



Firstly my apologies that this is only the second newsletter in the year 2014 but truth to tell there hasn't been a great deal of news to impart.

First - some important dates for your diary;

- a) **On THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER will be our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** As usual this will be held in the FILBY VILLAGE HALL starting time 07.45pm. Each of the current committee members have expressed a willingness to stand for re-election, however if anyone else would like to stand for any committee position they are welcome and encouraged to do so and need only a written nomination signed and seconded from any two club members. A provisional agenda is enclosed with this newsletter. Any additional proposals to be tabled must be in writing, proposed and seconded by two club members and in my hands at least two weeks before the AGM is due to take place. The Club Constitution covers this in detail. A copy of the minutes of the AGM 2013 is also enclosed.
- b) **On FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER is our ANNUAL CLUB DINNER and PRIZE PRESENTATION EVENING.** As usual this will be held at the **FILBY BRIDGE RESTAURANT**. The restaurant will be open from 07.00pm onwards and members who haven't paid the annual club subscription by then may do so. However your Secretary/Treasurer would appreciate payment before this date if at all possible so that he doesn't have too much work to do on the evening and is therefore able to relax and enjoy the festivities with everyone else. As previously there will be a limited choice menu of a main course and a desert followed by coffee or tea, the menu choice to be specified and paid for in advance. Full details of what the menu choices will be and the cost will be advised later.
- c) **On 12th OCTOBER is the BROADLAND TROPHY OPEN MEETING for RM's and on 19th OCTOBER is the NORFOLK TROPHY and EDCS 6 OPEN MEETING for IOM's.** I hope that club members will support both events and so help to make them a success.

I am also pleased to be able to tell you that the small shed has a completely new roof and felt, the large shed has new felt on the roof and both sheds have been repainted as has the club boat which now looks very smart. The lower of the launching/retrieving steps has been fitted with new wire mesh to maintain its non-slip surface. Our thanks are due to all those who helped with these various tasks, I won't try to thank everyone by name because so many members helped I would be bound to omit someone and possibly cause offence. Let me just say thanks and well done to everyone for their contribution.

Your committee have decided to replace the marker buoys with a number of smaller ones because it is so difficult setting and retrieving the ones we have now because they are so big and heavy. Unfortunately non of us is getting any younger. So some time during the next week or two you will see that we have new marker buoys in use.

Don't forget to check the Race Calendar each week to see when you are due to be race officer. If you are ever unable to fulfil this duty you must first try to arrange for a substitute and advise David, our Race Secretary, accordingly. If you are unable to arrange a substitute you must tell David. The Club Rules cover this in detail.

Don't forget that it is the responsibility of the owner to keep his or her boat/s within class and if you change to a different winch, servo or battery you must check that the boat still weighs what is required by the class rules and this applies to all rigs - not just the number 1 rig. In the case of IOM's the numbers 2 and 3 rigs will require a considerable amount of extra weight to be added in the bottom of each mast to ensure that the correct overall weight is maintained. If your boat is overweight you are sailing under a handicap and if it is underweight you are gaining an unfair advantage over other competitors.

Now that the weed has cleared, we are back to regular racing informally on Wednesdays and in accordance with the race programme on Sundays. Turn outs have been very good recently and I hope that as many members as possible continue to support the club in this way. Even if the weather is too bad for sailing it is enjoyable to meet up and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee in the comfortable surroundings of the restaurant.

That about rounds it up for now so fair winds and good sailing.

Pete.