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Hickling Broad Sailing Club



Spring 2012

It was only 2008 that I wandered down to the Broad to see if I could do some sailing, now it's my pleasure as Commodore to welcome you all to a new and busy season, it's been a rather quick journey. This year we are going to do all the things the Club normally does and do our very best to make them work well of course.

We also have some new initiatives, because whilst HBSC is a privileged Club with a strong companionable membership and a great dinghy sailing venue, no organisation can stand still if it wants to ride the pressures of current times and an uncertain financial environment and anyway new things are fun! So come and join in, you don't have to be a racing sailor to enjoy watching the action and eating cake and if you are, well, why not try the tranquillity of cruising. We are expanding the BBQ events which give us a flexible and inexpensive way of meeting socially and enjoying the great facility we have and we welcome all members and their guests to the Regatta socials or our BBQ at Salhouse.

To reflect the big national events this year we have several things organised (sailing and not sailing) so that we take notice of the Olympics this year and that dinghy sailing is arguably GB's most successful Olympic sport and as Her Majesty has given us an extra day off what better way than to spend it sailing at the club with a BBQ to follow, we will be putting the flags out.

HBSC can celebrate having a great mix of skills, aptitudes and appetites based around sailing from keen racers to those who use the Club as a quiet and beautiful place to access the sanctuary of the Upper Thurne. Most of us fall in the middle somewhere or rather have a foot in both camps but there are sometimes some conflict when the Club gets busy. We need to be clear that there is never a time when cruising sailors are not welcome. Times when racing makes the Club busy are some (but not all open meetings) Regatta days, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, however, Sunday afternoons is often quieter and with cake and tea available a good time to enjoy the Club. This year we are encouraging those who want to try racing but may lack competence to try Sunday afternoons believe me, you will be welcome in the fleet and we have plans to have advice available for those who want it.

I would like to finish by thanking all those on and off the Committee whose considerable efforts make the Club work and thank in advance all those who I hope to press into action this year, I will be getting around to you.

Jeremy Baverstock
Commodore

Sailing Secretary's Soundings

It's around about half way through our closed season and I've only just managed to get rid of all those trophies. Congratulations to all those who collected their hard earned full season and late season trophies on 25th January at a special edition of the Winter Wednesday's at The Pleasureboat.

Greg Northmore Sailing Secretary

During the dark winter months your Sailing Committee have been planning the sailing programmes for 2012, and once again it looks as though we've an eventful season ahead of us. In addition to the regular Open Meetings and Regattas we've agreed to host an Open for the Norfolk Punts on Sunday July 22nd. Hopefully this will attract a few more visitors from Barton for the week to compete in this and the Club's Summer Regattas (Evening and Weekend). We've brought the Olympic Course Racing forward to a pre-Olympics date Sunday July 15th, and moved the Charity Day back to Saturday 11th August to be held with the Treasure Hunt as a post Olympics celebration event.



The Early Summer and Summer points series this year will not feature starts for the Juniors. In 2011 there were no qualifiers for any of the Junior series, those who did race preferring to compete in the All-Comers series. Instead there will be two All-Comers starts in each series, All-Comers A, and All-Comers B&C. The decision on the dividing PN for the fleets will be confirmed when the RYA have published their PN List for 2012 but it is likely to be in the region of 1073. Juniors entering the All-Comers B&C series will compete both as All-comers and Juniors, the latter being scored using the Cumulative Scoring System as has been used for the Class championships.

For the same reason, lack of entries/qualifiers, the Youth Races in the Regattas have been realigned in the programmes to coincide with individual cup races leaving Juniors the opportunity to compete in both Class Series and Youth Race Series.

We've completed the review of races results and analysis of handicaps and made our return to the RYA thanks to the efforts of Paul Wren. The results in terms of PN changes will be made known as soon as the RYA publish their PN List for 2012 which will coincide with the Dinghy Show at the beginning of March.

There are a few minor changes to the Sailing Instructions for 2012. They now acknowledge that the rules we all sail to are the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. The scoring system for Open Meetings and Regattas is now the same as for seasonal points series in dealing with non starters and non finishers, and the handicap penalty for non-compliance with class rules in terms of number of crew has been removed.

Those who volunteer for Race Box duty will notice a significant change in the Notes for Guidance issued prior to their duty date and in the PRO Manual, both of which have been extensively re-drafted to hopefully make them more user friendly. The repairs to the Race Box balcony which are to be completed before the start of the season incorporate a new flag signals arrangement with clearly identified flag positions which hopefully will be much more user friendly for both experienced hands and those taking on the task for the first time.

