



THE BRYC NEWS January 2018

This being the first newsletter of 2018 I wish all members and their families a very happy New Year and of course I also hope that you all had a very happy Christmas.

We rounded off the year with our usual dinner and prize presentation and I think everyone will agree with me that it was a very happy occasion and that the restaurant staff looked after us very well with a nice meal, crackers on the table an after dinner mint and a hot mince pie. Terry, our Commodore, presented the prizes in a light hearted way which added nicely to the relaxed feeling of the evening. If you weren't at the dinner the full results and who won what can be seen on our website at;
<http://www.broadsradioyachtclub.co.uk/index.html>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eric for the brilliant job he has done with revamping and updating our website, it is now probably the best model yacht club website in the country. Eric is always keen to receive new material so if anyone has any funny anecdotes or other matters that would be of interest to members please send them to him. On those occasions that you are race officer don't forget to hand the results to Geoff, if he is present, and if he is not then please scan them in to your computer and send them to him. If you don't have the facilities to do this then hand them to someone who can do this for you. Once Geoff has processed the results he will forward them to Eric so they can be put on our website.

Alan has been very busy recently building tanks to enable him to measure both six metre and one metre yachts. Here is the story in Alan's own words; "I am pleased to say that I have finally finished the two new tanks for measuring the six metre and IOM classes.(The old glass aquarium used for IOM's previously was in my opinion unsafe). The new IOM tank has poly-carbonate windows for accurate measuring of overall draft and hull depth as required by the rule. The six metre tank just needs the small addition of a slot at one end to assist in measuring bow and stern overhangs in order that LWL in sailing trim can be accurately determined.

I have also managed to source the materials to build a dry measuring jig for the six metre class, which should be built in the next few weeks.

The one metre tank is on a very substantial wheeled platform to enable it to be wheeled out of the way (empty) when not in use.

I have a request in with Henry Farley to spend a day with him measuring a six to enable me to sign off any boats either new or existing having been modified! (I have had half a dozen sixes of my own and all measured ok, so am already familiar with the process)..However in the meantime I am happy to assist any skipper get their new boat in a position where critical dimensions can be checked before official measurement (i.e. displacement, waterline trim, draft, hollows etc).

As well as building the tanks I have now acquired all the other equipment needed to enable me to accurately measure these classes.

Finally I am donating these tanks to Broads Radio Yacht Club although obviously whilst I am club measurer they will stay with me, but the club should regard them as the property of the club."

I think making and donating the tanks to the Club is a most generous act on Alan's behalf and will allow the measuring of IOM's to continue uninterrupted and will save a lot of time and mileage travelling to Henry Farley in order to get a 'six' measured. On behalf of the members, "Thank you Alan".

Racing 2018 began last Sunday (7th January) with Series 1 (1) for the IOM class and in spite of the cold and the tricky conditions I think it is fair to say that we all enjoyed it. Our thanks to Bernie for being our race officer and to Liz for manning (womaning?) the score board. You should all have had a copy of the race programme for 2018 but in case you have mislaid it a copy is associated with this newsletter. It is of

course also available to view or download from our website; www.broadsradioyachtclub.co.uk/index.html

Sadly we have said goodbye to Nick Eastwood, Charlie Ellis, Keith Whiddett, Tom Wilkinson and David Wright so our numbers are down a bit on this time last year but we are left with an enthusiastic hard core of members and I'm sure others will join us during the year. An updated list of members names and their contacts details are also associated with this newsletter.

Sunday 14th January is the IOM First Series (2) and this is our last day at Filby until Wednesday 7th February when we will resume sailing with practise racing and on Sunday 11th February, we have the first of our six metre events with the Six Metre First Series (1) and I see that Neil is down for race officer. Let's hope the weather is kind on that day with a reasonable breeze.

Make a note in your diary; Sunday 14th January - last day at Filby until Wednesday 7th February when we resume sailing. This break is to fit in with the annual holiday of the restaurant. Although there is no official sailing during the above dates members can sail if they wish but of course there will be no facilities (toilets, coffee etc). Any club equipment used must be put away and properly secured and the entrance gate closed upon leaving.

I think that's about it for now and i hope to see you on Sunday.

Pete.

Secretary The BRYC.