

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2016



Ramuz Trophy 2016

Results

Heat 1 1st NBYC, 2nd NPC, 3rd GYGSC

Heat 2 1st RBSC, 2nd HBSC, 3rd SFSC

Heat 3 1st NBYC, 2nd RBSC, 3rd WOBYC

Heat 4 1st SFSC, 2nd HBSC, 3rd NFSC

Final

1st Snowflakes SC – Jane Pye and Chris Haslam

2nd Waveney & Oulton Broad YC – Simon and Caroline Marfleet

3rd Hickling Broad SC – Peter Dearnley and Dinah Slatter

4th Gt Yarmouth & Gorleston SC – Richard Brown and Robyn Ollington

5th Norfolk Broads YC – Ian Richardson and Adam Barker

6th Rollesby Broad SC – Ian and Sharon Ayres



The 2016 NSBA InterClub Championship for the Ramuz Trophy was hosted by Rollesby Broad SC and sailed in Wayfarers, provided by Club members. Many of the Broads area's top dinghy sailors, representing fourteen local clubs took part in the event.

Four back to back heats were sailed and the top six clubs went on to sail in the final. The weather was overcast and a variable southerly wind blew up the Broad for most of the day. In Heat 1 NBYC, represented by Ian Richardson and Adam Barker took an early lead and held their position throughout the race. In Heat 2 the first three places were determined in the first round with the local sailors Ian and Sharon Ayres representing the home club finishing ahead of HBSC and SFSC. In Heat 3 NBYC had another win and Rollesby recorded a second place with Simon and Caroline Marfleet representing WOBYC third to cross the line.

In Heat 4, the racing was much closer with positions changing constantly. Peter Dearnley and Dinah Slatter for HBSC took an early lead and had a close battle with Jane Pye and Chris Haslam sailing for Snowflakes SC. SFSC pulled ahead of HBSC in the last round to take the bell. NFSC sailors Paul and Pat Tegerdine worked their way through the fleet from sixth at the end of the first round to finish in 3rd position.

After lunch the six finalists took to the water sailing a lengthened course, as the weather closed in. The first round was very close with SFSC and HBSC battling it out at the front of the fleet. In the second round WOBYC overtook HBSC as Jane Pye eased ahead and kept her position to take the Ramuz Trophy on behalf of SFSC – a great way to celebrate her birthday.

The magnificent Trophy was presented to Jane and Chris for Snowflakes SC by Rollesby Broad Commodore and OD for the day John Saddington, along with commemorative glasses for all finalists. NSBA Chairman Brian Wilkins thanked the host Club for organising such a good event, and the members for lending their boats and all competitors for participating. We are grateful to Alan Boswell Insurance Group for covering the event.

Tolls Review

The Navigation Committee of the Broads Authority has recently approved a radical change in the structure of tolls for 2017/18. This follows advice from a 7 member BA Tolls Review Group set up in September 2015. After our success in guiding toll changes in 2014, NSBA pushed to be involved in the review process at an early stage, but were not given the opportunity to comment until June 2016 and again in September.

Whilst the effect on hire boats is modest, many private boat owners will face dramatic changes in the level of their tolls.

Almost a third of motor boats face an increase of over 10%

Many traditional broads sailing cruisers have an increase of over 20% - some over 50%!

At the same time, very small boats will see large reductions in tolls – around 20% for an Optimist dinghy or a 15' motor launch. Tables setting out the effect on your toll can be found on the NSBA website.

NSBA has consistently objected to the change in structure resulting in these dramatic changes, which we regard as UN-FAIR. We set out alternative proposals which would keep tolls increases in low single figure percentages, whilst achieving the same total income.

NSBA are disappointed that the Navigation Committee has chosen an outcome which will adversely affect a large number of private boat owners. We encourage boat owners to express their views directly to the Broads Authority to reinforce our comments.

