

# NECRA Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

## 20.00 hrs at THYC

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### **Present**

Mick Lawlor, Larry Wilkinson, Ian Lynch, Stuart Armstrong, Dave Wheldon, Dave Broughton.

### **Apologies for absence**

Clive Griffith.

### **Minutes of the AGM**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **Matters arising from these minutes**

With regard to reserve dates, Mick Lawlor noted that THYC Cruiser Racing Committee were not keen to offer a reserve date for the regatta. Dave Wheldon and Dave Broughton reported the same from their clubs.

There was some discussion about whether another regatta could be a backup for the THYC regatta should that not be run, but it was generally felt that this would also not be desirable and so the committee concluded that reserve dates would be too difficult to implement.

### **Notice of Race 2016**

Should be changed to increase the entry fee to £15. The £5 late entry fee will remain.

Since there were no attendees at the registration evening in 2015 this would not be offered in 2016.

Classes will stay as they are with class 1 0.900 and above, class 2 0.899 and below and class 3 as white sail.

The scoring will remain as is, but the regatta SIs need to be changed as they were inconsistent in 2015.

On the "Radio Communications" section, it was felt that boats last season had not adequately reported their class and number onboard this year and

that needs to be improved to facilitate accurate results. DW suggested that OODs should be given a list of boats and their intended classes prior to the event. LW suggested a pro-forma of the information that they need to collect.

It was agreed that the club reps from the race start club should provide these to the OOD.

It was also agreed that we need to chase members to declare what classes they will race and stick to them.

## **Programme for 2016**

It was noted that the AGM had indicated that the programme should remain largely the same next season.

Some fixed dates were reported as follows. 3<sup>rd</sup> June Farnes Race. 2<sup>nd</sup> July North Sea Race. 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> July Sunderland Regatta. 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July Northumberland Plate. 23<sup>rd</sup> July Vernon Dawson. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Bart's Bash.

There was discussion about the best date for the THYC regatta which NECRA would like to include in the programme. On the 14<sup>th</sup> May there will be no access to the marina due to tides until 7pm which is not ideal, alternatively, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be no access between 0830 and 1300 which it was felt is even worse for boats returning home. The bank holiday weekend works better, but Whitby may already have programmed their regatta that weekend. It was agreed that THYC would get back to the committee with a date.

There was discussion around running the Hartlepool to Blyth to Sunderland weekend again. It was generally felt that it was worth trying again and the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August were proposed.

It was proposed that the September race from Sunderland to Hartlepool should be run on the same weekend as the Whitby YC race to Hartlepool and include both in the NECRA programme. DB to confirm that date.

The following programme is proposed:-

### **Inshore**

THYC Regatta 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May

### **Offshore**

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Farnes Race.
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunderland to Whitby.
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Whitby to Hartlepool.
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	North Sea Race
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Vernon Dawson

14<sup>th</sup> August Hartlepool to Blyth  
15<sup>th</sup> August Blyth Sunderland  
TBC Sep Sunderland to Hartlepool AND Whitby to Hartlepool.

## **AOB**

NERR Website. DW to chase again.

Trophies. ML to compile list of winners for the last five years. SA to take the trophies for engraving.

Electronic Registration. DW confirmed that he had contacted the RYA to check and it is acceptable, he will ask again to get a suitable form of words. LW would investigate changing the website to aid on-line registration, including e-mailing an invoice with payment details.

The date of the AGM was set as Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The date of the next committee has been provisionally set as Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

A Vote of thanks was carried to Ian Thompson for his work on the committee as Whitby Rep.