Race entry sheets are being simplified using Sail Number as the key identifier which our computer system will recognise and load other details automatically on entry of the sail number. We are retaining the Club race results system for a further year but are developing a macro that will convert those results to Sailwave format to ease the task of management and publication of results. It will also make the tasks of analysis of results for the setting of handicaps and of making returns to the RYA much easier.

This year we're introducing measures to assist members in improving their knowledge of the Racing Rules and training a number of members to take on the role of Club Rules Advisers, a RYA qualification, which hopefully will facilitate easier and quicker resolution of disputes using advice and arbitration, and encourage members to challenge those they feel might not be fully observing the rules when racing. That should mean we will only have to resort to full protest meetings for the most complex disputes. Two Club Rules Advisor training days have been arranged using the services of Trevor Lewis, RYA Regional Rules Advisor, on February 4th and March 17th when invited members will join fellow sailors from Rollesby and Horning to undergo training and hopefully acquire their RYA certificates.

Following much cajoling and arm twisting I'm pleased to be able to report we've managed to persuade Chris Larter and Michael Cullum to take on the roles of Fleet Captain for the Solos and Lasers respectively. I wish them both good luck and hope both fleets will support their efforts to promote interest in their respective classes.

Last season we set out to provide an opportunity for novices to participate in racing but did not follow this through. This season we're proposing to nominate particular dates in the sailing programme, once a month in May to August, when the Sunday afternoon races will be used to provide an opportunity for novices to benefit from some race coaching using a "buddy" system. Look out for notices in the clubhouse inviting volunteers and confirming the specific dates.

Given the mild weather we've had so far this winter there's really no excuse for not having completed your boat maintenance this year, and so look forward to seeing most of you on the water when the Spring Series kicks off on Sunday 25th March.

2011 TROPHY WINNERS

SPRING SERIES

All-Comers Coronation Cup Peter Dearnley & Di Slatter

EARLY SUMMER SERIES

All-Comers Races 1 & 2 Jimmy Turner Trophy Peter Dearnley & Maz Bown
 All-Comers Races 3 & 4 Hickling Dinghy Cup Peter Cullum
 Juniors Races 1 & 2 Junior Trophy 1 No Qualifiers
 Juniors Races 3 & 4 Junior Trophy 2 No Qualifiers

SUMMER SERIES

All-Comers Races 1 & 2 Chettleburgh Cup Chris Larter
 All-Comers Races 3 & 4 Hickling Broad Cup Peter Cullum
 Juniors Races 1 & 2 Junior Trophy 3 No Qualifiers
 Juniors Races 3 & 4 Junior Trophy 4 No Qualifiers

AUTUMN SERIES

All-Comers Potter Trophy Michael Cullum

FULL SEASON TROPHIES

Club Award Frank Balls Trophy Andy Hobson
 Ladies Highgate Puffinus Maz Bown
 Seniors Seniors Trophy Peter Dearnley
 Best Non Cup Winner Sheila Hornby Trophy Michael Cullum
 Most Points Races & Non Cup Winner Robin Myhill Memorial Chris Barker & Richard Shuter

CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

Solos Dolphin Cup Chris Larter
 Lasers Laser Trophy Peter Cullum
 Norfolk Punts Arthur Beer Memorial Terry Vincent & Robin Slatter

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHARITY DAY

All-Comers Silver Anniversary Bowl Kevin Postlethwaite
 Juniors Festival Cup No Qualifiers
 All-Comers C All-Comers Trophy Roy Mercer
 All-Comers Pursuit Chasers Cup Greg Northmore

PASSAGE RACE

All-Comers A & B George Ebbage Memorial Cup Peter Dearnley
 Juniors Leeward Cup No Qualifiers
 All-Comers C All-Comers C Trophy No Qualifiers

TRADITIONAL OLYMPIC COURSE RACES

All-Comers Windward Cup Maz Bown
 Juniors Watling Cup Tim Koch
 All-Comers C All Comers C Trophy Roy Mercer

EVENING SAILING SUMMER REGATTA

All-Comers The Steele Cup Maz Bown



Early season dates requiring 'people' power

Work Party

Sunday 11 March
(9.30am onwards)

Piling Work Party

Saturday 21 April

Saturday 26 May

(9am - 1pm)

Spades, buckets and overalls!