Still More on Rubbish

Collection of boat waste and bins in public locations around the Broads has continued to be problematic during the year to date. Since the Government redefined hire boat refuse as commercial waste, Norfolk County Council classified all boat rubbish as commercial, leading to a threat of the withdrawal of all bins in the Yarmouth, Broadland, South Norfolk and North Norfolk administrative districts. Whilst several local authorities were more accommodating than others and some stop gap arrangements have been put in place with some progress made on new locations, there have been a number of incidences of fly tipping and of overflowing bins. In addition, bins too small and not emptied often enough. We continue to deplore this situation in Broadland, especially in view of the importance of tourism to the local economy. To their credit, the Broads Authority has held a major workshop and applied leverage to the relevant Local Authorities as well as Norfolk County Council and DEFRA – a new BA policy on waste was adopted in September – but the Broads is still being let down by BA partner authorities failing to deliver an adequate service. One site, the Postwick Viaduct free 24 hour moorings (directly opposite the Surlingham Ferry) continues to be a particular problem, and probably isn't the only one. Your new Green Book for 2017 will have a list and map (hopefully) of refuse collection points around the Broads.



New Moorings for 'Going South' and Vice Versa

The new moorings at Scare Gap, near Three Mile on the Lower Bure were brought into use earlier this year and in time for the main summer season, to make passages through Yarmouth safer especially for all boats that must lower the sails and mast in good time before negotiating the three bridges at Gt Yarmouth and for boats waiting for the tide or requiring assistance for any reason. The NSBA is now working with the BA to identify suitable arrangements for moorings at the downstream end of Breydon, but upstream of the Breydon Bridge, where existing arrangements are minimal and unsuitable when wind and tide are not exactly aligned.

Olympic Sailing Success

We are pleased to salute Team GBR sailors at Rio 2016 who took on the world and won:

Saskia Clark and Hannah Mills - 470 - Gold Medal

Giles Scott-Finn - Gold Medal

Nick Dempsey - RSX Windsurfer - Silver Medal.

Saskia and Nick have local area connections, however they are now Weymouth based and very busy with their on-going support of top international sailing campaigns.



Dredging Update

Progress to date in 2016, to end September, has been made at these locations:

Middle Yare: Horning Church to Ranworth, 5800 cubic metres (m³)

Waveney: Burgh Castle moorings, 4000 m³

Lower yare: Six mile house to Berney Arms 4290 m³

Over the coming winter, dredging is planned for Haddiscoe New Cut (14000 m³), Hickling Broad (6000 m³), Rockland Dyke 2900 m³, and the Bure Loop (5000 m³). However due to equipment shortages, awaiting the delivery of replacement linkflote barges, the dredging of Lime Kiln Dyke has been postponed to 2017/2018.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association to be held on Monday 28 November 2016, 7.30 pm at The Oaklands Hotel, 89 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR7 0HH

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2015
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Annual Report
- 5 Award of the Tim Whelpton Trophy
- 6 Award of the Martin Broom Trophy
- 7 Financial Report and Accounts for 2016
- 8 Honoraria for Officers for 2016/2017
- 9 Election of Officers
- 10 Election of General Purposes Committee
- 11 Appointment of Representatives to RYA Eastern Regional Committee
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- 13 Regatta Dates for the 2017 season
Other dates for 2017
Flag Officers Event
Fixtures Meeting
Annual General Meeting
- 14 Any other business
- 15 Questions from the floor

Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association

Minutes of AGM held on

30 November 2015 at

Salhouse Lodge Inn, Vicarage Road, Salhouse, NR15 6HD

Present: Mr M Evans (President) (**ME**), Prof R Card (Chairman) (**RiC**), Mr D Talbot (Vice Chairman) (**DT**), Ms J Bower (Hon Administrator) (**JB**), Mr Peter Mantle (Green Book Organiser) (**PM**), Mrs R Card (**RaC**), Brian Wilkins (**BW**), John Tibbenham (**JT**), Malcolm Valentine (**MV**), Phil Ollier (**PO**), Paul Carrington (**PC**), Janet Gilmour (**JG**) and representatives of Clubs, Classes, Individual Members and invited Guests.

1 **Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from David Hastings, Keith Lindsay, Chris Balls (**CB**), Henry Cator, Martin Thompson (**MT**), David Revill, Robert Whitefoot (**RW**), Richie Dugdale (**RD**) and Les Mogford (**LM**)

2 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 December 2014** The Minutes of the AGM held on 1 December 2014 were approved and signed as a true record.

3 **Matters arising from the Minutes** There were no matters arising.

