

Minutes of the Blakeney Sailing Club Committee Meeting held at the Blakeney Harbour Room on Saturday 26 November 2022

Present: Edward Allen (President), Angela Harcourt (Commodore), John Seymour (Vice Commodore), John Myers (Vice President), Andrew Bassett (Rear Commodore, Racing), Sean Moore (Rear Commodore, Flotilla), Rod Jeffreys (Bosun), Jane Armstrong (Secretary), Trish Moore (Membership Secretary), Alan Robinson (for part of the meeting), Jane Bassett, Sue Gregory.

1. Apologies:

Simon Hibberd, Amy Howes, Alan Collett (Treasurer).

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 15 October 2022 were approved.

3. Matters arising:

- In respect of VHF courses, which have been reported to be expensive via Snettisham Beach Sailing Club, Angela queried what the committee thought about doing something more informal as the full qualification isn't needed by most members, just a better idea of the formalities of using VHF radios. John S noted that he knows someone who might be able to lead this type of training and agreed to contact them. **Action: John S**
- Re BSC's drysuits: Dylan has bought one of these from the club and it was agreed to keep the other one.
- The WhatsApp Volunteering Group has been set up and has around 20 members.

Carried forward from previous meetings:

- Simon is discussing the idea of displaying trophies at the Blakeney Hotel with them and they seem potentially receptive. He will pursue. Simon also discussed the matter with the Blakeney Harbour Room but they feel they do not have the space. **Action: Simon**
- It was agreed that the club will contact the BHA in respect of the small white yacht which is moored on the west side of the Cut with mooring lines from the bow and stern to the bank, thereby preventing dinghies from sailing to the west of the boat. **Action: Angela/Jane A**

4. Commodore's Report

Angela had nothing to report to the Committee (this meeting followed immediately after the 2022 AGM).

5. Vice Commodore's report

John S had no formal report under this heading.

6. Rear Commodore (Racing) report

Andrew reported as follows:

2022 Season Race Analysis

As reported at the AGM an analysis of the 2022 season has been carried out – see summary circulated prior to the meeting and attached at Appendix 1 to these minutes. This will be discussed by the Sailing Sub-Committee at the next meeting to identify lessons learnt which will be reported back to the next meeting.

2023 Programme

A draft programme for the 2023 season was circulated prior to the meeting (See Appendix 2). This includes Flotilla events as agreed with Sean. Main points:

- I have reduced the number of events overall following committee feedback, with a total of 68 days sailing compared to 81 last year. This consist of 52 Race days, 15 Flotilla days (4 combined) and 5 Fun Week days.
- Overall the tides are better this year and the times better (less early mornings). However, there is no tide for the Bank Holidays, except for the additional day for the Coronation if this is considered appropriate. I have included a Frostbite series (we need to decide if we want to include this).
- The tides are not brilliant for the MWHR and Fun weeks but just about work. The tides for the end of October are not good, so an early finish to the season. I have asked Alan C to offer two dates (in July and September) for the Seafly Open to their association.
- I have included two Race Training days (one shore based).
- I have agreed the dates for the NWNSA, Morston Regatta and the International 14 Opens with the relevant people (and also the Cockle races). No Laser Open has been included.
- The schedule will be discussed at the next Sailing Sub-Committee and a finalised version presented to the next committee meeting for endorsement.
- The committee agreed to the suggestion of racing on the Coronation Day bank holiday and also to holding a Frostbite Series again in 2023.
- The date of the North West Norfolk event was discussed and John S noted that he had looked into parking options for this date as there will be a very high tide and, therefore, parking nearby will not be possible. Andrew reported that he was looking at approaching Blakeney Harbour Room for this event, both in respect of parking and holding a prize giving there after the racing (this will be the final day of North West Norfolk Week). It was agreed to pursue this idea. **Action: Andrew**
- Angela queried the proposed Discover Sailing dates (drafted as early morning events) and suggested moving them to the Friday and Saturday evenings of that weekend (19 & 20 May). This was agreed.
- Andrew noted that he had produced the draft schedule, as usual, using the tide tables for Hull and suggested that, in future, we could consider using the ones for Blakeney. The only potential drawback to this is that most people locally are familiar with the tide heights quoted for Hull and how this translates to an approximate level at Blakeney. There was some discussion of the pros and cons of this and it was decided to defer to the next Committee Meeting. In the meantime, John S said he'd talk to BHA. **Action: John S**

7. Rear Commodore's Report (Flotilla Sailing)

Sean had no report further to the AGM.

