



It isn't very long since the last newsletter but although we are only a few weeks into the new seasons racing quite a lot has happened so I thought it best to bring everyone up to date. The IOM First series (1) due to take place on the 17 January was cancelled because the broad was frozen over but the IOM First series (2) took place on the 14th February and as usual Tom Wilkinson has posted the results on our club website. The RM First series (1) took place yesterday and I have no doubt that Tom will post the results in due course.

Following on from a matter raised at the AGM it was decided to construct a free standing notice board to put out whilst we are sailing to inform interested members of the public who we are, what we are doing and inviting them to come and speak to us, the intention being to recruit new members. Alan Bright has built a splendid notice board and Tony Garner is in the process of getting the lettering made up. Our thanks to Alan and Tony for volunteering to do these jobs. We also now have a new magnetic whiteboard on which to display the course information when we are racing on Sundays. We are still using the old board until such time as we can clear out the two sheds and make a safe home for the new one. It is feared that just putting the board away without a safe haven would mean that it gets damaged in much the same way as the old board was. Bernie has modified the easel on which the whiteboard stands to make it more stable and to allow the club name board to be displayed on the reverse side, advertising the name of our club to members of the public. Our thanks to Bernie for doing this.

The older, smaller club shed has sprung a leak in the roof and as soon as we have some drier weather this needs to be repaired - I'll keep you informed.

Friday evening 18th March 7:00pm - Rules Seminar, Social Evening & Buffet Supper.

This event has been arranged because it was requested at the AGM. The format will be similar to the one held in 2015. Graham Louth who is the RYA's Eastern Region rules guru will be leading the event and giving the correct interpretation, according to the RRS, to all those incidents on the water which sometimes have us confused or uncertain. Please make a note of any situations that you have encountered on the water about which you are unclear or that you would like discussed so that they can be put to Graham. The emphasis of the evening will be on friendly participation and discussion, the object being to learn and have fun at the same time and remember, there is no such thing as a silly question. As last year there will be a very nice buffet supper which will be subsidised to club members but for which any visitors will have to pay full price. The evening will cost club members £5.00 and visitors £11.00. I am afraid that I have to insist on payment 'up front' because the buffet has to be booked and paid for in advance. It was suggested that we send some questions in advance to Graham but so far I have received non to pass on and having tried to construct a few myself I found it very difficult to put the necessary diagrams and words on paper so that they would make sense and convey the correct message to the person reading it. It is much simpler to use the whiteboard and magnetic boats with a verbal explanation on the evening. So I will tell Graham that all questions will be put to him on the night. At the moment there are only eight members and two guests booked in so I am hoping for more names in the next week. **This is a 'Rules' night so please bring your rule book with you.**

We enjoy very close racing on Wednesdays and Sundays and it is nice to see the continuing improvement in the standard of racing at our club. There isn't any one person who dominates the racing and everyone is capable of winning a race - long may it remain so. Sunday 28 February and Sunday 6 March are the IOM First series (3) & (4) and I hope to see you there. If anyone is looking for extra racing don't forget that Norwich MYC have racing on Saturdays at Whitlingham and anyone would be welcome as an occasional guest or better still join the club as some of us have done and enjoy extra racing whenever you feel like it. Contact Vinnie Zammit for more details.

That's all for now folks and please try to get to the **RULES SEMINAR - FRIDAY 18th MARCH - payment to me in advance please; £5.00 for members and £11.00 for guests which includes a very nice buffet supper.**

Pete.