Don't Forget - Work party Sunday 11 March

We need your best efforts to get the club ready for the new season, there are boats to launch; cleaning to do; some fencing to put up; a pontoon to build and one to break up; the usual gardening and some making good following the balcony repairs. So please bring barrows and garden tools where possible. We will be providing the usual refreshments once the clubhouse is emptied out. **See you there!**

Evening Racing
Starts 7pm
Wednesday 28 March

Monday 4 June
Diamond Jubilee
HBSC
Barbecue
from 6pm



Security notice

Members are reminded that whilst we do everything we can to keep the premises secure there is always an on-going risk of theft. This winter we have lost some wheels from trailers left in the trailer park. Members are reminded that the best defence is not to give thieves the opportunity by leaving valuable items exposed and unattended. Trailers are certainly a risk and it could be wise to remove the wheels of trailers if they are to be left at the club for a significant length of time. Please remember to label trailers so that we know who they belong to.

Club electrical services

At the end of last year and over the winter we have had some necessary electrical work done and taken the opportunity to fit PIR switches in the gents toilets and the sail loft as these lights were frequently left on. There are no accessible switches to these lights which will come on automatically and turn off after there has been no movement for a set period. If they don't seem to operate correctly please put a note in the suggestions book as they may need some in service adjustment.

Extraordinary General Meeting To be held Friday 27th April 2012 At the Club – 7pm

You will be relieved to hear that your committee keeps under review how the Club's finances are managed. It's one of our main responsibilities. It is clear that we are missing out from important sources of grant funding because of a the lack of a specific club rule and the committee propose that we get this changed. To do this we need a single motion EGM. Currently our published rules do not clearly deal with circumstances where the club might cease to exist (dissolution). The assets of the club are held by the club's Trustees who on dissolution of the club would have the job of paying off the club's debts and disposing of any balance, perhaps by distributing it to the remaining club members. Most grant funding Authorities see this as a risk that a club having accrued assets from grant funding could dissolve itself in favour of a few remaining members. This seems a remote prospect but we do need to deal with it if we are to qualify for the grant funding common in many other clubs. Your committee therefore proposes that we adopt the following new rule:

Clause 17(b) In the event of the dissolution of the club should any assets or funds remain after settlement of the club's liabilities these should be gifted to the Royal Yachting Association with the request that the funds be used if possible for the re-establishment of a sailing club at Hickling or should this not be possible the promotion of sailing within the Norfolk Broads area.

Alternative motions should be forwarded to the club secretary before the 25th April. No other business will be conducted at the meeting other than the adoption or rejection of the above Clause with minor amendments to the same intent.

Some of you will be aware of the consideration that we should become a Community Amateur Sports Club which would be done for other mainly financial reasons. The committee is of the opinion that it is not the right time for the club to undertake this step although we will continue to keep the matter under review.

It would be appreciated if we could have a convincing attendance at this necessary meeting and there should be every opportunity to get to the Pleasure Boat afterwards.

Jeremy Baverstock – Commodore



2012 Programme

MARCH

- 11th Sun Work Party (9.30am onwards)
 18th Sun Race Box and Safety Boat Training (10.30am)
 25th Sun Spring Series Points
 28th Wed Evening Racing Starts 7.00pm

APRIL

- 1st Sun Spring Series Points
 8th Sun Spring Series Points - Easter Egg Races
 11th Wed Evening Sailing - now 7.30 pm
 14th Sat Solo Travellers Open & Spring Social Race Night
 15th Sun Spring Series Points
 21st Sat Adult Training (1) (10am - 3pm)
 Piling Work Party (9am - 1pm)
 22nd Sun Laser Travellers Open & Spring Series Points
 28th Sat Junior Training (1) (9.30am to 3.00pm)
 29th Sun Spring Series Points

MAY

- 6th Sun Spring Open Regatta
 7th Mon Spring Open Regatta
 11th Fri Olympic Sailing Public Presentation Hickling Barn
 12th Sat Adult Training (2) (10am - 3pm)
 13th Sun Early Summer Series Points
 19th Sat Open Day/Try Sailing Day & Fit for Purpose Day
 Club Barbecue (6pm onwards)
 20th Sun Early Summer Series Points
 26th Sat Junior Training (2) & Junior Race Training
 (9.30am - 3pm)
 Piling Work Party (9am - 1pm)
 27th Sun Early Summer Series Points & Fit for Purpose Day