8. Bosun's Report

Rod reported as follows:

- He has obtained a VHF radio licence for each of the club's (6) hand held radios. These are all registered at Rod's own address.
- He has looked into an alternate channel which could be used when our regular channel 37a [M1] is being used [for example for the greasy pole] and confirmed we should use the other UK marina channel M2 which is P4 on the BSC VHF radios.
- The Equipment Sub-committee feel it is time to replace the rigi-flex trolleys. The plan is to commission them to be made by Marine Weld rather than to buy ready made from Mersea Trailers. In this way the trolleys will be galvanised completely at the end of manufacture (to BSC

requirements). As the current trolleys are deteriorating in the locations where adjustments were made to them post galvanising, it's felt that Marine Weld manufactured should last longer. The committee agreed to a budget of £650 for each trolley. If the quotes are higher than this, the sub-committee will revert to the committee.

- John S reported that he had met Simon Strong at the slipway and Simon was going to revert with prices to repair the slipway on three bases:
 - 1) Similar to last time he did the work, ie clean out cracks/joins and then fill with concrete.
 - 2) To cut out wider sections of deteriorating concrete and then repair.
 - 3) Remove the whole central section and replace with a new bed. (If this option is selected, Simon would recommend a specialist contractor to do this work rather than doing it himself.)
- John S also reported that the procedure for recovering Lapwing at the end of the season had gone well. They had brought Lapwing in to Morston and beached her while the tide was still high. Once the tide had fallen Henry Archer lifted the boat onto his trailer using his teleporter and then George transported her to Brecks Farm. Henry has confirmed he is happy to do this recovery and relaunching at the beginning of next season for a total cost of £200 (ie this would be the approximate cost per annum to take the boat out and put her in again).
- He also reported that Alan R is planning some improvements to Lapwing – details to be decided by the Equipment Sub-Committee.

9. Treasurer's Report

Alan C circulated the following report ahead of the meeting:

Money in the accounts as of 19 November 2022

Barclays Business Account Balance to date		£3,202.47
Barclays Business Savings Account Balance to date		£20,773.50
		£23,633.87

- Transactions since the last meeting (15 October 2022):

	Receipts	Payments
Racing Fees (NWNSA)	180.00	
Tide Timetables for 2023		97.20
5050 Club receipts	360.00	
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Trophy engraving		32.70
Fish Pie Night at Harbour Room 19 Nov NB subsequently £400 received and £400 paid to Harbour Room	160.00	
Sale of dry suit to Dylan	50.00	
Patrol Boat Helm & Crew		310.00

- Accounts for the year to 30 September 2022 have been prepared and sent to David Sidgwick who has approved them. Jane Armstrong has them for the AGM. I am sorry not to be able to be there to answer any questions. R&P Accounts are attached at Appendix 3.

10. Secretary's report

- Jane A reported that we have recently learned that a number of members have not been receiving emails from the club, or rather they have been going into their spam boxes. This seems to be particularly the case with btinternet addresses. There doesn't seem to be much that BSC

can do about this but we are reviewing our use of gmail, Membermojo, etc to see if things can be rationalised.

Action: Jane A, Trish

11. Membership Secretary's report

- Trish reported that she has looked at the headings in MemberMojo and has cleared the "title" heading so that anyone can insert their own title or leave it blank as they wish. This brings BSC into line with the RYA recommendations on inclusion.
- Angela reported that she is looking into sending emails directly from MemberMojo and also looking into accepting payments via Stripe (which costs £75 per year).

12. Marketing report

Amy was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

- I have been continuing to post photos on Instagram and writing for the Glaven Valley News. We now have 844 Instagram followers.
- BSC has also had some success in having photos and articles in the North Norfolk News this season.
- Any sailing news that people would like publicised, please let Amy know.

13. Social Programme

- No further report at this meeting.