4 **Chairman's Annual Report** **RiC** began his report by pointing out that a lot happens behind the scenes which is not necessarily reported in the Newsletter. The NSBA is now represented on 18 different organisations and is consulted by various bodies. For example, the NSBA is now always consulted on planning applications which potentially impinge on navigation, and has dealt with nineteen in the past year. The NSBA also works with RYA, the Broads Society, the Hire Boat Federation (BHBF) and MP's, in particular Norman Lamb who has been especially supportive.

RiC then went on to update events since the Autumn Newsletter.

Hoveton Great Broad **RiC** conceded that after a lot of hard work this is a battle we have lost. Sue Hines has still received no acknowledgement of receipt from the Secretary of State for the petition which contains in excess of 1400 signatures. Following pressure from the NSBA, Natural England has decided that stone-filled gabions will not be used as fish barriers blocking the entrances to the Broad, and that much more easily removable fish barriers will be used instead.

Moorings The Newsletter identified the possibility of demasting moorings at Scare Gap two miles upstream from Great Yarmouth. The BA hope to have these ready for use by the start of the main boating season.

Cockshoot Broad The boardwalk linking the 24-hour moorings Cockshoot and Woodbastwick has been closed. The BA had maintained the boardwalk under a one year licence. Now the boardwalk needs replacing which will cost in the region of £200k. On the basis of this the BA wanted to negotiate a long lease but the landowner will not agree. At the moment the boardwalk is closed except to fisherman who have leases on fishing platforms. The NSBA has started discussions with the Broads Society and the Hire Boat Federation with a view to seeking an acceptable resolution. **RiC** is not optimistic about this. The boardwalk giving access to Cockshoot Broad remains open and is to be improved.

With regard to demasting facilities the BA have said that the pontoons normally used are unaffordable and suggested the use of dolphins. The NSBA rejected dolphins and suggested the use of Versadock as at Hardley Mill. We have yet to hear.

Tolls **RiC** has been involved in recent correspondence to try to ensure that an increase in tolls is supported by full information and that toll payers are seen to receive value for money. This is not the basis on which the Nav Com came to their recent decision to increase the tolls. **RiC** had urged the Nav Com to reconvene and reconsider but they did not agree to do this. The NSBA is concerned not to put the Nav Com in a position whereby their decisions may be overruled by the BA.

RiC reported that tree clearance work on the Ant had started today.

National Park Branding The BA move to brand the Broads as a National Park has gone ahead although it is subject to judicial review. The Sandford Principle does not apply and the Broads can only become a National Park through primary legislation which is an unlikely event.

RiC is more concerned about the wide powers of Natural England (NE),, and their exercise. NE do not appear to have transparent accountability. The RYA intends to consult with NE to try and sort out a more balanced approach nationally. It was noted that NE has the power to make orders banning navigation for habitat-protection purposes, whereas the BA's powers to make a special direction affecting navigation were limited to doing so in the interests of safety.

RiC announced that he was giving up the Chair after four years and **RaC** was giving up as Green Book Organiser after seven years. **ME** was also retiring as President after many years' association with the NSBA. Thanks were given for all his support and strength and a presentation was made.

Questions were then taken from the floor. Alan Mallet commented that John Packman had said that the rise in the tolls is to pay for the work to be carried out on Hickling Broad and Mutford Lock. He said that it is now incumbent to ensure that the increase is, indeed, spent on these two works and not on administration.

Andy Beale suggested that demasting should be referred to as mast lowering.

Harry May raised concerns about the dredging on Hickling but BEW was able to confirm that the work has started now that the water has reached the required temperature and depth.

5 **The Martin Broom Trophy**

ME welcomed Anne Whelpton to the event although the Tim Whelpton Trophy had not been awarded this year.

ME went on to welcome Jennifer Broom who duly presented the Martin Broom Trophy to Broadsbeat. Representatives of Broadsbeat went on to give a presentation of the work they carry out on the Broads.

6 **Financial Report and Accounts for 2015**

ME read out a report previously supplied by **RW**. Alan Mallett noted that the individual subscriptions had dropped. **JB** explained that a lot of members had been resigned because they had not paid their subs. These were mainly members who pay by cheque. The members with Standing Orders are not a problem and this year all new members are required to complete a Direct Debit mandate. Hence the problem should be levelling out.

