the NECRA Committee ASAP. The THYC Rep did mention the possibility of participation in the CYC Sailing/Running Race, but it was not thought that it fitted in to the NECRA genre, but would be worthy of advertising.
5. Adoption of Handicap: No information was available on the likelihood of any changes to NERR handicaps for 2011, but on the assumption that the system would stay the same, NERR would be adopted and the splits would remain as stated in 2010.

(Subsequent to the meeting, the SYC Rep advised the NECRA Committee that changes would take place this winter and would probably be completed by February when he would suggest possible class split points).

6. Safety. NECRA would adopt ISAF4 safety requirements with the recommendation that liferafts be carried.

7. Rule 6 of the NECRA Constitution states that member clubs hold 5 votes which can be used at General Meetings by an approved representative of that club. The committee considered this anomalous particularly when some member clubs don't actually have any individual members and could severely affect the sailing of actual participating clubs. It was agreed to review this closer to the next AGM, but member clubs who might be affected by this ruling are requested to give it full consideration. (A further anomaly was noticed after the meeting that only Full Sailing Members who have **participated in 3 events** were entitled to one vote at general meetings – Sec).

8. It had been proposed that instead of providing meals at NECRA events, boats should race for "Participation Tokens" and that at the end of the season a draw be held for a pot of, say, £150 using these tokens. The meeting did not consider this appropriate and thought that the provision of 1 meal at the regatta and 1 at the AGM was a good way of using funds.

9. Any Other Business. There was no other business.

10. Next meeting. The next meeting would take place at THYC on Sunday, 10th April 2011 at 1400

Nigel Robinson

NECRA Sec