



# THE BRYC NEWS

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We are now nearly a third of the way through the year so I thought it was time for another update on what is happening at our club.

Attendances on both Wednesdays and Sundays have been patchy so far, bad weather has obviously had an effect and then there have been various health issues and other commitments which have kept certain individuals away from Filby. However with the better, warmer weather we should be getting from now on I am confident that we will see an upturn in attendances.

Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> April sees us hosting the Shearwater Trophy for the six metre class and this is also the first of the 2002 Traveller series for 'sixes'. The following week is scheduled as an all day event for marbleheads and then we are back to sailing one metres on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. You have each been sent a copy of our race programme previously.

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May there is the Lifeboat Trophy for one metre boats at the Lee Valley club. This event is part of the Eastern District Championship Series for IOMs. There are six of these events throughout the year - our Norfolk Trophy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September this year is one of them - and the idea is that you can sail as many or as few of these events as you wish, and at the end of the year your best 4 scores are added together and the person with the best score is the district champion in the one metre class. Now, I love sailing at Filby and I enjoy the company of my club mates, but there is no doubt that traveling to other clubs and sailing with different people brings a whole new dimension to the sport and meeting and mixing with other clubs members also brings a lot of extra enjoyment. It is a bit daunting the first time or two you enter an open event but you soon make new friends, your confidence grows and it certainly isn't necessary to win in order to enjoy the experience. However if you want to improve your own standard of sailing there is no better way than entering at least one of the EDC series of events and I would encourage everyone to do just that this year. Go on, give it a go!

Talking about improving the standard of our sailing and getting more from the sport brings me neatly onto the next subject. The Eastern District has organized a **Workshop for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Coalhouse Fort**. Coalhouse Fort is a very nice venue near East Tilbury, which is an easy run from Norwich. The topics to be covered will include; Rig Tuning, Sailing Techniques and Tactics, Observing and the Racing Rules of Sailing. I understand that Graham Bantock and Peter Stollery are already pencilled in to instruct on at least one each of the topics. Those of you who attended the previous MYA organized workshop a couple or so years ago will recall how enjoyable and worthwhile the day was and I think this one organized by the District promises to be even better. Places are limited so if you would like to go, book in soon by e-mailing John Newton on; [eastern-dc-12@mya-uk.org.uk](mailto:eastern-dc-12@mya-uk.org.uk) If you don't have access to e-mail let me know and I'll book in for you. Myself and Vinnie are already booked in - we know a good thing when we see it.

Norwich Model Yacht Club are staging the Yare Cup open meeting for one metre boats at Whitlingham on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This isn't part of the EDCS series at the moment but would nevertheless be a good first open event for anyone considering taking that step and I hope to see at least a few Broads members there.

The RYGGED start was very successful during last year when it was tried at the club for the first time, so all club IOM events will continue to be RYGGED start but all open, RM and R6M meetings will be scratch starts.

Don't forget that there is practice sailing and racing every Wednesday, it is also a very enjoyable social get together with coffee and cakes during the morning. Numbers have been down a bit lately but I hope to see again twelve or more boats on the water as there were many times last year.

I hope that has covered everything for now and it remains only for me to wish you all, good health, fair winds and good sailing.

Peter Sutton. Secretary/Treasurer.

