



# NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

Well, here we are again and the 2023 racing season has already started. It was a real pleasure to be on the water again yesterday, it was chilly and bright but didn't feel as cold as expected. The Harbour was beautiful, but I always find it strange to be able to see from one end to the other, no doubt boats will appear in the Pit very soon.

A huge amount of work has been completed during the winter and more recently making sure everything is ready for an exciting sailing season. Thank you everyone who has taken part. A very full Events Calendar can be viewed under the Sailing Programme dropdown on the website <https://blakeneyclub.co.uk/explore-further/events/> and will of course be in the Yearbook.

## WHATSAPP GROUPS

We now have 4 BSC WhatsApp Groups which you are invited to join.

BSC Buddy Sailing

BSC Kayakking

BSC Volunteering

BSC Racing

Just email [blakeneyclub@gmail.com](mailto:blakeneyclub@gmail.com) to be added to any of them.

## DUTYMAN

Many of you have kindly put your names down for duties. This week I will be looking at the roster and contacting our paid helms and crew to get some dates in for them.

The next step will be to allocate duties to fill the gaps as we go through the season. It is then up to the person on duty to find a swap if they are unable to do it.

## CLUB CLOTHING

Don't forget 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.

<https://blakeneyclub.co.uk/stitchprint/>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** we are holding a **Pie and Mash** (or chips) supper followed by a talk at **Bayfield Hall**, by kind invitation of Roger and Caroline Combe. There will be a choice of pies with mash or thick cut chips, mushy peas and gravy.

Supper will be followed by a talk by Matt Sharman from Aero Luff Sails Ltd based on his dinghy cruising career from teenager to pensioner.

Please could you let Jane Bassett know if you would like tickets at £15 as soon as possible as we are also inviting the Stiffkey Cockle Club and CRAB to join us for what should be a lovely evening.

[bassett\\_j@sky.com](mailto:bassett_j@sky.com)

**On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August** – the end of Fun Week and the evening before the NWNSA races – we are holding an early evening BBQ at the Harbour Room. We invite all Club Members and their friends to this event; it is several years since we were able to hold the Hog Roast and it would be lovely to get everyone together again.

More details on tickets to follow but please note the date.

### GOOD FRIDAY TRAINING

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 08:00 there will be refresher training covering many aspects of Race Officer and Patrol Boat duties including radio use. Rear Commodore Racing Andrew Bassett will give more details soon.

I can recommend the RYA booklet on the use of VHF radios, if anyone would like to borrow mine just let me know.

### KEEP TURNING LEFT

KeepTurningLeft season 4 film 14 Duck punt to Blakeney

Nice film for those of you suffering winter blues. Dylan has a series of films on the North Norfolk coast created when he has stayed at Blakeney and Wells .

[https://youtu.be/IA\\_agKlhKFA](https://youtu.be/IA_agKlhKFA)

### COLD WATER SHOCK

The RYA have produced a very interesting article on cold water shock which is definitely worth a read before heading out this spring.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/blog/cold-shocking-truth>

I look forward to seeing you all at Blakeney soon and hope for good tides with fair winds.

Angela Harcourt

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