



The NECRA AGM and Open meeting 19th October 2023

Attendees: Dave Addison (Tres), David Wheldon (Acting Chair), Larry Wilkinson (Acting Sec), Colin Jackson (THYC), Anth Cooper (THYC), Ian Maychell (THYC), Phil Ross (THYC), Jimmy Carter 9SYC), Andy Stephenson (SYC), Bill Miller (SYC), Dieter Henderson (SYC), Graham Laws (THYC), Graeme Boagey (THYC), Stephen Passmore (THYC), Nick Richardson (THYC), Alan Gidney (THYC), Keith Clymo (THYC).

Apologies: Ian Lynch (Chair), Gordon Spenser, Steve Marsden (secretary), Ian Holtby, John Anderson (WYC).

AGM minutes: the previous minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None

Opening Remarks

DW Welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly outlined the format of the evening.

Chairmans Report

In the absence of Chairman Ian Lynch this item was shelved.

Treasurers Report

Dave Addison presented a brief statement of the accounts.

The membership income of £885 was almost matched by expenditure over the season. There is still remaining stock of NECRA hats, shirts and mugs which will be carried over to next season.

The opening balance was £2645 and the closing balance was £2489.

Appointments of Officers

In the absence of nominations, the current officers agree to continue in post. The following were confirmed:

Chairman Ian Lynch THYC

Secretary Steve Marsden THYC

Treasurer David Addison SYC

The AGM closed at 7.30 pm.

NECRA Prize giving 2023

Inshore Class 3 – Ayesha Salver – TARKA - L WILKINSON

Inshore Class 2 – The Northern Daily Mail Cup - PHOENIX 2 - C JACKSON

Inshore Class 1 – Whitby Rose Bowl – SCIMITAR - A FUSCO

Offshore Class 3 – Niema Salver – SCORCHER - J CRIPPS

Offshore Class 2 – NECRA CANNON – PHOENIX 2 - C JACKSON

Offshore Class 1 - Aluminium Sail – MADHATTER - I LYNCH

Best Newcomer – RNLI Shield – FOOLISH PLEASURE - J HUNTER

Yacht of the Year – Compass Shield - PHOENIX 2 - C JACKSON

Club Trophy - RNLI Sextant –TEES & HARTLEPOOL YC

Mugs:

- Inshore Whitby Class 1 – Scimitar
- Class 2 – Phoenix 2
- Class 3 - Tarka
- Inshore THYC Class 1 – Chaos
- Class 2 – Thor
- Class 3 – Tarka
- Inshore SYC Class 2 – Phoenix 2
- Offshore S2W Class 1 – Hooligan
- Class 2 – Phoenix 2
- Offshore TS S2H Class 1 – Still Game
- Class 2 – Runaway
- Class 3 – Ragtime
- Offshore TS W2H Class 2 - Phoenix 2
- Class 3 – Spot On
- Offshore S2W Class 1 – Icon
- Class 2 – Phoenix 2
- Offshore H2T Class 1 – Velocity Girl
- Class 2 – Phoenix 2

Open Meeting 7.30

AC firstly queried whether NECRA would again provide some sponsorship for the THYC winter series. The Treasure indicated that he believed so but would be confirmed at the next Committee meeting.

AC - raised the issue of ratings, asking if any thought has been given to changing to an alternative RYA's YTC system from the NERR system currently in use. DW (Chairman of NERR) replied that yes, but that he felt that the RYA's YTC system was still in its early stage of implementation and that there would be changes made to improve the system over the next year. He felt that it would be good to encourage owners to obtain a YTC rating to enable results next season to be compared.

AC - agreed with this concept and suggested that THYC might take the same approach.

CJ - also supported the idea, he went on to state he had compared his results throughout the season between NERR and YTC and found there was virtually no difference.

CJ - why was the turnout so poor generally?

The consensus seemed to be that there were too many events in the calendar. The inshore series was particularly cited as being poorly supported by visitors. It was a general feeling that the social nature of the offshore events was a big factor in their better participation. This was followed by a general discussion on why skippers would register but not compete. Individual circumstance, weather, lack of time, etc. were put forward, but there was also an acceptance that the registration provided excellent value for money for most skippers.

CJ - suggested that the Inshore series should be abandoned and the Offshore series increased by a couple of events. This idea was supported by several members.

AC was also supportive of the idea, but suggested NECRA might wish to keep a single regatta which could be rotated around the clubs. Whilst the rotation was questioned, again the idea had broad support by the meeting.

LW - some succession planning was needed for the continuation of the website. Hence a request for a volunteer to take over the running or implementation a new, NECRA website was issued.

The meeting closed at 9pm.