

Blakney Sailing Club - Amplified Notes 2018

February 26, 2018

As I write there is an unpleasant hue in the clouds to the east, snow is falling and the tabloids are promising the coldest weather since mammoths roamed Hunstanton. I am delighted to say that every day chosen for racing this year will have clear blue skies and brisk breezes!

Dutyman

A brief word about Dutyman; this has been sent to all club members whether they race or not. It does not mean that they are detailed off for duties, or indeed expected to do them, though of course volunteers are always welcome. It will remind those doing duties before the event. It will allow members to swop duties as needed. It also serves as a calendar of events. It should be a great help. We are feeling our way with this and would welcome feedback and comment.

Racing Program

There are just over 50 races planned for this year. As ever we welcome everyone from the accomplished sailor to those who have just managed to tack and gybe. If you would like to try racing for the first time please just let us know.

Racing will start on Easter Saturday; it did not seem kind to haul everyone out of bed before 0700 on Good Friday. There are some early starts on some weekends as the racing sub committee was concerned about sailing withdrawal symptoms.

Push the boat out is an excellent opportunity to try out racing or just going out in a dingy. This year in May the tides are in the evening and we hope for a good turnout.

On the Monday of the May bank Holiday we will be holding a crew Pursuit race – we hope helms will enjoy getting to know their spinnakers better.

Evening cut races on Wednesday starting in May should provide some relaxed events in contrast to the Seafly Nationals, which is characterized by friendly but intense competition. The ladies races were so successful last year we have added a second weekend to the program.

The international 14s, Streakers and North West Norfolk are all returning for open events.

The annual race week will be held from the 13.8.18 with some excellent tides. The fun week leading up to the Blakeney regatta and hog roast on the first weekend of September has good tides and a variety of land-based events.