



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2022

Even though we have finished activities on the water we still want to keep in touch. . You don't have to have a Facebook identity yourself, just ctrl + click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/Blakeney-Sailing-Club-115657908546638/> If anyone has news or information they would like to share just email Alan : alan.collett@gmail.com

RNLI FISH SUPPER & PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

**** PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE RNLI FISH SUPPER & PRESENTATION OF PRIZES ****

On Saturday 19th November, 7pm in the Harbour Room, Blakeney

Menu : Fish Pie and selection of vegetables followed by cheesecake @ £16

It will be followed by the final presentation of trophies for 2022
and announcement of the winners of the 50/50 Club draw

To book please email Jane Bassett (bassett_j@sky.com) or call 01263 663448 by **MONDAY**

FLOTILLA SAILING

Very many thanks to Séan and Trish Moore for their Flotilla outings this year. A few had to be cancelled but generally they were well supported and enjoyed by all.

We are very lucky to be able to offer a patrol boat for all Flotilla events as well as racing.

RACING

It was a delightful end to the racing year with warm weather right up to the Last Post Horn with a total of 15 boats in 4 races over 2 days with the overall winner being Hugh Jones in his Aero 7.

Overall it felt like we had more breezy days than light wind days, but it made for some exciting racing.

Andrew is now hard at work planning 2023.

CLUB CLOTHING

For anyone looking for a lovely present have a look at the club clothing, there are polo shirts, hoodies, gilets, soft shell jackets, beanies and a rather nice looking full zip fleece all in a variety of colours and with the club logo. The club also benefits from any purchases you make. [Browse Shop blakeneysc \(stitchprint.co.uk\)](http://stitchprint.co.uk)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Saturday 26 November at 3pm in the Harbour Room, Blakeney. It is your chance to hear reports on the year including the annual accounts.

Please do come along, there will be a short meeting of the new committee afterwards, no doubt followed by a beer or two!

I really would be lovely to see you there.

MINI MARQUEE – 6m x 4m, 2m walls, height 3.1m to ridge

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.

Book now for 2023

Contact angela@hardfarm.co.uk

RYA SafeTrX App

Club members may find the RYA SafeTrX App useful when sailing/canoeing/windsurfing etc. on your own or in small groups without a Patrol Boat i.e non Club Events.

The following is an extract from the RYA website which explains how it works:

'The RYA SafeTrx app monitors your boat journeys and can alert emergency contacts should you fail to arrive on time. It is an app for both Android and Apple iOS smartphones that allows you to track your journey on your phone.

The app provides all recreational boat users, particularly dinghy cruisers, PWC users, RIB users, canoers, kayakers, wind and kite surfers and smaller boat users with an easily accessible and simple to use means that can inform HM Coastguard of their voyage plans and dynamic location in the event of distress. This app is freely available to anyone who wants to be safer afloat. It is free to download and there is no charge to use it.

You can enter your journey details directly from your smartphone and plan a trip knowing that should you not arrive by the time given, a nominated emergency contact will be alerted and advised to initiate appropriate action.

Where an emergency contact calls HM Coastguard about an overdue trip, they will have access to your location and SafeTrx trip data through a secure SafeTrx server.

Since RYA SafeTrx periodically sends your location data back to a dedicated server, HM Coastguard's response team can get help directly to you, and quickly.'

The following is a link to the RYA Website for more details:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge/safety/keep-in-touch/safetrx>

Members are reminded that for non club organised events they do so at their own risk and should take adequate precautions.

Regards

Andrew Bassett

Rear Commodore Racing

BOAT MOVING & CARNSEY CLEAR UP

You are reminded that all boats and kayaks etc must be removed from the Dinghy Park by the end of November unless you use them regularly and applied for a permit from the Blakeney Dinghy Park Committee by 1st November.

The Dinghy Park is so much tidier than it has been in the past but it is still necessary to have a clearup on Sunday 4th December, starting at 9am. It is usually a very sociable hour or so involving the Dinghy Park Committee and Blakeney Sailing Club, a bag for rubbish is always useful.

I would like to thank everyone who has enabled as many people as possible to get out on the water this year. So much has to be done, starting with membership renewals, then getting everything ready for the season including the Yearbook, taking Lapwing and the buoys out and the hut to the Dinghy Park, then doing duties on Lapwing and in the patrol boats, encouraging and helping those who need it, keeping all the paperwork up to date and sharing news with our members and followers. Finally we are now working on putting everything away for the winter, but preparations are also being made for next year

If you are an existing volunteer or keen to join the happy band of helpers please join the BSC Volunteering WhatsApp Group, that way we can easily let you know of any volunteering opportunities as well as last-minute cries for help. Just email blakeneyclub@gmail.com and give your mobile number to be added.

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