14. Water Safety Group

Sue (BSC's representative on this group) reported as follows:

- A local Water Safety Group has been established with the RNLI at Wells taking the lead (based on their success around Wells, they wanted to extend the area to include Blakeney.) The groups involved are: the NT, BHA, BSC & Cockle Club. Three meetings have been held so far.
- The main area of concern is the western end of the Harbour where there is a greater risk of people becoming stranded by the tide.
- There was some discussion as to what we, as a sailing club, can do to help this effort. Sue suggested that we can exert influence where we might see people setting out in boats or on paddle boards without personal buoyancy; we could have a water safety advice page in the yearbook; posters on our website, etc.
- Also noted that there is a standing invitation for a member of BSC to be a BHA harbour warden. (This has been discussed before but the club has not felt there is currently a suitable candidate.)

15. Dinghy Park Management

John S reported as follows:

- The Dinghy Park Management Committee will be providing new registration numbers to all registered members in the form of plastic labels to be secured to the tie down rope of each boat.
- Donations were poor last year but there is a good balance in the earmarked budget. The DPMC is willing to help on matters but we should be aware that the issue of charging for keeping boats on the dinghy park comes up at each meeting.
- On the day before this meeting 40 sailing boats and 41 kayaks were still on the dinghy park (although it should be noted that they are permitted to be there until the end of the month which is still a few days away).
- John S reminded the committee that there was no dinghy park report in the 2022 Yearbook and he feels it is important that there is a report in the 2023 Yearbook (as per normal practice).

16. Any Other Business

- Angela noted that there has been discussion about committee meetings and when to hold them with some members or the committee wanting to continue the practice of holding meetings after sailing and others preferring to hold them at different times. Therefore, she is proposing to send round a spreadsheet so that everyone can note their preferences and the meetings will be arranged according to the majority view. **Action: Angela**
- Alan C (who was not at the meeting) had asked whether there is appetite for another Winter competition, eg a limerick or photo competition. There was some discussion and the consensus was for another photo competition with John Myers to be the judge. The theme to be East Anglian Coastal & Village Life (no identifiable people to be in photos).
- Sue suggested the idea of surveying new members at the end of their first season and asking them what they had enjoyed, etc about the club. This was agreed. **Action: Trish**
- Sue also noted that she had reviewed the RYA's "Guidance on Inclusivity", it was noted that we should be mindful of language when writing reports.

Dates for 2023 meetings:

TBA

Appendix 1

Blakeney Sailing Club - 2021 Season Race Analysis

Total of 19 Series held with 70 races.

Total Helms = 38

Total Crews = 18

Total number of outings

All boats = 524

Single Handers = 392

Double Handers = 132

Average number boats/race = 7.5

Fleet	Total
Laser 4.7	117
Laser Radial	113
Seafly	111
Laser Std	59

Number of races by individual competitors (boats)

Highest Number of races sailed = 32

Number sailing > 20 races = 5

Number sailing > 15 races = 10

Number sailing > 10 races = 17

Average number of races sailed = 7

Series breakdown

Series	No. Races Held	Total Entries	Total No. Outings	Max. No. Boats/Race	Ave. No. Boats/Race
Frostbite	4	11	16	6	4
Easter	4	24	61	16	15
Early Bank	2	8	12	7	6
Discover Sailing	4	12	26	9	6.5
Spring	8	21	68	11	8.5
Bank Hol/Laser Open	4	9	20	8	6.7
Early Summer	5	15	32	7	6.4
June Allcomers	4	7	16	4	4
July Class Racing	4	12	27	9	6.8
July Allcomers	2	8	15	8	7.5
Midweek	7	25	37	9	5.3
RNLI	2	13	13	13	12.5
MWHR	7	22	52	10	7.4
August Class Racing	1	15	15	15	15
Hospital Cup	2	9	16	9	8
Amateur Cups	2	8	8	8	8
Late Summer	1	4	4	4	4
Autumn	5	12	37	10	7.4
Last Post Horn	4	15	37	10	9.3

Open Meeting/Regattas

Blakeney Regatta - Day 1 = 35 boats, Day 2 = 11 boats

Morston Regatta = 41 boats

Seafly Open = 10 boats (4 races)

Int 14 Open = 7 boats (4 races)

NWNSA = 23 boats.

