

Minutes of the NECRA meeting held at THYC on Wednesday 22nd October 2014

Present:

D Wheldon Chairman
L Wilkinson Webmaster
S Armstrong Treasurer
M Lawler THYC
C Griffiths RNYC
I Thompson WYC

- 1 There were no apologies for absence
Clive Griffith was introduced to the committee as the new rep from RNYC.
It was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be given to Carl For his efforts up to now
- 2 Review of the 2014 season.
Entries slightly down, activities of the water were slightly down
Felt that there were a few issues such as lack of marketing and promotion of events
Some expressed concern over the class split between class one and two
- 3 Discussion over options for 2015
It was agreed that the communication be improved for next season, more timely sailing instructions, start times etc.
Mick suggested running a blog after each event
The class division between the two spinnaker classes was discussed at length, and it was generally agreed that it may be better served by looking at type of boat, ie loosely on heavy and light based on DLR and/or SA/D ratios rather than solely on TCF
It was also discussed about including a shorthanded class within the current class structure.
The programme was also discussed at length and it was thought that NECRA should concentrate more on passage or long distance events rather than regattas, but making sure that we did not conflict with our local club regattas.
It was agreed to ask if competitors wanted two races in a weekend and if only one whether it was Saturday or Sunday
The items discussed would be put to the members for comment

Possible events included:

Sunderland to Whitby

Whitby to Hartlepool

Bass Rock

Vernon Dawson

Sunderland to Hartlepool

Bondicar

Other port to port races such as Hartlepool to Blyth

Possibly another overnight race from port to port

- 4 AGM and prizegiving
It was agreed that the prizegiving would be held on a Thursday evening at THYC
Mick Lawler to check availability of the club and discuss catering arrangements

- 5 Any other business
It was suggested and agreed that there should be a time limit to submit finishing times for coastal races. This to be added to the Sis
It was discussed and agreed that there must be a better system for handling the paperwork for late registrations.
Trophies It was agreed that Barry Hughes be approached to see if he had the secretary's file including the photos of the trophies DW to do.