



# NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

The sailing programme is now half-way through – how did that happen? July already and the days are getting shorter.

We seem to have had quite a mixture of sailing conditions so far, but (until today, which I missed), very few absolutely ideal days when the sky and sea are blue and the wind blows a steady 12-14 from the east or west. Hopefully July and August will come up trumps.

We have the '**Seafly Nationals**' this weekend, when the Stiffkey Cockles also have their 'Worlds', so anyone on the water is assured a spectacle at both ends of the Harbour.

BSC are also hosting the final race for the North West Norfolk Sailing Association on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August** and this year they have offered BSC Members **FREE ENTRY** for the Blakeney day so come along and give it a try.

We then get into Regatta Season with Morston Regatta on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August and the Blakeney Regattas on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> And Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. All really good fun races with the excitement of the Bank Start.

If all that wasn't enough, we also host the International 14s on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September as well as numerous other Club races and Flotilla Sailing about once a fortnight. There have been fantastic turnouts so far this year for both racing and flotilla sailing and you will be made very welcome at either. Use the WhatsApp Groups below for last minute instructions.

It has been a great pleasure to meet new members on and off the water and I hope with such a full calendar there will be something for everyone.

## WHATSAPP GROUPS

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

BSC Buddy Sailing

BSC Kayaking

BSC Volunteering

BSC Racing

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

## DUTYMAN

Very many thanks to everyone who has put their names down for duties this year. There are just a few to be filled still, one of which is Assistant Race Officer next Saturday evening (15<sup>th</sup>). There is a space for Patrol Boat Crew on 2<sup>nd</sup> August (Fun Week) and a couple of vacancies during Mid Week Holiday Racing, so please take a look and see if there is anything you can do.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August** we are holding an early evening Summer BBQ and Presentation of Prizes at the Harbour Room, where we are always well fed and made to feel very welcome.

Jane Bassett will be sending out full details and an invitation to buy tickets in the next couple of days.

### RACE TRAINING

Following the very successful race training on the water in June, we are holding another shore-based session on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August – the start of Mid Week Holiday Racing.

Everyone who came last time said how much they benefitted from advice on racing from Andrew and Ben so I am sure this will also be well worth attending.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting is on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, after racing, so probably about 12:30, at the Harbour Room. Members are very welcome to attend and join in the discussion.

The bacon butties and other snacks are excellent so come along after sailing.

## FUN WEEK – 31<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August

And now the bit you have all been waiting for .... Fun Week programme .... cue the Drum Roll  
Obviously there will be fun and games every day on the water which can be enjoyed from dinghy or kayak depending on the weather and challenge! Time and Tide will determine what we do but no doubt sausage rolls, cakes and biscuits will feature strongly.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July:** Jane Armstrong will guide us on bikes around some country lanes in search of lunchtime refreshment, starting from Blakeney at 11:30.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August:** Jane Lewis will lead a walk, provisionally starting at 10:30 and finishing somewhere we could have lunch, location still to be decided. That gives us enough time to get changed and be on the water at 18:30.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August:** Sean Moore will again run the tennis tournament, starting at 14:00. This really is the hottest ticket in town as it is limited to the first 16 to email Sean [sremoore@hotmail.com](mailto:sremoore@hotmail.com) . Good luck.

Finally the BBQ on the Friday evening, a chance to all get together and discuss the week's Fun and Games.

Here's hoping for many more of those idyllic sailing days.

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