Grand total number of Outings = 702

Appendix 2 – Draft 2023 Programme

**High Water Times
Blakeney**

Date		Morning		Afternoon		
March		Time	m	Time	m	
11	SA	09:02	8.3	21:08	8.4	Frostbite Series
12	SU	09:34	8.2	21:44	8.3	Frostbite Series
25	SA	09:01	8.5	21:13	9	Frostbite Series
26	SU	10:32	8.2	22:50	8.5	Start of BST 01:00 Frostbite Series
Date		Morning		Afternoon		
April		Time	m	Time	m	
7	F	08:29	8.4	20:36	8.5	Easter Series
8	SA	09:02	8.4	21:11	8.5	Easter Series
9	SU	09:34	8.4	21:48	8.4	Easter Series
10	M	10:08	8.2	22:28	8.2	Easter Series + Flotilla
19	W	07:12	8.5	19:07	9	Sunset 20:03hrs Midweek Series
22	SA	08:59	8.5	21:12	8.9	Spring Series
23	SU	09:31	8.4	21:50	8.5	Spring Series
24	M	10:01	8.1	22:27	8.1	Flotilla
Date		Morning		Afternoon		
May		Time	m	Time	m	
3	W	06:11	7.8	18:18	7.9	Midweek Series
6	SA	07:59	8.5	20:12	8.4	May Bank Holiday (Coronation) Series
7	SU	08:35	8.5	20:53	8.4	May Bank Holiday (Coronation) Series
8	M	09:11	8.4	21:35	8.3	B/H (Coronation) May Bank Holiday (Coronation) Series + Flotilla
17	W	06:01	8.1	17:57	8.5	Midweek Series
20	SA	07:57	8.4	20:13	8.6	Discover Sailing + Cockles Ladies Race + Flotilla
21	SU	08:32	8.3	20:54	8.4	Discover Sailing + Cockles Ladies Race + Flotilla
Date		Morning		Afternoon		
June		Time	m	Time	m	
1	TH	05:28	7.6	17:38	7.7	Midweek Series
3	SA	06:52	8.3	19:08	8.2	Early Summer Series/Ladies Races
4	SU	07:33	8.4	19:55	8.4	Early Summer Series/Ladies Races
7	W	09:38	8.5	22:18	8.2	Flotilla
10	SA	12:12	7.9	01:24	7.5	Early Summer Series

11	SU	13:20	7.7		
15	TH	05:28	7.8	17:34	8.1
17	SA	06:55	8.1	19:13	8.2
18	SU	07:35	8.2	19:59	8.1
21	W	09:22	8	21:29	7.6

Race Training Day
Midweek Series
Early Summer Series
Early Summer Series
Flotilla

Date		Morning		Afternoon	
July		Time	m	Time	m
1	SA	05:39	7.8	17:59	7.9
2	SU	06:27	8.1	18:52	8.2
7	F	10:14	8.8	23:03	8.3
8	SA	11:02	8.7	23:55	8.1
9	SU	11:53	8.5	00:52	7.8
15	SA	05:48	7.6	18:11	7.7
16	SU	06:35	7.8	19:03	7.8
20	TH	09:06	8.2	21:38	7.8
22	SA	10:10	8.1	22:44	7.7
23	SU	10:43	8	23:20	7.6
31	M	06:07	8	18:43	8.1

Hospital Cup
RNLI Races
Flotilla
Seafly Open (or Late Summer Series)
Seafly Open (or Late Summer Series)
Late Summer Series
Late Summer Series
Flotilla
Late Summer Series + Ladies Races
Late Summer Series + Ladies Races
Fun Week

August		Time	m	Time	m
1	TU	06:57	8.4	19:37	8.5
2	W	07:44	8.8	20:28	8.8
3	TH	08:30	9.1	21:15	8.9
4	F	09:14	9.3	21:59	8.8
5	SA	09:58	9.3	22:42	8.7
6	SU	10:42	9.2	23:25	8.4
14	M	06:17	7.7	18:53	7.6
15	TU	07:00	8	19:36	7.8
16	W	07:39	8.2	20:12	7.9
17	TH	08:13	8.3	20:43	8
18	F	08:44	8.4	21:13	8.1
19	SA	09:15	8.4	21:44	8.1
20	SU	09:46	8.3	22:15	8.1
29	TU	05:50	8	18:36	8.2
30	W	06:39	8.5	19:27	8.6

