

## **Blakeney Sailing Club newsletter October 2015**

This newsletter contains news about sailing at the club, socialising on and off the water, some appreciation of members and helpful organisations, money matters, clubhouse lease and the Carnser clear up and Lunch. There will be an additional newsletter regarding an Extraordinary General Meeting.

### **Sailing Events:**

Although the 9.3m tide at the end of August had no wind, the weather and tides have been good or am I wearing those rose coloured spectacles again. BSC gets such positive feedback such as that following the NWNSA day in August. *“Great event today - well organised and well executed - a credit to the sailing club and echoed by the visitors.”*

The Regattas were the events with the highest number of boats turning out. Thanks to Sara Lord for sharing her photo of 63 boats sailing at Blakeney in 1983 and Edward Allen pointing out the 1938 regatta had similar turn out. But numbers are not everything; anyone looking at the club's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Blakeney-Sailing-Club-115657908546638/timeline/>

or the photos on the web <http://blakeney sailing.co.uk/photo-galleries/2015-club-photo-gallery/>

will see that we are really enjoying ourselves!

Series 3 or the Autumn Series had 23 entrants!

The Last Post Horn trophy for the last races of the year had 11 boats.

Roll on next season.

### **Social Events:**

The Hog Roast proved popular with nearly 110 sitting down to enjoy their meal and Dr D. Horsley's talk after the 9 O'clock watershed, entitled "Sex on the Beach and Other Cock Tales". BSC has enjoyed the camaraderie of the Cackle Club at cricket, at BBQ and on the water at their Invitation Race. Members also attended by invitation the BBQs held by the Blakeney Harbour Association and by the Morston Parish Council after the Morston Regatta prize giving. Once again Facebook shows the smiling faces that prove the success of Fun Week activities, the organised tennis matches, cycle ride and walk or was that Bear Hunt.

The Annual General Meeting saw the election of the new committee and

a **new Office of Rear Commodore Flotilla Sailing**. I repeat my thanks to the outgoing officers and committee members and I look forward to working with the new ones. Bill Glauert, the first Rear Commodore Flotilla Sailing, writes "The main point is that we are sailing together - we're not trying to get as far away as possible from the nearest boat!" The 2016 Events Programme has a new feel about it, of which I think all sailors will approve. Going forward the club will lose none of its racing heritage.

The club has been very pleased to have Chris Keys and Steve Banks as our regular patrol boats' helms; it is reassuring that so many members have obtained the necessary qualifications/approval of the committee to act in the same capacity. Special thanks goes to Rod Jeffreys who has volunteered so many times to help out in this regard. **Please step forward and volunteer** to help as, or to assist, the Race Officers / Event Organisers and patrol boat helms. I can testify that volunteering in this way is not only helpful to your fellow sailors but will improve your sailing skills and is great fun.

Sailors have the **BHA** to thank for the channel markers and the removal the wreck tabernacle from the end of the cut. At the time of writing the JCB buckets are still sitting on the sea bed above the sand on the north side of Blakeney Pit opposite moored Cockle, "Shore Lark". If you are not a member of the BHA please do consider joining.

<http://blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk>

Your committee wants to facilitate more use of the waters at Blakeney by you. The Pursuit Races have seen sailors that do not normally race joining in, whilst the Fun Week or Social Sailing Events as they were called, saw some taking part that than normally only race. DO join in with both Racing and Flotilla Sailing at Blakeney.

### **Money matters:**

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

It is aware that the following charges being charged next year by the Blakeney Parish Council to help pay for dredging/maintenance of the cut from the slipway to the pit:

Catamarans	£80.00
Dinghies/row boats	£50.00
Canoes/kayaks	£20.00

### **Club Premises:**

The lease for the Church Hall Room to BSC expires on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The landlords are prepared to renew the lease until 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 but for a significantly increased sum. Your committee met and discussed the ramifications. It was resolved that an Extraordinary General Meeting would be called to either accept such a sum which would result in an increase in membership fees, or resolve not to have a clubhouse and reduce membership fees. An Agenda with more detailed proposals, times and dates will be forthcoming.

**100 Club:** This is a gentle way to extract money from you and helps to raise money for the club. In the year to August 2015, it contributed £1375 to club funds and gave away £1365 in prizes. Thank you to the 46 members who currently support this fund raising activity. If you are not a member and are thinking of joining, please complete the application form attached to this letter.

**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 10:00am on the Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of December. So, I look forward to seeing you on the Carnser followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Clubhouse. The committee will then hold its next meeting after which we lunch at The Moorings. If you would like to join us for lunch please contact Ann Cleall at [ann@tignes.co.uk](mailto: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.