



The NECRA committee meeting 17th September 2024

Attendees: Ian Lynch (Chair), Steve Marsden (Sec), David Wheldon (SYC), Larry Wilkinson (Web),

Apologies: Dave Addison (Tres), John Anderson (WYC), Ian Maychell (Web).

AGM minutes: the previous minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None

Committee members:

IL – Are the current officers wanting to continue? I am happy to continue as Chairman.

SM – I'm happy to continue as Secretary.

LW – Ian Maychell is going to take over website but I am prepared to oversee takeover and advise.

SM – Dave Addison isn't present but I will ask him if he wants to continue as Treasurer.

LW – Nick Taylor of ScYC might be good to have on the committee. He is regional chairman for RYA NE.

SM – I will email that proposal to him.

SM – It would also be good if we can get Ken Murray RNYC on as well so I'll email him.

All agree.

Programme:

IL – Are we happy with this year's programme to continue for next year?

SM – I had a request from WYC to reintroduce Inshore Regattas but in most cases only 1 or 2 NECRA visiting boats made the effort to attend. At least with the Return Series more boats took part. We should try to arrange our races to coincide with Regattas so the option is there for boats to take part and we can benefit from their social.

DW – we need to recognise club Regattas but NECRA core is passage racing.

SM – some event dates are available but others not.

IL – create a programme with the events but no dates so we can show our plan and get clubs to fill in dates as they do their plans.

DW – SYC Regatta is on 12th July 2025 and RNYC Regatta is on 30 August 2025.

LW – ask clubs to fill in their programme dates before our AGM so we can discuss.

IL – we should ask for replies before 8th October so committee can discuss it before AGM.

SM – I will prepare blank programme and distribute it.

NOR:

LW – there is nothing on NOR about single handed racing or Autohelm. Should we include them?

SM – we shouldn't allow single handed racing offshore. There should be a minimum of 2 onboard. Autohelm should be allowed.

LW – there is a surge in 2 handed racing and we should create a separate group for 2 handed crews. The same race, inclusive with other classes but additional separate results for that group.

SM – I would support that.

NERR:

LW – Ian has got the NERR certificate data entry form sorted and is in the process of uploading it to the main site. It will then be available to all measurers. There are minor differences in the NERR

calculated rating but in most cases insignificant. The routine of entering a boat owner, then the boat and then the boat data is still needed.

Merchandise and Prizes:

SM – I have done some sample etched glass coffee mugs for next years prizes but would rather have beer mugs if I can get them at a reasonable price.

I haven't ordered any more shirts. They can be got at relatively short notice. I still have 4 in stock and 10 hats.

Would we consider any other products e.g. fleece hoody or jacket?

IL – an issue for the AGM.

AOB:

SM – we have a problem with catering at THYC. The club caterer will provide food but we need to order and pay in advance.

LW – for the coming AGM that is ok NECRA pays for that but for visiting events that is unreasonable. There are plenty of places to eat on the Marina.

SM – I want visitors to come to our clubs, utilise the facilities and enjoy our social not disappear to various other venues. We need to resolve this issue even if NECRA have to pay.

IL – another issue for the AGM.

Action:

SM – revise NOR.

SM – to send clubs 2025 blank programme.

IM & SM – to meet with LW ref website.

SM – to source glasses as prizes.

Next Committee Meeting:

We should have a meeting before the AGM. Perhaps Tuesday 8th October.