

Blakeney Sailing Club newsletter October 2016

I have to report the death of a stalwart of the club Neville Murcott. Several members went to the funeral at St Faith's Crematorium or the reception at The Lawns, Holt. His son, Adrian concluded his funeral oration entitled "Sailing on" with the words
"He died peacefully on 9th July 2016. So now he has sailed on over the horizon into the bottomless blue..."

Welcome:

A warm welcome to new members, who are reading the newsletter for the first time and to longstanding members, I hope you enjoy reading and feel better informed by the end.

Feedback received:

- The club fleet is the best behaved fleet I have raced in - ever
- This is the friendliest club I have sailed in

Racing:

If you have not yet heard about the 2016 Seafly National Event at Blakeney and our Streaker Open Event, where have you been? Detailed reports can be found by putting Blakeney into the search box of <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com> These weekends each had a light and a not so light wind day, challenging the racers in different ways. The October edition of Yachts and Yachting magazine includes the Seafly event.

The North West Norfolk Sailing day at Blakeney was also a very challenging day for all classes; for example of the eight Supernovas that registered for the week only four set sail at Blakeney and of these only one finished. Richard Pakes from Haversham deserved his congratulations even though in winning he capsized three times! 56 boats sailed in the Morston Regatta and though Graham and Robin Barker in Wayfarer 888 crossed the finish line first, all participants were later declared to be winners. The Blakeney Regattas had to be postponed for 48 hours due to the storm blowing through. Even when they were held, the 28mph winds were demanding enough. First across the line on the "Saturday" Blakeney Regatta was Angela Harcourt in her Laser whilst the "Sunday" race winner was Alan Robinson who helmed with Angela Harcourt crewing in his Seafly "Merlin".

Full details are online at: <http://blakeney sailing.co.uk> just hover your cursor over the sailing programme tab and follow your nose!

Statistics:

At one stage of 55 races sailed 22 different helms are recorded as winners in 28 different boats!

Alan Jackson has taken part in 44 of these races, your commodore in 39, Simon Hibberd in 38 and Séan Moore in 37.

Social:

As you already know we are definitely not, only a racing club. Although many of you will be frequently asked to join in the races it is understood that there are sailors who just do not race. This year the flotilla sailing was constrained by just the weather/tide not allowing sailing us to go much further afield.

The club wants to facilitate the organisation of events for its sailors. Bill Glauert is Rear Commodore of flotilla sailing and would welcome any approaches from members keen to participate maybe help organise.

A new fun sailing event was introduced by Alan Jackson. He called it "Sail Biffing". Two teams had to "race" around a given course playing follow the leader, taking it in turns to be the leader. The leader had to pass an inflated rubber ring to the next member of their team who then became the leader and so on. Points were awarded for synchronised sailing, synchronised tacking, synchronised ballet etc.

The photos that are worth more than a thousand words are posted on <https://www.facebook.com/Blakeney-Sailing-Club-115657908546638/> and the club's website

<http://blakeney sailing.co.uk/photo-galleries/2016-club-photo-gallery/> These show us having fun, sailing, picnicking, playing cricket, tennis, walking, cycling etc etc.

Hog Roast and Summer Supper in Blakeney Village Hall: Philip West proved to be a good speaker leaving us wanting more. Using his overhead projector, he showed his digitalised photos from yesteryear. His depth and breadth of knowledge of the content of these was impressive. He showed photos of Cromer's stations, one serving the Midlands and the other London; showing the same shot taken at various times going back in history until all that was seen in the picture was Cromer church and the vicarage – no road in between! Obvious approval

circulated the room when any pictures of Blakeney were shown. We saw a picture of Captain Richard Woodget who was born in the Burnham's and lived in Flagstaff Cottage in Burnham Overy Staithe. He became master of the Cutty Sark.

At the end of the evening, people just stayed talking whilst the hall was being cleared all around them, they just did not want to go home.

A success, thanks to all who helped.

The **Annual General Meeting** saw the elections of the committee all stood again which is good but it must be said that the club will need new officers and committee members to bring forward new ideas next year. If you think this might appeal to you or someone you know please talk to anyone of the committee members.

If you are not a member of the Blakeney Harbour Association please do consider joining. <http://blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk>

Money matters:

Once again the committee thought long and hard about the membership fees for next year and once again decided not to raise them yet.

Dredging of the Cut:

This proposal has not gone away. The BSC committee informed the Parish Council that it did not feel that it could support or be seen to be driving forward the dredging project since it saw no real benefits to its sailors, sailing in and out of the cut. This has been a matter of disquiet for the BSC committee, the parish council, the dinghy park management committee, the BSC trustees and members of the sailing club. It is hoped that the members on the dinghy management park committee will bring to the BSC committee a form of words concerning the project that the BSC committee will be able to support.

Club Premises:

The lease for the Church Hall Room to BSC expires on 7th July 2017. BSC committee continues to monitor the negotiations between the Parochial Church Council and the club. It remains the decision of the BSC committee to call an Extraordinary General Meeting if a new lease would result in a significant increase in membership fees. The EGM would be to resolve whether or not to renew the lease. All options are being considered by the BSC committee.

100 Club: If you are not a member, please consider joining thus helping the club to raise funds; please complete and return the application form attached to this letter.

Carnser clear up/Hut removal: Timely reminder (see below) 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 10:00am on the Sunday 4th of December. Please come and help. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Clubhouse.

The committee will then hold a short meeting after which we lunch at The Moorings. If you would like to join us for this lunch please contact Ann Cleall at ann@tignes.co.uk or 01263 710043

Blakeney Dinghy Park Committee Regulations

2. No items may be left on the 'Dinghy Park' between 1st December and the 1st March. These dates are mandatory and will be strictly enforced. Owners who transgress will find their craft removed without notice even if the period is only a day. [Regulation 10 will apply.]

10. Boat Owners who fail to follow the regulations will be asked to rectify breaches by a notice attached to the boat requiring the breach to be remedied within 30 days. Thereafter and without further notice the boat will be removed to an open store. A fee of £50 for boats or £10 for canoes plus any costs incurred in removal is payable to secure recovery. Any craft which has not been claimed within 60 days of removal will be sold and the costs and fees deducted from the proceeds.