Should be
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highlighted

Fun Week
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NWNSA
Morston Regatta
Race Training (Shore based)
MWHR
MWHR
MWHR
MWHR
Blakeney Regatta
Blakeney Regatta
Flotilla
Midweek Series

Date		Morning		Afternoon	
September		Time	m	Time	m
2	SA	08:53	9.6	21:35	9
3	SU	09:35	9.6	22:12	8.8
5	TU	10:59	8.9	23:25	8
13	W	06:37	8	19:11	7.9

Amateur Cups/Non pot winners
Amateur Cups/Non pot winners + Cockles
Admirals Plate
Flotilla
Midweek Series

16	SA	08:16	8.5	20:43	8.4	Autumn Series (or Sealfly Open) + Int 14 Open
17	SU	08:47	8.5	21:13	8.4	Autumn Series (or Sealfly Open) + Int 14 Open
18	M	09:18	8.5	21:44	8.4	Flotilla
27	W	05:28	8.1	18:21	8.4	Midweek??
28	TH	06:17	8.7	19:07	8.8	Flotilla
30	SA	07:47	9.5	20:28	9.1	Autumn Series

Date		Morning		Afternoon		
October		Time	m	Time	m	
1	SU	08:29	9.6	21:04	9	Autumn Series
3	TU	09:51	9.2	22:12	8.5	Flotilla
14	SA	07:12	8.4	19:38	8.5	sunrise 7.20?? Last Post Horn
15	SU	07:44	8.5	20:10	8.6	Last Post Horn
19	TH	10:05	8.2	22:20	8.1	Flotilla

APPENDIX 3

BLAKENEY SAILING CLUB				
Receipts & Payments Account				
For the year ending 30 September 2022				
2021	INCOME			2022
£	£		£	£
		Club Sailing Income		
	8820	Subscriptions	9270.00	
	1370	Racing Fees	836.90	
	(15)	Social Function	(187.80)	
10175	0	Club branded clothing	0.00	9919.10
		Club Donations Income		
	1010	Net additions to 5050 club	1150.00	
3335	2325	Donations	1149.00	2299.00
		Other income		
	2	Bank interest received	9.02	
	1260	Yearbook advertising	1485.00	
1262	0	Sale of Old Lapwing	1.00	1495.02
14772		Total Income		13713.12
		EXPENDITURE		
		Boat Expenditure		
	3206	Patrol Helm & Crew Charges	4170.00	
	0	Purchase of new Lapwing	7448.21	
	207	Outboard servicing & repairs	586.54	
	275	Buoys, shackles & mooring swivels	179.04	
	739	Club Boat Repairs (2022 new Laser 4.7 rig)	365.00	
	302	Fuel Costs	468.42	
	130	Patrol Boat training	150.00	
	522	Radio, Race watches, flags & Megaphone	532.90	
	607	Race Hut + Flag Pole repairs	27.45	
	212	Patrol Boat repairs	210.94	
	395	Club Camera & waterproof bag	31.17	
	108	Racing Rules Talk Equipment	0.00	
	0	First Aid Kit	85.39	
	0	Lapwing Maintenance	141.88	
6703	0	Lift Lapwing out for winter storage	525.20	14922.14
		General Expenditure		
	1506	Club Insurance	1427.52	
	109	Postage & Stationary	42.90	
	0	Committee meeting costs	117.50	
	0	Prizes & Prize Giving	450.40	
	104	Trophy Engraving	70.00	
	519	Internet, Website, Dutyman & Zoom	826.19	
	148	Micellaneous	47.98	
3102	715	Yearbook design & printing	853.00	3835.49
		Club Donation Expenditure		
	314	Sim Posts renewal Contribution	0.00	
	355	RYA & BHBA	375.00	
	150	RNLI donation	270.00	
819	0	Dinghy Park Voluntary Donation	25.00	670.00
10624		Total Expenditure		19427.63
		Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year		5714.51
4148		Excess receipts over payments for 2021		
25065		Bank Balances at 1 October		29213.38
		Decrease in Bank Balance for 2022		5714.51
4148		Increase in bank balance 2021		
29213		Bank Balances at 30 September		23498.87