

Blakeney Sailing Club newsletter October 2014

Sailing: Too little or too much wind occasionally the right sort! We did not make the Point on 12th July, there was zero wind; the photograph on Facebook (seen by 206 people) showed smiling faces which betrayed the truth, we all want to go sailing!

The Hospital Cup was successful with 15 competitors.

The Morston Regatta was action packed including your new commodore, as crew, falling out of his boat when the toe strap suddenly gave way. That evening a bring your own B-B-Q was enjoyed in Norfolk park. Another B-B-Q was shared in Morston, this time in the village hall after the invitation sail of the Morston Cockles around buoys 1, 12, 11 and 10.

The Mid Week Holiday Sailing was frustrated by the tail end of hurricane Bertha, but when it did start it proved to be very eventful; Only Patsy Seymour and Andrew Bassett managed not to capsize whilst Séan's carbon fibre boom cracked but only one side! Next day Séan was sailing again, or was that flying his surfboard. Four days sailing MWHS made a good challenge with worthy winners of the trophies.

Only one day sailing was achieved at the Blakeney Regatta, the second had just too much wind. And is that a dog I saw on one of the boats- see Facebook

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The Ladies Cup, the Amateur cups and the Streaker event enjoyed just the right amount of wind! Light winds once again frustrated the racers in Series three, managing only three days competing; one day the tide came in and the tide went out with nobody setting sail.

Although not an event organised by Blakeney Sailing Club, it is right to mention BSC success at the Triple B at Buckenham Sailing Club on 4th October., as mentioned in the Eastern Daily Press on 9th October 2014. Of all the 29 boats that entered only 6 finished the race in the allotted time of which 3 were Blakeney Seaflies. Congratulations to Alan Robinson and Hugh Ambery for finishing in the fastest time and carrying off the trophy. There used to be return visits to each other's clubs, perhaps this will start again.

The Last Post Horn races required skilful use of very little wind against one of the highest tides of the year on the Saturday. Since there was no wind on the Sunday, there were no races.

Fun Week: A picnic at Hard Rock Café and a fabulous sail were achieved in Fun Week, not to mention water skiing, paddleboarding and tennis ball fishing! If you have not seen Bill Glauert's video, its not too late <http://youtu.be/3ebtSXx50IU>

Nobody fell into "dead man's hole" during a very enjoyable walk from Stiffkey Marshes to Blakeney, more enjoyed Diane Cooke's afternoon tea! NWNSA enjoyed two very successful days- especially since the day before saw no wind at Wells, 39 nine boats took part in four class races, National 12's, Allcomers, Supernovas and Lasers. Many thanks go to those who manned the four patrol boats, Race Officers, Galley Crew.

Regrettably the Marsh Marathon and Cricket match against the Cockles and Oysters had to be cancelled.

Rowing: Coastal Rowing Association Blakeney – CRAB, is going from strength to strength. See blog <http://crablakeney.wordpress.com> Now 43 members are enjoying the delights of rowing at Blakeney -for fun, exercise, good company and of course racing; Cork – winning the fastest four oared wooden boat and coming second in the prettiest hand built category; our first Norfolk Broads Tour – its not too late to log in and enjoy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_agOzXYtIY

Both CRAB skiffs finished in the top third of 323 boats and in under three hours, in the Great River race, 21miles upstream from Millwall Riverside to Ham House, Richmond. Both will be racing the Carrow Cup on Saturday 6th December.

The first boat, Hoi Larntan is ready for a repaint. She will be in and around Blakeney for the winter, whilst the second Boat, Bluejacket sets off to Barton Broad.

Kings Lynn Coastal Rowing Club is in an advanced state of building their first St Ayles skiff – competition!

75th Anniversary Dinner: What a success! Congratulations to all the organisers have been widely expressed. Ideas suggested blossomed into reality with the enthusiasm of wonderful people, for example the commemorative tea towels and mugs. The event would not have been the success it was without the ideas, the planning, the execution by the organisers and the many helpers. The raffle was bountiful, fun and a fund raising success; many thanks to the donors and those who wore out their shoe leather getting the prizes. Since it was a special anniversary, cups were awarded for reasons other than coming first in a race ([see below](#)), something the club might like to continue? Special mention must be made of the transformation of Blakeney Village Hall for the evening; the Hall Committee were so impressed, they are going to use one of our photos from the night for their advertising. And anybody there will not forget the star-studded performance of Susie Emmet's "The Tide comes in and the Tide goes out".

AGM: This year's meeting was well attended. The minutes have been circulated and there followed an Interim Newsletter.

Sailing Programme for 2015: Please see the programme, which shows an increase in sailing events. We will be looking for volunteers to help as Principal Race Officers, Assistant Race Officers and assistants to Patrol Boat helms.

Working Parties: Lapwing had been secured for the winter by mooring her by the quay; thanks go to all those who helped, the racing buoys were retrieved at the same time. Subsequently the wind blew her up onto the quay, a 7.6m tide was more like 9.0. Vigilant Rod Jeffreys and Edward Allen pushed her back off the quay. She is now at Morston, thanks to James Cowan of Norfolk etc. Once more thanks go to those helping.

Marketing: It has been said that Blakeney "punches above its weight", we need to pass on our enthusiasm to others that they may enjoy the fantastic facilities we have at Blakeney.

100 Club: Thank you to the 46 members who support the 100 club. We give out in prize money more than 50% of the money collected. Last year we have gave £1350 in prizes and boosted BSC funds by £820

Please consider joining or having a second number, each number costs £50 a year. Ann Cleall has kindly agreed to continue to organise this for us, she would be delighted to hear from you – application form attached. A present for the person who has everything??

Carnser clear up/Hut removal: Timely reminder that boats, stakes and trailers need to be removed from the Dinghy Park by the end of November unless you notify Tracey Bayfield at the Parish Council. The Carnser clear up is at 9:30am on the Sunday 7th of December. So, I look forward to seeing you on the Carnser nice and early, followed by refreshments in the Clubhouse afterwards then lunch.

Cups awarded at 75th Anniversary Dinner:

- **For making and sharing sausage rolls**
- **For capturing the essence of Blakeney Sailing Club**
- **For making the most use of the water at Blakeney**
- **For the most improved sailor**
- **For being the most competitive non-competitive sailor**

Attached: 100 Club Application Form