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The end of the year is now fast approaching, we have had our Annual General Meeting and thoughts now turn to our end of year prize presentation, dinner and social evening. Unfortunately it is also the time that our annual subscriptions are due for next year. The good news on that score is that both the club and MYA subscriptions remain unaltered for 2014 at £35.00 and £11.00 respectively making a total of £46.00 to be paid. As usual I will be on hand to collect subs at the prize presentation evening but if anyone would like to pay me before then I will be happy to take your money - cash or cheque.

The format of the evening will be similar to that of the past two or three years; doors open at 7.00pm and I will be there to collect subs. We will eat at about 8.00pm and the meal will be followed by the Race Secretary's report and prize presentation. Finally there will be a discussion about race tactics which I think we will all benefit from.

Terry and I have spoken to the restaurant management and agreed that this year we will have a limited choice menu offering four main courses and three deserts followed by coffee or tea. The main course choices will be:- roast turkey and vegetables; homemade steak and kidney pie and vegetables; cod, chips and peas; or lasagne, chips and peas. There will also be vegetable lasagne available. The desserts will be Christmas pudding, sherry trifle or ice cream. Coffee or tea is also included. The cost of this is £13.00 per head and I think you'll agree with me that this represents very good value indeed, especially when you consider that the Granary restaurant opens especially for us and is exclusively ours for the night. The licensed bar will, of course, be open all evening.

I will need to know the menu choice of each person and have payment in advance please. Partners and wives are, of course, welcome and, as in recent previous years, we will invite members of the Norwich club to join us. These evenings have been very successful and enjoyable in the past and, as it is the only time we get together as a club socially, I hope that this event will be well supported.

The Eastern District Championship Series (EDCS) for the IOM class is something I look forward to. It is always an enjoyable experience and 2013 has been no exception, with keenly contested racing conducted in a convivial and sportsmanlike way. The series was won by George Beacroft of the Chelmsford club and he was duly crowned District Champion in the IOM class for 2013. Our club was represented during the year by Terry Burton, who finished a very respectable second; yours truly who managed fourth, Rick Buxton sixth and Vinnie Zammit seventh. I should mention that Rick contested only four and Vinnie only three out of the six events so didn't benefit from discards in the way that the rest of us did.

Part of the EDCS was our Norfolk Trophy sailed on Sunday 2nd September. I think everyone will agree with me that the day was very enjoyable and a great success. Seven BRYC members took part in the racing and Mark Holt sailed very well and was a little unlucky not to win on the day. It would make me very happy to see greater participation by club members in this and the other EDCS events in 2014. Please give it a go, you will enjoy it. I would like to thank everyone involved for making the Norfolk Trophy a quality event with special thanks to Val for scoring, Cheryl for organizing the observers and Charlie and Les for donning waders and launching and retrieving boats as required. It is a willingness to help out and do things for others that makes the Broads such a great club to be part of.

Our AGM agreed a number of changes to our constitution and rules and copies of these are associated with this newsletter. The constitution probably won't concern you greatly but please make sure you read the rules and pay particular attention to those concerning car parking and race days. They are important, each rule is for a reason and compliance makes everyone's life a little easier. Other important changes agreed at the AGM were;

- a) We will have a winter break of 4 - 6 weeks each Jan/Feb
- b) The first meeting each year will be a preseason briefing in the restaurant.
- c) The Heron Trophy event will no longer be an open meeting.
- d) The Race Programme will now be run as series rather than individual, one-off events. IOM will be 4 series of 7 events each with the best 5 event results in each series to count. RM and R6M will be 2 series of 4 events each with the best 3 event results in each series to count. In effect this means that some of your poorest results can be discarded.
- e) Members' results at BRYC open events will count towards the relevant series results (IOM, RM & R6M) and score double points.
- f) A trophy will be awarded for each series win, plus one to each open winner.
- g) Racing won't be scheduled for bank holiday weekends as far as possible.
- h) No formal racing will be scheduled for Radio 'A' class or Micro Magics
- i) The RYGGED start will be extended to all club only racing including the RM and R6M classes.
- j) Club only events will all take place on a Sunday morning: 9.00am - 1.00pm.

Fair winds and good sailing.
Peter Sutton. Secretary/Treasurer.