JUNE

- 2nd Sat Race Box and Safety Boat Training (10.30am)
 3rd Sun Early Summer Series Points
 4th Mon Club Diamond Jubilee Barbecue (6pm on)
 10th Sun Early Summer Series Points
 16th Sat Adult Training (3) (10am-3pm) & Fit for Purpose Day
 17th Sun Early Summer Series Points
 23rd Sat Leader Open & Club Cruise to Ludham
 24th Sun Leader Open & Early Summer Series Points & Club Cruise to Ludham
 30th Sat Club Picnic Race (12am) & Club Barbecue (6pm onwards)

JULY

- 1st Sun Early Summer Series Points & Fit for Purpose Day
 7th Sat Adult Training (4) (10am - 3pm)
 Olympic Sailing Club Presentation (6pm)
 Piling Work Party (9am - 1pm)
 8th Sun Early Summer Series Points
 14th Sat Junior Training (3) (9.30am - 3pm)
 15th Sun Olympic Course Racing
 21st Sat Bittern Races (Syd Wren Trophy) Club Horsey
 Picnic Cruise & RYA Push the Boat Out Day
 22nd Sun Norfolk Punt Open & Summer Series Points
 25th Wed Summer Evening Open Regatta
 26th Thurs Summer Evening Open Regatta
 27th Fri Summer Evening Open Regatta
 28th Sat Summer Open Regatta & Summer Social
 29th Sun Summer Open Regatta

AUGUST

- 4th Sat Junior Training (4) (9.30am - 3pm)
 5th Sun Summer Series Points
 8th Wed Evening Sailing now - 7.00pm
 11th Sat Treasure Hunt and Charity Day
 End of Olympic Competition Club Event
 Club Barbecue (6pm onwards)
 12th Sun Summer Series Points
 18th Sat Adult Training (5) (10am - 3pm)
 19th Sun Bittern Open Championships (Ernie Webster Trophy) & Summer Series Points
 25th Sat Piling Work Party (9am - 1pm)
 26th Sun Summer Series Points

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Sat NSBA Broadland Youth Regatta at NBYC
 2nd Sun Club Passage Races
 8th Sat Junior Training (5) Games & BBQ (9am - 5pm)
 9th Sun Summer Series Points & NSBA Ramuz Trophy
 12th Wed Last Evening Sailing
 15th Sat Bittern Horsey Cruise & Autumn Cruise to Salhouse Broad & Club Barbecue at Salhouse Broad (6pm)
 16th Sun Summer Series Points & Autumn Cruise to Salhouse Broad
 22nd Sat Piling Work Party (9am - 1pm)
 23rd Sun Summer Series Points
 30th Sun Summer Series Points

OCTOBER

- 6th Sat Autumn Open Regatta & Enterprise Broads Open & Evening Meal at The Pleasure Boat
 7th Sun Autumn Open Regatta & Enterprise Broads Open
 13th Sat Phantom Open & Solution Open
 14th Sun Phantom Open & Solution Open & Autumn Series Points
 21st Sun Autumn Series Points (Junior Box Team)
 28th Sun Autumn Series Points

NOVEMBER

- 4th Sun Autumn Series Points (Junior Box Team)
 8th Thurs A.G.M.
 11th Sun Autumn Series Points - Remembrance Sunday (First Race 11.10am)
 18th Sun Autumn Series Points
 25th Sun Autumn Work Party (9.30am onwards)

FEBRUARY 2013

- Feb Winter Club Social and Prize Giving - TBC



How to borrow a club boat?

- Do you race a Laser but fancy taking the family out for a sail occasionally?
 - Do you have a child who might like to have a go at sailing?
 - Do you cruise in a Wayfarer but want to race a Laser?
- ... If so, the club boats are your answer.

The club has a number of boats available for the use of members. The club fleet includes an **RS Vision**, **Lasers**, **Toppers** and **Optimists**, and **RS Fevas** so something for pretty much everyone.

These boats are available throughout the season and not restricted to "racing days". Last year I was able to take the family for a pleasant potter around the broad on a sunny Tuesday afternoon in the RS Vision - as a result we have a new junior member this year.

In order to keep the boats in good order and to ensure fair usage of the boats there are a set of rules and procedures in place. These are available to view in your club handbook as well as in a folder in the club house.

Booking a boat requires completing a reservation sheet in the folder in the club house - to ensure the boat is available for when you want it. Of course, you can turn up on spec to use a boat but must check that the boat hasn't been reserved by someone else before taking it. The folder also contains rigging instructions, should you not be familiar with the boat's set up.

