



## The NECRA committee meeting 23rd March 2023

**Attendees:** Ian Lynch (Chair), Steve Marsden (Sec), Dave Addison (Tres), David Wheldon (SYC), Larry Wilkinson (Web), John Anderson (WYC), Anthony Cooper (THYC).

**AGM minutes:** the previous minutes were approved.

**Correspondence:** None

### 2023 Programme:

SM – On the Sunderland to Whitby overnight race the HW at Whitby result in the first bridge being 07:30/08:00 so could be a long wait for leading boats.

JA – There will be an early bridge at 06:00 on the Saturday morning.

SM – Will there be food available after racing on THYC Regatta and the Tall Ships?

AC – After the Regatta food can be available but pre-booking would preferable with prior arrangements will Natalie @ Catering. The club will be open to Members and Friends on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday but again pre-ordering is preferred.

SM – I will endeavour to make that clear in the pre-race information.

JA – Up to 20 boats from Whitby have expressed an interest in being at Tall Ships.

DA – Up to 15 boats from Sunderland have expressed an interest in being at Tall Ships.

SM – Is the committee happy for me to arrange food at Royal Quays after Tyne race?

JA – Some boats prefer to travel on to Newcastle

SM – The tide on that weekend prevents further travel up the Tyne after the race.

IL – Boats could continue that journey on the Sunday morning.

SM – That would possibly result in more boats overnighing at Royal Quays and more in need of catering. Again I will try to get a pre-booking at Royal Quays and ask participants to register.

SM – We want to keep RNYC & ScYC involved with NECRA so their Regattas have been included in our program but do not contribute to our end of year results.

SM – Did the NECRA class split work out for THYC winter series this year?

AC – There was some confusion with there not officially being a class 3.

LW – IORC state that White Sail class should not compete with Spinnaker class.

AC – It does cause problems with a boat like Bathsheba who is a class 1 boat that would always be a long way ahead in class 3.

DW – Perhaps the solution would be not to have a White Sail class and boats could then choose on the day whether to fly a Spinnaker or not.

SM – Mistress complained that there wasn't any competition for them in class 2. Could they elect to sail Class 1?

AC – They could but would need to take a rating hit and enter at 0.9000 the lowest class 1 rating.

JA – It would be good if we could have race instructions from the clubs to keep the website up to date.

### Flags, Pennants & Promotional clothing

IL – Would Larry find time to come to THYC and identify the NECRA trophies?

LW – We will arrange a date in April.

SM – The large flags ordered from Flying Colours are here. What are we going to give as prizes at the presentations this year? The Options are Mugs, Pennants, Caps, Shirts, Wine, Glasses. Wine is the cheapest at £4, Mugs & Pennants at around £7, Caps at £10 and Shirts at £20.

DW – Shirts shouldn't be given as prizes.

JA – Caps and Shirts should be offered as purchasable merchandise.

SM – Was there agreement that a quantity of 25 Caps and 12 Shirts could be bought?

**Agreement that SM should go ahead and order these items.**

IL – Mugs should be given as 1st prizes at all presentation events.

**Agreement that SM should order Mugs as prizes.**

**AOB:**

LW – Do we need to change the NOR to define the Winter Series rating? There was a problem that some boats sailed THYC winter series using their offshore rating when the winter series is defined in NOR as an inshore event. This is a problem that we have circumvented in the last 2 years by entering the boat twice in the web system. To alter the web program would involve many hours of work or should we continue to modify as before for the few boats that want to alter their rating for the winter series?

SM – My preference would be to alter the web program to make the winter series a separate series with boats able to specify which rating to use but appreciate the onerous task it puts onto Larry. This is an ongoing problem and it would be better to make a permanent change if that were possible.

IL – The problem has successfully been handled the last 2 years by making a 2nd entry. Why not continue in the same way for the few boats that elect to change?

LW – This does raise the question of someone taking over the webmaster task.

IL – This should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

DW – What was the take up of membership like this year?

DA – Take up at the moment was quite good for the time of year with 20 boats registered at the moment, several enquiries from Scarborough and more expected.

JA – There was a lot of interest at Whitby so potentially a good year.

DA – There were 3 boats who had yet to pay their bill for mooring at Whitby.

SM – I will drop them a line.

**Action:**

- SM to order caps and shirts
- SM to order 21 mugs
- SM to chase boats that have not paid Whitby mooring fees.
- SM to update website SI's and send program information to clubs & RQ.

**Next Committee Meeting:**

DW – there is nothing pressing that needs attention. The next meeting can be called as and when something needs discussion.