

Blakeney Sailing Club - Newsletter June 2016

Update on sailing- The weather has not been kind to us so far this year; only one race was managed over the Easter weekend. That's enough complaining. Sometimes it is better to be on the shore wishing you were on the sea and not vice versa!

So far this year, I have seen and can name sixty sailors who have either been racing or flotilla Sailing with Blakeney Sailing Club and that is after only 90 days of not good weather! The club must be doing something right. A big thank you to all who make this possible. What will the rest of the season bring? I hope a lot of fun and for those that want it, competition.

To follow Blakeney Sailing Club on Facebook requires very few clicks of the mouse and will update you with photos and race results as well as some Blakeney Humour. BSC has two presences on Facebook, a public page which is accessible to all and a private group which is by invitation; consider yourselves invited!

The club's website gets regularly updated and contains much useful information as well as photos. See <http://blakeney sailing.co.uk>

Forthcoming Events- our committee is planning both sailing and non-sailing events, both competitive and non-competitive events. I hope we are providing what you are looking for from the club. If we are then please tell others. If we could do better please tell us!

The Yearbook has the list of our many and varied events but I will mention the rejuvenation of the Seafly Class Association and its first National Races of the new era on the morning tides of the 9th and 10th July. Should be a good sight, worth some photos.

Having never hit a golf ball in anger or in any other way, I could make a very useful caddy for someone. If you are interested in the Golf Tournament on 9th August at West Runton please contact Alan Robinson on 01328 830313.

A full day's entertainment is organised for the 6th August.

- 8:45 am is the Morston Regatta.
- 2:00 pm is the annual cricket match, Morston Vs Blakeney. Last year we had fourteen in our team and we still lost, but this year who knows? Do come and join the fun either as player or spectator, ringers most welcome! I hear through the grapevine that Morston's bowling machine is out of action and needs a spare part....
- 5:00 pm the prize giving is at Morston at Norfolk Etc's land at Morston Quay
- 7:00 pm bring your own picnic supper, Bar-B-Ques provided to cook your own. This is also at Norfolk Etc's land at Morston Quay and is supported by Morston Parish Council. Live music and its free, no charge!

Blakeney Sailing Club's blue ribbon event will be held on 20th and 21st August. Our Regatta will be following in the wake of regattas held at Blakeney since 1863. The planning and organisation are well under way. I hope you are all ready too.

Annual Dinner - otherwise known as the Hog Roast. We are delighted to announce that Philip West will be informing and entertaining us at the Club Dinner on Friday 2nd September. Philip was a solicitor in Fakenham. He has collected 10s of 000s of vintage postcards over many years covering all sorts of subjects round North Norfolk. He is an acclaimed presenter and speaker on life in 19th and 20th centuries in Norfolk, on land and sea. His presentation will be covering the Wells to Salthouse coastal belt and slightly further into the sea.

Ann Cleall is taking bookings now and can be contacted on 01263 710043 or ann@tignes.co.uk or at Siskins, Bernard Close, High Kelling, Holt. NR25 6QY

Update on Clubhouse – Blakeney Sailing Club leases the clubhouse from the Blakeney Parochial Church Council. The current lease expires on 17th July 2017. We have entered into preliminary negotiations about renewing the lease and are currently waiting to hear from our landlords what the new terms will be. Your committee will keep you informed.

Update on Dredging the Blakeney Cut- The Dinghy Park Management Committee (DPMC) continues to meet and report to the Blakeney Parish Council. It has produced a Mission Statement on the dredging that will be published soon. They have decided that the complexity of the project was beyond the remit of its members and to take it forward they would seek help outside itself. The Blakeney Sailing Club committee decided that it did not see the advantages to the club from the dredging and advised the DPMC. Whether you think you are for or against the project, I would ask you to get involved, attend the committee meetings, understand what is involved and make your feelings felt.

Club House - Sylvia took over the running of the clubhouse galley in 2010 from Joy Perryman and Ivy Blogg; Joy started the galley in 2002. Sylvia has bowed to the pressure from her family to hand over the keys to the cooker. Sylvia knows that we have appreciated her cooking, understanding and sense of humour when everything goes pear shaped. There is a new team of cooks and sous chefs, led by Christine Hibberd that will try to fill the hole left behind by Sylvia. Many thanks Sylvia and keep rowing "Willow"

Annual General Meeting – will be held at 3pm on 21st August. All the officers and committee retire at the end of each AGM but are eligible for re-election. Nominations of full or family members to the committee should be given to Jane Armstrong our honorary secretary at least 14 days before the AGM. Please do come and support your club. The Receipts and Payments Accounts for the club will be posted in the clubhouse before 7th August and presented at the AGM.

Money – There has not been an increase in membership fees for some time. Your committee endeavours to keep all expenses to a minimum. The 100 Club helps to keep it this way. Ann Cleall will enrol anyone wanting to support this and take a chance to win some money.

Since BSC is a Community Amateur Sports Club, tax paid on donations to it, can be reclaimed by the club. Thank you to those members who make donations.

Blakeney Harbour Association – Its mission statement is:

"The membership of BLAKENEY HARBOUR ASSOCIATION brings together all who share a common interest in maintaining, improving, protecting and conserving Blakeney Harbour and the land that surrounds it. These include professional boatmen and other professional users, leisure sailors and boaters, bird watchers and recreational walkers.

Together members create a strong and influential single voice, with an ambition to make the harbour functional, safe and open for all to use and enjoy."

This association is how we, the users of the harbour, make it safer to use and defend ourselves from the threats of nature, quangos and others. It is your association, please join: <http://blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk>

Happy and safe sailing everyone

Alan Collett

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