



# THE BRYC NEWS *ISSUE 5* 31/01/2013

Well, that's another Christmas over and done with and the end of another year. The snow and ice of the last week or so has gone and I don't want to see it back again before Christmas this year at the earliest.

The practice racing sessions of the week or two leading up to our winter break were very well supported and it is very encouraging for the members of your committee to see such enthusiasm. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January - the last chance to sail until after our winter break - we had something like 11 or 12 one metre boats on the water and another 5 or 6 members there to show their support and take part in the social side of radio controlled yacht racing. In view of the weather since, it would seem prescient that we all decided at our AGM last year, to reinstate the winter break.

Sailing will start again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The restaurant will be open again following their winter break and it will be practice racing as usual.

David and Tom have now produced the racing calendar for 2013, a copy is associated with this newsletter and you will see that it is very nicely colour coded to make it easier to read. The calendar has been changed to reflect the decisions taken at the AGM in 2012 so you will see that apart from the three open events: - the Shearwater Trophy for R6Ms on 14<sup>th</sup> April, the Norfolk Trophy and EDCS 5 for IOMs on 11<sup>th</sup> August and the Broadland Trophy and ED District Championship for RMs on 13 October, all events take place over the course of a Sunday morning. Please note that the competitors briefing for all club events will be at 09.45am with the first race to start immediately following briefing. If you are scheduled to be race officer please ensure that you are on site early enough to set out the course, set out the equipment, prepare score sheets and book everyone in so that you are ready to give the briefing at 09.45am sharp. It is generally expected that all club members will help with the setting out of equipment and the clearing away afterwards. It is an easy job with four or five pairs of hands but hard work for just one.

Please be aware that until further notice car parking on Sunday mornings will be on the restaurant car park and not on the grassy area behind the house. This at the request of the restaurant management and only because of the very wet conditions. Once things have dried up we will return to the usual parking arrangements.

Also associated with this newsletter is a copy of the club rules, an up to date list of members names, e-mail addresses and 'phone numbers (in case you have mislaid it) and some new guidance notes for anyone performing the duties of race officer. At first site these might look a little complicated but most of it is common sense. If there is anything at all that you are unsure of just ask David or any other committee member for clarification.

It was also agreed at the AGM that club racing would now be in the form of a number of series rather than one-off trophy events. These comprise 4 series of 7 events each for the one metre class, with the best 5 results in each series to count; and 2 series of 4 events each for the RM and R6M classes with the best 3 results in each series to count. A trophy will be awarded at the end of the year to the winner of each series. A total of 8 trophies in all. Each club member's results in the three open events will count towards the relevant series and score double points - so make sure that you enter them. Tom has agreed to update our website on a regular basis so you can follow your progress and that of your club mates week by week as the series unfold.

The Eastern District are holding a one day course for race officials on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at West Hanningfield in Essex and Terry, Tom, Michael and Steve are booked in. It should be an entertaining and worthwhile day and our club should benefit from the knowledge they gain about running events correctly.

Don't forget to think about entering some of the Eastern District Championship events (EDCS) for one metre boats. It is a good opportunity to sail at different venues with different people and they are great fun. A good one to start with might be the Coventry Trophy (EDCS 2) at Brentwood on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Finally - the MYA is back at the RYA Dinghy Show again this year - stand F46 - over the week end of 2 - 3 March 2013 at Alexandra Palace, London. Full details are on the MYA and RYA websites. If any of you are going to the show drop in to the stand and have a look.

I hope to see you all at Filby on Wednesday 6 February, unfortunately I am unable to be at the club on 10 February because I will be one of the MYA representatives at the RYA Conference for Race Officials. I will however be back at the club the following Wednesday.

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