



### **Committee meeting - 3rd January 2025**

Attendees: Ian Lynch (Chairman), Dave Addison (Tres), Steve Marsden (Sec), John Anderson (WYC), Dave Wheldon (SYC), Ian Maychell (Web), John Anderson (WYC).

#### **2025 Programme:**

SM - The programme needs finalising with races and race times. We'll go through the draft and agree times. ScYC and RNYC Regatta we haven't got times for. I will contact Ken Murray to fix RNYC times and JA will contact ScYC.

Do SYC want return races from THYC?

DA - If races are in boats can enter if they want to.

#### **YTC**

DW – YTC is now open to renew.

SM – THYC has decided to continue with NERR but is recommending all to renew their YTC so as to promote its development.

JA – WYC are also doing the same.

DW – SYC is also doing the same

#### **Website:**

SM – IM has taken over website and is working on making NERR accessible to club measurers and enable the production of certificates.

IM – certificate dates and boat owners have been corrected. There is still an issue with re-allocating boats to a new owner.

SM – with the 2025 programme there will be 4 sets of results rather than 2. Can that be accomplished or should we look at using Sailwave.

IM – it should be possible to add more score sheets.

SM – there is also a problem with sending bulk emails. Should I send individual emails to all to ask for renewal of membership?

IL – not good practice to send emails outside website. Isn't there an email account included with website that could be used?

JA – if you send me your renewal letter I will distribute it to WYC members.

DW – I will do the same for SYC members.

SM – I have a renewal letter already prepared. I will send it to all committee.

#### **Merchandise**

SM – I want to have a large burgee that I can sell to members. The quote has come in at £17 each for an initial order of 10 units. Is that acceptable?

JA – we need to promote ourselves. The more visible we can be the better.

DW – this year is the 60th anniversary of NECRA. Should we include that on any flag?

JA – a flag is better without a date especially if we are producing one designed to last.

SM – Tankards already ordered for 2025 prizes.

#### **Purchase approved.**

#### **Larry Wilkinson:**

DW – Larry has stepped back to look after his wife. Without his participation since 1966 NECRA wouldn't exist today. He has been a founding member, taken charge of each committee position,

written and run the website, recently recovered the NERR rating system and is still available to recover the website when necessary.

SM - Larry Wilkinson is stepping back from the maintenance of the website at the end of the year and Ian Maychell is stepping in to run it with Larry providing assistance when necessary.

DW – SM sent some pictures as possible presentation to him. Was anything done?

SM – there are few pictures available but the one taken off Sunderland is good.

IL – if you send it to me I have facility to photo print A3. It should be possible to get a standard frame.

DW – when are we proposing to give this to him?

SM – it should be presented to him before the start of the sailing season.

DW – he did effectively retire last year. The presentation should be sooner rather than later.

SM – he is committed at home so I propose that we go to him to present it. Perhaps meet at a local pub.

IL – we should enlist the help of Dawn.

**Agreed.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Next Meeting:** none arranged. Meet when requested.

Action:

- SM – update website programme
- SM – send out renewal letters, posters and programmes to reps.
- SM – order burgees.
- SM – send photo to IL.
- IM – working on website: results, measurers' page, certificate info & correction.
- IL – print photo.