



RYA Eastern Regional Committee

Minutes of an Eastern Region Committee Meeting held on Saturday 10th December 2011 at West Mersea Yacht Club

Present

Fiona Wylie, Chairman; National Schools Sailing Association representative
Garth Cooper, Vice Chairman; Chairman Training Panel and Regional Communicator
Peter Woods, Regional Hon. Treasurer and BaCASA
Chris Edwards, Regional Planning and Environmental Co-ordinator, Chairman RYA PEC
Terry Corner, RYA Council Member, Regional Rep OCCP, Chairman RYA OCP, and RNSA
Richard Card, Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association
Ted Evans, Harwich Area Sailing Association
Tony James, Harwich Area Sailing Association
Geoff Parrish, Great Ouse Boating Association
Peter Saxton, Race Management Training Co-ordinator
Richard Taylor, Regional Hon. Secretary

1. Apologies for absence

Robbie Bell, Eastern Regional Development Officer
John Crisp, Association of Nene River Clubs
Martyn Garnsey, Association of Yacht Clubs of Southend-on-Sea
Janet Gilmour, Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association
William Hadley, Crouch Area Yachting Association
Adrian Tebbutt, North West Norfolk Sailing Association
Graham Colam, East Zone Wind Surfing
Peter Hibberd, RYA Sailability Eastern Region Organiser
David Lewin, RYA Council Member Personal Members/Crouch Area Yachting Association
Trevor Lewis, Rules Advisor
Paul Wren, RYA East & South East Zones High Performance Manager
Peter Waghorn, Beds & Cambs AA

The Chairman introduced the meeting by noting that she and RT had recently attended an Induction Meeting at Hamble, which was most interesting and instructive. She suggested that other committee members might attend next year.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 15th October

Approved. Proposed GP Seconded CE

3. Matters arising None

4. Correspondence

Notification of the new name for Blackwater and Colne Area Sailing Association (BaCASA ex BACSPA)

5. Regional Meetings –

- Discussion held on future style and content of meeting minutes. Minutes of quarterly meetings are important communications medium between HQ and member clubs. Need to be briefer and more focussed on matters of regional and national significance. Area reports to be more succinct and produced 7 days in advance. Hon Sec to recommend new structure.
- All decisions to be properly proposed and seconded, minutes to be signed by the chairman and archived by the Hon Sec.
- Discussion on location of future meetings. Concluded that we should continue to circulate around the region.

6. Finance Report

The Treasurer reported that income and expenditure were roughly on track to break even, as budgeted.

7. RYA Council items (see TC Report)

On behalf of the Regional Chairman, TC reported on recent Council Meeting, largely concerned with formalising procedures for the new structure under the new governance arrangements.

Other key items

- Following an incident of keel failure, Ocean Safety report highlights importance of wearing lifejackets, including crotch strap.
- Mirror and Cadet classes moved from Pathway classes to Recognised status

8. Regional Chairman's Report

Nothing further of significance

9. Coast Protection Act referrals (Report Received - CE)

All items passed with no objection recorded. (Wallasea Peat Trials agreed post report)

10. Regional Planning and Environmental Co-ordinator's Report (Report Received - CE)

Key items mentioned

- PLA have announced special arrangements for recreational craft over the period of Olympics and Paralympics.(See RYA(E) website for details)
- Removal of Bradwell barrier wall is progressing
- Various issues re developments in Brightlingsea Harbour
- A need for local community involvement in flood measures in Deben area.
- Targets for the MCZ process have been extended with public consultation late 2012. Important that everyone studies the proposals and takes part in the consultations
- Installation of London Array and Greater Gabbard sites progressing with delays Foulger's Gat should still be avoided until work completes. .(See RYA(E) website for details)

(NB Items 9 & 10 to be combined in future)

11. Regional Forum. (Progress Report received – JG) (Replaced agenda item 11. Sailability)

- Proposal confirmed to proceed with the Forum in order to authorise payment of deposit Prop FW, 2nd CE)
- Treasurer emphasised need for additional sponsorship in order to keep entry price down – current est needs to be >£20. Assuming 50 paying delegates.
NB Suggested that any approach to Volvo should involve Hamble.