When you have used the boat, de-rig it and return all the parts to their correct place - usually the storage locker located near the club boat park area. Please note you will require your membership proximity card to unlock the storage locker.

When sailing, please follow the rules of boat usage as set out in the information folder and ensure that the storage locker has been locked up whilst you are away - even on a racing day when there are a lot of people about. There is a lot of other valuable equipment for other boats in the locker.

If you find any damage or items missing from the boat you are intending to use, please notify the club boat co-ordinator of this, but do not borrow/swop bits from other boats - the equipment for the boats is colour co-ordinated so should not be mixed and matched!

After sailing please complete the forms in the folder to notice of any damage/losses as well as phoning the club boat hotline (01692) 620007 to notify the club boat co-ordinator of any repairs/replacements needed. Please note we need this information, not to apportion blame, but to ensure that the boats can be maintained as efficiently as possible to avoid disappointment for other users.

There are nominal charges for the use of some of the newer boats - RS Vision, "Katja" and Laser, "The Bees Knees" to help with the maintenance and insurance of the boats. The other boats and all junior boats can be used without charge.

There are some restrictions as to who can use which boats. So please familiarise yourself with these by reading the information folder kept in the club house.

- If you have any queries about the boat usage please contact **Rob Ward** - the club boat co-ordinator. The club boats are there for you to use so look after them and enjoy them.

Safety boats and club cruises

As another season approaches just a note about what is going on safety/Committee boat and cruising wise.

The Committee boat has been taken away to be mended/re-in forced/tidied up as she was getting rather sad.

One of our safety boats is also in need of repair and refurbishment and is also being dried out before work can commence. As we have 3 dory hulls we are able to rotate them and always have two working during the season.

We have a policy of replacing engines every 5 years to avoid problems before they arise due to old age. One dory engine was replaced last year and one new one is on the way for this season. We therefore have a 25HP Suzuki for sale, so anyone who might be interested or knows anyone who might want to buy this please contact me for details.

I am glad to see that generally last season our powered craft have been kept away from anywhere near the Club as no dredging has been done and driving these engines through mud causes endless problems for those of us who have to keep these boats running. We have a dedicated pontoon at the far end of the south quay heading so please keep up the good work and only put engines down, running or not, when they are on this pontoon. Also, consider using the fenders if necessary to prevent the hulls rubbing away on the pontoon.

Enough said about power boats, now cruising this year

Dates for your diary:

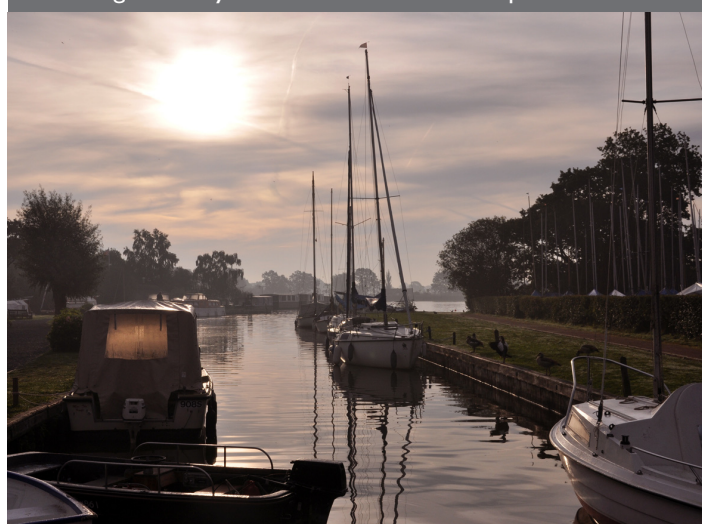
- We have, by popular demand, our annual cruise to Ludham (Womack) on 23rd June returning on 24th Camping at Hunters boatyard and meal in the King's Arms on Saturday night.
- A day cruise to Horsey is planned for 21st July.
- Something new this year is a more ambitious event, a trip to Salhouse Broad on 15th September returning on 16th. Camping available and weather permitting a barbeque on Saturday night.

All these events are open to all ages/experience in all types of boats. More details will be available nearer the times, but if you want to know more please ask me or any other Committee Member.

Roll on Spring.

