

Welcome to the HASA 2011 AGM.

1. Local issues.

1.1. The scrap yard at Ipswich docks, which with the wind in the wrong direction has caused rust to be carried over to OYC and Fox's Marina. Some compensation claims have been made and been paid.

The other issue is with dirty water run-off into the river when it rains. This is an environmental issue and comes under the control of the Department for the Environment who issue the licence to operate.

Monitoring is going on.

1.2. Public access to Mistley Quay is an on-going issue. There is local help available to get over the fence and the activities to have the fence removed continue.

1.3. Orfordness Lighthouse closure. We made representation to Trinity House about this issue basically saying that this was a useful landmark and it would be a shame if it was closed, however we did not consider it worth every leisure sailor in the UK paying light dues just to keep it open.

I attended a meeting with Trinity House where they detailed exactly how they have arrived at their decision based purely on navigational needs, which is their legal responsibility. Everyone in the meeting examined their detailed research and agreed with their logic. The legal responsibilities of Trinity House will end when the light is turned off. It is most likely that the National Trust will be offered the building to maintain as a national monument.

1.4. One power boat has been banned from the port at Ipswich due to speeding on the river. All marina's were advised of the bad conduct of this boat.

2. Wind Farms. Phase 1 farms are completed, phase 2 are under construction and phase 3 are in the planning stage. Those that have fallen within the control of a Harbour Authority (Harwich or London) have been a lot easier to deal and obtain the NTM's, but the offshore farms only have national NTM's issued which are more problematic, unless you can get on the right (e)mailing list.

2.1. Phase 1 is Scroby Sands, Gunfleet and off North Foreland. Once construction is complete my understanding is that we should be able to sail through them, as long as your air draft does not get near 20M which is the blade clearance height.

2.2. Phase 2 is London Array, Outer Gabbard (inc. Galloper sands). London Array have started installing the bases and Outer Gabbard are erecting the turbines.

2.3. Phase 3 is Anglia Offshore. This potentially fills the gap between the Gabbard, Scroby Sands, the UK seaward limit and the Gas fields off North Norfolk when completed, Phase 3 is just looking at a small section in the South of this area.

3. Marine Protected Areas and Marine Conservation Zones (MPA & MCZ)

There are 2 that concern us directly, "Balanced Seas" project, which runs round the South East from Felixstowe to the Hampshire/Dorset Border and "Net Gain" project which covers the North Sea from Felixstowe to the Scottish border. Some clubs have been contacted by a team within the "Balanced Seas" project about their sailing and anchoring habits.

4. There are also many other activities you will hear about from time to time. Examples are
Shoreline Management Plans
Estuary & Coastal Management Plans

Estuary & Coastal Flood Management Plans

The RYA Environmental Officer, Chris Edwards, is dealing with the above issues. We are in constant communication with Chris. If you get contacted by anyone from one of these schemes please let us (HASA and RYA East) know so that we can co-ordinate the bigger picture.

5. Coastguard review. Situation is still developing. This is a national issue so please what the RYA as well as the RYA East web site. Not a lot I can say other than to keep your ear to the ground.

6. National and International perception of access to our coast.
 The article in the Yachting Monthly October 2010 issue about “How to cope with Shipping” states in the section on roundabouts and junctions “The Sunk separation scheme now almost seems to blockade Harwich for yachts planning to cross to Holland”. They seem to have missed the point that this is only mandatory for commercial shipping. We have had no negative feedback from Sunk VTS about leisure vessels in this area.
 Between HASA and RYA East we have asked HQ to see how we can get the yachting press to be more factual rather than writing a good story that implies that we are becoming isolated.
 If we do not correct the impression now then, with the increasing proliferation of wind farms all around us as well international visitors will not be able to plot a course to our coast at all.

7. The role of the Harwich Area Sailing Association seems to mystify some.
 To clarify. Club representation into the regional and national organisation is (in the Eastern region) done through the area associations. There are approx. 8 other area organisations who make up the Eastern region. In HASA there are the central roles (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary), there are the 2 RYA East committee members (these 2 people are there to speak on behalf of all the clubs in the HASA area at the RYA east meetings etc., the remaining members represent a number of clubs in a geographic area.

8. Communications and the World Wide Web.
 My position. I have email overload and find that there are too many web sites with largely the same information , but sometimes small but significant differences. I have a personal ambition to minimize the number of sites we need to work our way through so we can ensure anything of significance can be seen more clearly and we can just get out there and enjoy our sport.
 RYA East put a lot of effort into their web site and regular email briefings out to all. We are working with them to ensure that these contains all the necessary information from our area.
 We are working through what we need adding to the RYA East site so we can close down the HASA site. As I see it all we need is a small area where we can put our meeting minutes and the guidance we have agreed with HHA for racing and cruising in company in the area controlled by Harwich Harbour Authority.
 The RYA East web site is continually evolving and is going to the list of clubs to show which area association there are covered by. Can all clubs please send through to the RYA East web master their club burgee and their club web site URL (RYA East URL is http://www.ryaeast.org/new_site/home.shtml).

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