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We are now just over half way through the year so I thought it was time for another update on what is happening at our club.

Attendances continue to be a bit patchy although the recent improvement in the weather has seen an increase in the number of members taking part in sailing on both Wednesday mornings and Sundays. I hope this trend continues.

A few weeks ago we welcomed Mel Catchpole into our club. He used to sail with the BRYC in the days when the club was located at Eel's Foot. I am sure you all join me in welcoming Mel and hope that he enjoys many hours of sailing with us.

The Corden Cup (EDCS 4) which was due to be sailed at Dovercourt on 15th July had to be postponed because the control area and surrounding grassy area was flooded. This event has now been rescheduled for Sunday August 12th and I would encourage you to consider entering this event.

Weed has been a problem again recently but thanks to the hard work, over a number of evenings and at other times, by a number of club members the area in which we sail has been cleared and although I can't guarantee a completely weed-free sail it is possible to have a worthwhile and enjoyable race. There is some loose weed in the area immediately in front of the control area and I would recommend a few minutes spent with one of the rakes clearing at least some of this each time before sailing.

We are continuing to use the RYGGED start for all club racing and I would ask that each member ensures that the correct colour flag is flown from the back stay of each yacht sailed.

Please make a note in your diary that our **Annual General Meeting** is on **Thursday 13th September** in Filby village hall. At the AGM you - the members - will have to elect a committee to continue to run the club on your behalf, it also gives you an opportunity to say how you want the club to be run. Please make every effort to attend.

The Heron Trophy is scheduled for Sunday 5th August and although this is an open event it doesn't attract many entries from other clubs so this is a good introduction to open event sailing. It will be an all day event and it needs your support.

Following this on 2nd September is the Norfolk Trophy (EDCS 5). This open event usually attracts an entry of about 18 boats, it therefore needs a fair sized race committee to run it on the day. I would like as many members as possible to enter this event but if you don't feel like entering perhaps you would consider helping to run it on the day. We will need someone to operate a recovery/rescue boat, we will also need a scorer, a line judge and observers. It would also be useful to have someone with waders to help visitors launch and retrieve their boats. If any of you think you can help in any way please let me or David know.

Associated with this newsletter is; a Race Officer Manual, an explanation of how to observe correctly, a document explaining the fundamentals of the rules of sailing (mainly for newcomers and beginners) and a piece about taking a protest off the water. I hope you find these both interesting and useful.

I think that has covered everything and I wish you all good health, fair winds and good sailing.

Peter Sutton. Secretary/Treasurer.