

# NECRA Committee Meeting on 13/9/18

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Start of meeting: 19:00

Close of meeting: 21:15

Chair of the meeting: Wolfgang Kuster

Minutes: Wolfgang Kuster

## **Attendees**

Attendees: Dave Wheldon, Steve Marsden, Stuart Armstrong, Larry Wilkinson, Wolfgang Kuster

## **Apologies**

Dave Broughton, Ian Lynch

## **Minutes of last meeting**

- The minutes of the last committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

## **Review of the last season**

- In 2018 23 boats took part in the NECRA racing programme (Sunderland 1 boat more, Hartlepool and Whitby each one boat less than last year). There was a similar distribution of classes in relation to last year. There was however an impression that the number of boats per race has reduced.
- Last years' trend of poor regattas attendance has continued. Only one yacht (Growler) has taken part in a regatta that was organised by a different club. There were doubts if regattas under the NECRA banner make sense. As an alternative it was discussed that open regattas could still be organised on the club level.
- The Tyne bank holiday weekend in Newcastle was a success. It was suggested to organise a return race on Monday.
- The social evening in Whitby was good food but not properly communicated.
- The clubs still did not provide race descriptions and announcements about social events in time. The results of the races were also often not fed back. This made it very difficult to maintain an accurate record about race results on the website.

- One non NECRA affiliated club member wanted to participate in a race. The committee agreed however that it is necessary to be a member in a NECRA affiliated club. It was agreed to include Humber YC to NECRA so that their boats can partake in future NECRA races.

## Next year's season

- It was suggested to have more long distance races.
- Social evenings and food were seen as important component of NECRA events. **(ACTION: The new committee to discuss NECRA policy regarding social events)**
- Race instructions, calendar, posters need to be publicised in time. Steve Marsden is willing to take over coordination of this and create templates for each race that can be easily adapted every year.
- The combination of races with cruising events was a success last year and should be continued.
- We should continue to have a nonbureaucratic approach regarding rating and participation of non NECRA members.
- There were discussion about how reps could promote NECRA in the club. A NECRA newsletter/data sheet/current event flyer was suggested.
- There was a discussion if the number of entries for each race should be published on the website. **(ACTION: It was agreed to discuss this in the AGM and ask the new committee to decide)**
- Club races that run in in parallel to NECRA events might discourage participation. In NECRA events. **(ACTION: To discuss in AGM but it will be up to each individual club to decide about their racing programme)**
- A discussion took place about a NECRA shirt. **(ACTION: Stuart to ask his crew member to create high resolution puffin)**
- The need for passionate and creative communication was mentioned.
- A yearly fun prize was discussed (eg. best dressed boat, biggest blunder).

## Winners of trophies

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Inshore	Icon	Growler	Scimitar
Offshore	Glory days	Tarka	Circus

## Date of AGM

- 25 October 8 pm

- It was agreed to continue with free food at AGM

### **New committee structure**

- Chairperson (potential candidates will be approached)
- Communication officer with secretary (Steve Marsden is willing to take over)
- Finance officer (Stuart Armstrong is happy to continue)
- Secretary (to combine with communication officer)
- Social media rep (potential candidates will be approached)

### **AOB**

- Return trophies back to Stuart by 23/9/18
- Future race instruction should include that finish times will need to be submitted in time.
- Winter series
  - o Dates are currently only on THYC website. Dates to be put on NECRA site. It was agreed to continue with only one class. Prizes depending on entry.

### **Next committee meeting**

- To be agreed