

Minutes of the NECRA AGM held at THYC on Wednesday, 21st October, 2009 at 7.30pm

1. Attendees:

Harry Sissling	Chairman, WYC
Stuart Armstrong	Treasurer, THYC
Peter Bolton	THYC Rep
Jimmy Carter	SYC Rep
Gordon Spencer	SYC Rep
Tim Boagey	THYC
D Henderson	SYC
Charles Holmstrom	THYC
I Holtby	THYC
Colin Jackson	THYC
W Miller	SYC
Peter Stenner	RNYC
C H Turnbull	RNYC (Comm)
Harold Usherwood	THYC
David Wheldon	SYC
Larry Wilkinson	THYC
Nigel Robinson	Secretary, WYC

Apologies: There were no apologies

2. The meeting opened at 7.30pm and the Chairman, Harry Sissling-WYC, welcomed all attendees.

3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the last AGM were proposed as a true record by Larry Wilkinson, seconded by Peter Bolton and carried unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.

5. **Treasurer.** The treasurer reported that the associations funds had ended the year at just about the same level as it had started and funds stood at £2254.

6. **Chairman.** After a brief advert for his boat, the Chairman explained the "raison d'etre" for him accepting the chair at the last meeting.

7. **Election of Officers**

a. **Chairman** There being no other candidate, Harry Sissling was duly re-elected.

b. **Treasurer** There being no other candidate, Stuart Armstrong was duly re-elected.

c. **Secretary** There being no other candidate, Nigel Robinson was duly re-elected.

8. **NECRA Constitution Changes Proposals**

Rule 3

ALTER FROM

The following who subscribe to the object of the Association are eligible to make application for membership.

CLUBS - yacht and sailing clubs, who are members of the Royal Yachting Association, who will promote amongst their members membership of the

Association, and participation in events organised by the body. Such members shall be known as MEMBER CLUBS.

MEMBERS - boat owners who are members of a club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association. Such members shall be known as FULL SAILING MEMBERS.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS - visiting yachtsmen who wish to race in a particular event. Such members shall be known as TEMPORARY MEMBERS.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - individuals who crew on a full sailing members boat. Such members shall be known as ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

TO

The following who subscribe to the object of the Association are eligible to make application for membership.

MEMBERS - boat owners who are a member of a club affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association.
Such members shall be known as FULL SAILING MEMBERS.

CLUBS - yacht and sailing clubs, who are members of the Royal Yachting Association, who list one or more subscribed FULL SAILING MEMBERS
Such organisations shall be known as MEMBER CLUBS.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS - visiting yachtsmen who wish to race in a particular event.
Such members shall be known as TEMPORARY MEMBERS.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - individuals who crew on a full sailing members boat. Such members shall be known as ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The vote was:

0 For, 5 Abstentions, 11 Against – Not Carried

Rule 5a MANAGEMENT

ALTER FROM

A representative from each Club, holding an office within the Clubs at the time of his/her appointment as a Club Representative.

TO

A representative from each Club.

This was carried unanimously

Rule 8 MEETINGS

ALTER FROM

The Management Committee shall arrange:

a General Meeting of members in September of each year. The meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

an Open Meeting of members, and prospective members, in April of each year.

TO

The Management Committee shall arrange:

a General Meeting of members in the autumn of each year.

This was carried with 15 For and 1 Abstention

9. The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Nigel Robinson
NECRA Hon Sec

Record of Open Meeting Following Prize-Giving

1. The meeting was informed that SYC intended to resurrect the Club Championship. This would be held at SYC on 14/15 May, with races being held Sat, PM and Sun, AM. Club teams would consist of 3 yachts with no more than 2 from one class.
2. RNYC advised the meeting that they would be holding a Bass Rock Race next year, starting on the evening of Friday, 25th June with pre and post race food and activities. They were advised that WYC would be hosting the Sonata Northern Championships that weekend.
3. The meeting was in agreement that the best time to hold a NECRA Regatta was Spring Bank Holiday weekend (29-31 May 2010). The THYC Rep was unsure if the club should support the event. WYC representatives stated that they were happy to hold it at Whitby, but thought that support would not be as great and that, with Hartlepool being a more central location, this would have the potential to be a larger event. THYC members would discuss this and results would be presented at the next committee meeting.
4. SYC and RNYC wished that their regattas be included in the NECRA programme (SYC 28-30 Aug, RNYC 4-5 Sep)