



# THE BRYC NEWS ISSUE 19 20/02/2017

Firstly I must apologise for the lateness of this first newsletter of 2017 but as it is often said better late than never.

Don't forget that the new, updated Racing Rules of Sailing now apply and will do so for the next four years until after the 2020 Olympic Games when they will be revised again. Every sailor should have a copy of the rules together with an explanation of what applies in the different racing situations we all encounter from time to time. The rules aren't just a set of does and don'ts, they are an integral part of the sport of racing sailboats and it is impossible to sail a sound tactical race without a decent working knowledge of the basics so if you haven't already, go out and buy a book now. The one I would recommend and it is available from Amazon and probably other good book shops or from the RYA, is "The Rules in Practice 2017 - 2020" by Bryan Willis. This is an excellent book and covers just about everything you need to know about the RRS and has lots of nice diagrams and pictures explaining everything throughout a race from before the preparatory signal through to the finish. There are also sections on the basics, taking a penalty and protesting.

If you do buy this book and I recommend that you do, make sure you read the introduction and the section entitled 'The Basics' they contain some very useful stuff.

There sometimes seems to be a misconception amongst sailors that the rules are somehow there to make racing difficult and somehow spoil our enjoyment but in fact the rules are there to provide a framework for fair competition. They are sometimes complicated but this is inevitable if all racing situations are to be adequately covered, however if we all get the basics right then most of the complications will just melt away. The advice often given is to stay out of trouble and not court disaster, I think this is good advice. Please sail fairly at all times and do your penalty turns as necessary, remembering that the rules are not suspended on Wednesdays, and we will all enjoy our sailing to the full.

Tom has been working very hard on the race programme for 2017 and has had to make a number of revisions to accommodate the needs and wishes of some members. I hope everyone will be happy with this final version. You should notice that there is now an **IOM practice session scheduled for 14th May** and the **previously scheduled** racing for **RM's has been moved to the 3rd December**. This is to give those members who own R6M's and RM's the opportunity to take part in the R6M National Championship at Whitlingham, Norwich. Don't forget that the scheduled weed avoidance dates are a bit of a guess and the precise dates may change although, if memory serves me right, I think they have been pretty well spot on the past couple of years or so. Also if something unexpected turns up during the year which makes it impossible for you to fulfil your race officer commitments you should find a substitute, usually easiest by swapping duties with another member - you taking his/her RO duty and him/her taking yours. If this proves impossible tell either Tom, Terry or me and we will attempt to find some sort of solution.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

1. There has been a fair bit of discussion during the past weeks and months about whether or not to have another rules seminar similar to the previous two, i.e. led by a racing rules expert from the RYA, and whilst everyone agreed that they had been very good it was felt that we should do something a bit different this time so the decision was made to have an evening together, with a buffet, but the discussion would be led by members and include; race tactics and course setting as well as the rules plus anything else relevant that comes up on the night. The date for this extravaganza of all things radio sailing is **FRIDAY 7th APRIL** in the Granary at **FILBY BRIDGE RESTAURANT** (where we have our coffee on Wednesdays and Sundays) starting at 7.30pm. There will be a charge to cover the cost of the buffet and the restaurant management have still to tell me the cost of this. I will keep you informed.

2. The **YARE CUP - EDCS 2**. This is the second of the open Eastern District Championship events for IOM's and is to be hosted by **Norwich MYC at Whitlingham**. This will be a most enjoyable event and is a brilliant opportunity for club members to take part in an open event without having to travel very far. I hope that we have a good turn out of Broads members. Full details are on the ED website here;

<https://edmya.com/2017/02/06/yare-cup-edcs-2/>

or you can enter by e-mailing Vinnie directly at: [vinnie.zammit@gmail.com](mailto:vinnie.zammit@gmail.com)  
or by telephoning him on; 01603 928411.

That's all folks.

Fair winds and good sailing to you all.  
Pete.