12. Area items of Regional significance:

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| a) Ass. of Nene River Clubs | Report Recd – Nothing of regional significance |
| b) AYC of Southend-on-Sea | No report |
| c) BACASA (NB new title) | Report Recd – Nothing of regional significance |
| d) Beds. & Cambs. AA | Report Recd – Nothing of regional significance |
| e) Crouch Area | 2 Reports Recd |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern about inadequate planning for and consultation re MCZs• New ship pontoons for Wallasea will receive 5 or 6 ships/ 10,000 tonnes per day. |
| f) Great Ouse Boating Assn, | Verbal Report – Nothing of regional significance |
| g) Harwich ASA | Report Recd |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern that MMO consultation excluded clubs or yards• Warning re Belgian attitude towards UK Diesel rules |
| h) Norfolk & Suffolk BA | Report Recd – Nothing of regional significance |
| i) North-West Norfolk SA | Report Recd – Nothing of regional significance |
| j) RNSA | Nothing to report (TC) |

13. Training:

- a) **TP Chairman** (Report recd)
 - 4 Bic Techno windsurfer boards sold. 4 x 7.8m sails still available at £350 ea. Naish Kailua Fleet now at Oulton Broad looked after by Philip Winfield.
 - All Optimists sold, but 3 Fevas and 6 Optimists still for sale. Need to promote to clubs.
 - Plan to acquire new Optibats and 3 Teras plus new fleet of Toppers (unless Fevas unsold)
 - Charges for 2012 flat rate £50 pd per fleet.
 - Fleets now going out in good condition thanks to efforts from Nigel and Lance.
- b) **Honda Youth Rib Sub-Committee Report,** (see TP Chairman Report)
 - Nigel Mower taken over as OC HYR for the region
 - New heat venue at Hamilton Marina, Lowestoft (date tbc). NSBA to promote.
 - Regional final 23rd June Island YC. Jan meeting for participating Clubs to be advised.
 - Strong push next year. Clubs with RIBs should encourage 8 – 16 yr olds to participate.
- c) **On-line booking system** (see TP Chairman Report)

Considering replacing SailRacer with our own system on RYAE website to include on-line payment. £100 deposit against damage.
- d) **RDO** (Report Recd) (**see also RYAE website**)
 - Clubs should be encouraged to sign up for Sail for Gold and appoint club SfG Activator
 - RYA Active Marina programme. Further evening workshops on Club Development, Marketing and “activate your fleet” planned plus winter Instructor training courses for club volunteers
 - Sport England funding available for projects £300 -£10,000. (Contact RB for assistance).
 - Also RYA match-funded equipment grants. (Contact RB for assistance).
 - Regional Instructor Conference 11th March, Grafham Water Centre
- e) **Windsurfing,** No Report
- f) **NSSA,** No Report
- g) **Race Management Training,**

Programme to be announced shortly (see RYAE + RYA.org.uk websites)
- h) **Zone HPM’s report** (Report Recd)
 - 2012 Zone Championships 29th-30th September at Alton Water, Ipswich.

14. RYA Cruising and Government Affairs Committee and Offshore and Coastal Consultative Panel items

- Blakeney Marsh identified as one of three MCZs likely to be of concern to boaters

- RYA policy on wind farms unchanged with minimum rotor clearance at 22m.
- EU proposal for EU wide register of boats not supported by European Boating Union members.
- e-borders still pending. Border security concerns Increase likelihood of monitoring.
- RYA to attempt to dispel misunderstandings about MCZs in general and concentrate efforts on the few that could be problematical to boaters
- Coastguard reorganisation to go ahead as Plan B, with southern Ops centre at Fareham.
- Following recent incidents of seacock failures, a discussion about the role of the RCD concluded that the problem was due to retro fitting of non ISO compliant parts. The RYA to make chandleries and boat owners aware of the need to fit only ISO compliant seacocks.

15. Regional Communication and web site reports (Report recd)

- Excessive output of press releases from Hamble causing Information overload.
- Importance of website as key medium with clubs. But area reps should also use direct email.
- Committee members not viewing RYA(E) website!?
- GC resisting pressure from Hamble to switch to the RYA national site.
- Subscribers to RYAE website now 600. Also used extensively by local and regional media.

16. Club membership - New member clubs

Otley College – Contact Philip Winfield

Brightlingsea Watersports & Yacht Club. Contact (Sec) Glyn Cheeseman, Fleece house,
Harwich Rd, Gt Bromley, Colchester, CO7 7UH Tel 01206 251551

(NB re-constituted University of Essex Sailing Centre housed in old Colne Yacht Club Building)

17. Any other business

None

18. Date and place of next meeting.

Saturday 17th March. Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Woolverstone **TBC**

CRT 16/12/11