ME proposed that the accounts be adopted and **DT** seconded. Carried unanimously.

ME proposed that Alan Mallett be appointed to scrutinise the accounts. **RiC** seconded and carried unanimously

7 **Honoraria for Officers for 2015/2016**

It was proposed by **ME** that the honoraria for the Hon Administrator, the Treasurer and the Green Book Organiser remain the same for another year by **JG**. Seconded by **JT** and carried unanimously.

8 **Election of Officers**

ME thank **RiC** for all the hard work he had put in as Chairman and proposed that he become President. Seconded by **JG** and carried unanimously.

9 **Election of General Purposes Committee**

Chairman **BW** Proposed by **RiC** Seconded by Alan Mallett

The new Chairman thanked **RiC** for his hard work and **RaC** as Green Book Organiser and made a presentation to them.

Vice Chairman **DT** Proposed by **MV** Seconded by **JG** Carried

Hon Administrator **JB** " **MV** " **JT** Carried

Hon Treasurer **RW** " **JC** " **JG** Carried 1 abstention

Green Book Organiser **PM** " **PO** " **MV** Carried

The rest of the Committee being **CB, JC, RaC, PC, MT, MV, JT, JG, RD, LM** and Ben Falat (**BF**) were voted en bloc and carried unanimously.

10 **Appointment of Representatives to RYA Eastern Regional Committee**

RiC is already a representative and wished to continue. **BF** was also put forward. Proposed by Alan Mallett and seconded by **JG**. Carried unanimously.

11 **The Green Book**

RaC introduced **PM** as the new Green Book Organiser.

12 **Regatta Dates for the 2016 Season**

PM had prepared a list of events subsequent to the fixtures meeting. There are still some gaps to fill and **PM** requested clubs to send in all information to him.

13 **Other dates for 2016**

Flag Officers Event 18 March

BYR 3 September

Fixtures Meeting 9 November

AGM 28 November

Ramuz 10 September

14 **AOB**

Liz Ollier promoted the Nancy Oldfield Trust which currently requires more volunteers not just in sailing but also fishing, bird watching and listening and motor boating.

There were no questions from the floor.

BW thanked Anne Whelpton, Jennifer Broom and Broadsbeat for coming.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Broadland Youth Regatta

The 23rd annual Broadland Youth Regatta was hosted by the Norfolk Broads Yacht Club at Wroxham Broad on 3 September.



Light southerly winds provided a challenging course for the 75 youngsters who competed in 64 boats ranging from Optimists through Toppers and Fevas to Solos and Lasers. Six Broadland sailing clubs were represented by teams, with each competitor sailing four races.

The final series of races was curtailed by heavy rain and lack of wind

leading to dramatically shortened courses, but the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

Individual winners of the series races included Ben Campbell (Laser) of Norfolk Broads Yacht Club in the fast handicap, Toby Pearce of Horning Sailing Club in the Toppers, and Josh Means of Horning Sailing Club in the Optimists.

The slow handicap series was won by George Curtis and Andrew Morgan of Beccles Amateur Sailing Club in their traditional Norfolk Dinghy, also winning the Whelpton trophy for double handers having won all four of their races.

The prestigious team Centenary Salver for the winning team went to Horning Sailing Club by the narrowest of margins, who despite having competed every year, had never won before in the Regatta's history.

The Lady Mayhew trophy for personal endeavour was awarded to Elizabeth Ford of Norfolk Broads Yacht Club, who was competing in her first major Optimist race series.

Brian Wilkins, chairman of the NSBA, thanked NBYC for running the event with such excellent event and race management. Brian commented that as one of the on-the-water judges, he had seen much improved race tactics and good application of the racing rules of sailing.

SUMMARY STATISTICS:

Team size: Beccles 6; Hickling 11; Horning 15; NBYC 19; NPC 3; WOBYC 10.

Fleet size: Optimist 12; Slow H/C 9; Topper 20; Fast H/C 23.

Singlehanders 53; Doublehanders 11; Competitors 75.

