



# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

I hope you have all fared well during the winter and are looking forward to a lovely summer on the water. I kept meaning to do a Newsletter, then delaying it until I had a bit more news. By the time I got around to it again the news was already out there courtesy of Facebook, so this might be a little brief. We are fortunate that Alan Collett is so adept at posting and please do keep it up. If anyone has sailing news or information they would like to share just email Alan : [alan.collett@gmail.com](mailto:alan.collett@gmail.com)

## FLOTILLA SAILING

Sadly the first Flotilla Sail of the year had to be cancelled due to high winds.

The second is on Tuesday 19 April at 08:00. Hopefully many of you will be there for Séan's first expedition.

## RACING NEWS

The Frostbite Series certainly lived up to its name with ice on the dinghy covers cracking as we uncovered them. Many congratulations to Simon Hibberd and Alan Collett on their series victory and everyone else, patrol boats and Race Officers included, for braving the chilly early mornings – after that anything else will feel tropical.

If you believe the weather forecast, we are in for a lovely Easter, a bit warmer with gentle easterly breezes – perfect for getting in and out of Blakeney.

We are hosting 3 Open Meetings this year – Laser, Seafly and International 14s, with Allcomers always welcome too.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Two Club Members attended the recent meeting, in addition to the Committee and they really did add a lot to it. They have experience of other sailing clubs and were welcome to join in the conversation. If you have time to spare we would love to see you at the next meeting which is on Saturday 4 June in the Blakeney Hotel around mid-day – after racing and the presentation of prizes for the Laser Open Meeting and the races at the start of our season.

The Minutes are also now being published on our website in the News, Meetings & Briefings section <https://blakeney sailing.co.uk/newsletters-briefings/>

If there is anything you would like to bring up at a Committee Meeting please give me a ring on 07790 631 760 or email [angela@hardfarm.co.uk](mailto:angela@hardfarm.co.uk).

## DISCOVER SAILING

This will be held on Saturday and Sunday 14 and 15 May, late afternoon tides, with 'Racing' on both days plus a Flotilla Sail on the Saturday.

If you are able to take someone out or know somebody who would like to sail please can you contact Victoria Buckingham : [victoriabuckingham1@gmail.com](mailto:victoriabuckingham1@gmail.com) or 07895 623856

## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

We sent out a very short survey this week trying to gain information about how you think the Club could be improved and made more welcoming / inclusive. Please try to give us some feedback, we can't improve if we don't know what we are doing wrong.

The Club is very fortunate to have many willing volunteers, but like most clubs, it is usually the same faces. If you would like to help in any way, perhaps have an idea for a different activity, please let us know and maybe we can facilitate it.

## YEARBOOK 2022

I am fortunate enough to have been given a sneak preview of the Yearbook, it has all the usual information plus some interesting articles and stories, definitely worth a read. There are fantastic photographs throughout, some new advertisers ring the changes a bit too, please do support them.

The Yearbooks and 2022 boat stickers will be available to collect from the Race Hut on Saturday – Monday over Easter after racing, maybe Tuesday after the Flotilla Sail too. Please tick the list to confirm you have collected it.

Is anyone available to oversee this for an hour or so on any of the days? It would be a great help and could be quite sociable. Please let me know [angela@hardfarm.co.uk](mailto:angela@hardfarm.co.uk).

## MINI MARQUEE – 6m x 4m, 2m walls, height

Please don't forget the Club has a mini marquee available for members to use at their own functions. You have to be able to transport it yourself, but it really is a good insurance against the Great British summer weather.

## 50/50 CLUB

The first draw of 2022 pulled out the following winners of £50 prizes :-

Victoria Buckingham  
George Harcourt  
Brenda Palmer

If you would like to join in this fun way of supporting your club please contact Justin Plumpton by emailing [justinplumpton@gmail.com](mailto:justinplumpton@gmail.com). The cost is £5 per month by Standing Order or £50 per annum.

## CLUB BOATS

We are fortunate to have 2 Club boats which are available to all members on a first come first served basis.

- Laser with full and radial rigs. If anyone has a 4.7 rig (lower mast section and sail) going cheap we would love to know as I am sure it would be well used.  
To book please contact Alan Collett  
[alan.collett@gmail.com](mailto:alan.collett@gmail.com)
- Seafly  
To book please contact Simon Hibberd  
[simhibberd@aol.com](mailto:simhibberd@aol.com)

## WHATSAPP GROUPS

There are 2 Whatsapp Groups members are welcome to join.

**BSC Buddy Sailing** gives updates on Flotilla events and general sailing information – contact Jane Armstrong to be added.

**BSC Kayaking** is a good place to arrange Kayak outings – contact Jane Lewis to be added.

[blakeneyclub@gmail.com](mailto:blakeneyclub@gmail.com)

## LAPWING



Saving the best news until last ....

The new Lapwing is now on the water ready for racing over Easter. Much work has gone into converting her from a fishing boat to a very smart Committee boat, she even motored out there under her own power, after a little persuasion to move in the right direction! We look forward to starting and finishing races at Lapwing for many years.

Quite a lot to say after all! See you all soon.

Angela Harcourt  
Commodore