Your Club Bosun - Richard Hetherington

Morning Peace by Mac Powell - Photo Competition Winner



In the dinghy park

With just a few weeks before the start of the season we once again make an appeal to all members to visibly label their boats with the berthing stickers provided in your renewal pack. We do this so we can ensure all boats are in the correct berth and to enable us to contact any owner should a problem arise. Last season saw a welcome reduction in the number of boats without their stickers, so for all the members labelling their boats with their berthing stickers - **thank you**. Let's see if this year we can get to 100% compliance.



We would also like to reiterate to members that dinghies must not be left on road trailers whilst in the dinghy park this uses valuable space and causes access problems for neighbouring berths. We have an area where road trailers can be stored for the season, free of charge, so there really is no excuse.

A note of caution for anybody using the trailer park, this is not a secure area so we would strongly recommend marking your trailer with your postcode and fitting a tow hitch lock (or removing the hitch). This will also stop the inadvertent use of your trailer by somebody with a similar trailer, with so many trailers looking remarkably similar this is not as unusual as you may think.

Race box & safety boat training days - Sunday 18 March & Saturday 2 June - 10.30am



This season sees some further changes to the race box. Not only will we have an improved balcony and flag system but we will also have some enhancements to our computer scoring system. We will also have our second safety boat fitted with a brand new engine making it even more important that anybody using a safety boat is familiar with its operation. Both sessions last approximately 30 minutes and should equip you with all you need to know about what's expected when you turn up for your duty.

So whether you are a new member or just out of practice why not come along one of the training sessions. Full galley facilities will be available so why not come for lunch.

The club can only run its race programme if we have both Race box and Safety boat crews. It's vitally important that members do at least one duty. When you receive the duty rota please make a note of your date. If you are unable to attend it is your responsibility to arrange your replacement with somebody else on the rota. The rota will also be published on the website just in case you misplace your own copy.



Useful info...

If you need a new one of these - Wilco Mortorists Discount Stores on Aylsham Road or Salhouse Road, are quite cheap.

Membership survey

If plans go well you will be receiving a Membership Survey in with this year's Handbook. It's time we took an accurate view of what you all want from the Club but there are some other good reasons why we need to do this. Some of the things we need to get done in the near future will require us to apply for grants and other help and to be successful here we have to show that the plans we have reflect the need of the membership and the development needs of the Club so please read them carefully and make a thoughtful response.

Members equipment

Each winter we clear the sail loft and are amazed by the amount of unidentifiable members equipment left behind. Last November was no exception. As usual the residue will be kept off site for a while and then sold in favour of club funds so if you left something behind don't expect it to still be on the club site and get in touch as soon as possible and claim it!

Sign in your guests

Members are reminded that guest are welcome but must be registered in the Guest Book. We need to know who has been on site to control security and as an insurance obligation so please get your guests signed in.

Cruising opportunity - mainly for Wayfarers

The Wayfarer Association have chosen to organise a cruising event starting at Hickling on Monday 9th to Friday 13th April and visiting Hunters Yard, Ranworth Broad, Horsey Mere and several local pubs. This involves camping in boat tents etc but with a bit of planning members could get home at night or do part of the cruise. If you are an association member and want to do the cruise get in touch with John Mellor 01132 655719 w10053@hotmail.com

If you want to do part of the cruise or are not an association member please get in touch with Jeremy Baverstock.

Now that's a pretty dinghy! 12 foot Morbic (French design) built by Suffolk boat builder Adrian Donovan



Sailing may float your boat - but does your boat float?

It's all too easy when getting on the water to pass over a proper check that the equipment you are using is actually safe. Last year there were several incidents where equipment failures necessitated members (and their boats) being rescued. There are obvious risks to cruising members who may be alone when things go wrong. When racing we have safety boats available but they should be dealing with the unforeseen and not incidents which could be avoided. All class associations have minimum maintenance requirements and require buoyancy testing to be carried out periodically.

To help get our fleet up to scratch we are holding four **Fit For Purpose** days (two Saturdays and two Sunday afternoons - 19 May, 27 May, 16 June and 1 July) when buoyancy testing equipment and advice will be available and we invite both cruising and racing members to take advantage of these.

Spring Social Saturday 14 April



Race Night at Hickling Barn Starts 6.30pm

Enjoy an evening in the New Hickling Barn racing in the warm!

Tate Loke (off Mallard Way), Hickling, NR12 0YU

Bring your own drinks and enjoy Race Night

and a Fish and Chip Supper

for £15 per head (£11 for juniors; £9 without supper)

Guests welcome

Booking contact Paul and Sandra Eastaugh by 10th April

Tel: (01603) 618531 Email: pauleastaugh@mac.com