Top Local Youth Sailors

Norfolk Broads Yacht Club were especially well represented at the International Optimist Nationals at Largs in August with 9 competitors in the various fleets, including no less than three Panks and three Alstons. Hickling and Horning sailors also featured in the Topper nationals. However, the big discussion is whether NBYC's 13 year old William Pank's winning the RS Feva World Championship in Santander was as great an accomplishment as taking part in the Endeavour Trophy (the Championship of Champions) at Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Burnham, and winning Race 4 whilst up

About the Eastern Region of the Royal Yachting Association

Most of the clubs affiliated to the NSBA are also affiliated to the RYA, the national body for the promotion and protection of boating of all types, and many club members and NSBA members are individual members of the RYA.

Eastern Region

The RYA locally is represented by the Eastern Regional Committee of the RYA (ERC).

The geographic area covered by the Eastern Region is large. It comprises Cambridgeshire (including Peterborough), Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex (excluding Thurrock), Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire (including Central Beds. & Bedford).

There are 180 affiliated clubs in the Eastern Region. Because of the Region's size and numbers of affiliates it is divided into 11 local areas. Each area has its own association; the NSBA is one of them. Each area appoints one or more representatives to ERC. The NSBA has two, Richard Card (ERC Chairman) and Ben Falat. The 11 local associations and their clubs vary widely. Some associations and their clubs are coastal; some inland (a couple almost entirely dinghy racing). One association is almost entirely a motor boating one.

Eastern Regional Committee

The ERC is an integrated team composed of three groups who work together for the benefit of the Region, its local associations (LAs) and their clubs and organisations as well as for individual members of the RYA:

- the **Volunteer Members** (including the officers of the Committee). Besides the Secretary and Treasurer, they are elected by the LAs. They support the Regional Staff in a variety of ways;
- the **Regional Staff** (RYA employees or contractors, most of whom are well known locally): the Regional Development Officer (RDO), Robbie Bell, who is assisted by two Sailing Development Officers (SDOs), one of whom is Holly Hancock (Horning SC); the High Performance Manager (HPM), Paul Wren (Hickling Broad SC); the Disability Development Officer (DDO), Jane Ellison; and the Regional Communicator. These staff working in the East have roles in delivering the aims and aspirations of both the Region and the RYA centrally;
- the **Specialist Appointment Holders** (volunteers): the Regional Planning and Environment Co-ordinator (RPEC), Bob Calver; the Regional Race Management Co-ordinator (RMC), Peter Saxton; and the Regional Rules Adviser (RRA), Graham Louth.

What does the Eastern Region do?

- The RDO and SDOs provide support for club development.
- The RDO and SDOs, supported by Volunteer Members, organise training courses.
- The Region, via a Volunteer Member (benfalat@gmail.com), manages its training fleets of Optimists, Teras, Toppers, 2000s and sailboards.
- The Region provides a two-way channel of communication between the RYA and (a) affiliated clubs and organisations, and (b) individual members.
- The interests of the Region, and those of its constituent clubs and organisations and of individual members, are represented at the RYA Council via the Regional Chairman, a Council member.
- The Region represents via Volunteer Members the interests of the RYA on local harbour and navigation authorities (eg Broads Authority groups - a duty it shares with NSBA reps), advisory committees (eg the MCA East Anglian Safety Committee), port user groups (eg those at Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft) and other fora.
- The RPEC, assisted by Volunteer Members, monitors and reports on environmental developments.
- The Regional Staff, assisted by Volunteer Members, liaise with clubs and other organisations in promoting RYA initiatives, various types of awards, and in collecting information required by the RYA, e.g. the annual club membership census.

As can be seen, the ERC does not compete with the NSBA but supplements its work.



A Note from your Administrator

A gentle reminder to all members who do not pay by Standing Order or who have not set up a Direct Debit that your annual subscription of £10 is due on 1 January 2017. It is expensive both in time and money if I have to send out reminders.

There are still some 200 members who have not given me an email address. Postage is costly. If you know of any member who is in this position please can you give them a nudge.

If you sell your boat and/or buy a new one please let me know so that I can update our records. Please also let your boat class secretary know. If you don't know who they are I should be able to help you there.

Finally, see you at the AGM. Please note the change of venue. The Oaklands Hotel has an overspill carpark behind the main car park. Just carry on up the hill. Alternatively arrangements have been made to use Frostbites carpark on the opposite side of the main road. If not, Merry Christmas and Happy Sailing in 2017.