

THE NORFOLK 14-FOOT ONE DESIGN DINGHY CLASS

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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yes, Happy New Year all you Norfolk owners and friends thereof. I meant to send out a newsletter shortly after the AGM – those that were there will remember that I said I would. They might also remember that I couldn't find my Class Captain's report so said it all from memory and then found the typed version! Such are the side effects from all the stresses and strains of being Class Captain and other things.

For the benefit of those not actively involved in the Class I shall deal with events which have taken place since my last newsletter in May 2010.

NORWICH FROSTBITES

As usual this is the location for the highest number of Norfolks sailing regularly. Although sailing only takes place during the winter months October to April, numbers exceed those attained anywhere else, winter or summer. Despite several days suffering from lack of wind, apart from team match days, the same crowd always seem to turn out.

In the Class races October to December, 8 boats qualified for the trophy, David Mackley in B6 "Lucifer beyond repair" was first, having sailed every race (10 of them) and come first in every one apart from on 21st November when he recorded a 5th place, disgraceful! Runner up was Paul Carrington sailing B9 Dumpling who sailed every race except one and, in third place, was Ray Johnson in Coot B54. 16 different boats sailed in the Class series and also in the "Allcomers" races that followed.

On Sunday 23rd January 2011 the annual race took place for the Arthur Mann Memorial Trophy and it was good to see Arthur's wife Dorothy and his two daughters Rosie and Julie down at the club. They had to work of course, in the galley, whilst son-in-law David Ashworth, helming B6, dominated the race and very appropriately won the trophy! The day also saw for the first time ever at Frostbites, I believe, Waterwitch B72, she having recently been purchased by Nigel Blake, a new member.

BECCLES

Beccles Amateur Sailing Club continues to be a popular venue for Norfolks. They sailed up to quite late in 2010 and from the results posted on their website, Nigel Shipley took the Bacchante Trophy which was contested by 6 Norfolks. In various allcomers races Rory Kelsey sailing B21 Tankard did very well taking the Coronation

Cup, King George V Pennant and also the Clubhouse Trophy. Have a look at the website for the results and some very good photographs. You will also see the numbers of entrants in their races.

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COLDHAM HALL

This is another location where a small but regular group of Norfolks sail during the summer. Happily the Coldham Hall Tavern is open still and we look forward to the regatta at the May bank holiday weekend.

NORFOLK BROADS YACHT CLUB

Despite numbers significantly falling off in recent years, we are pleased that NBYC continue to support us and offer events specifically for the Class.

On the weekend of 26th and 27th June 2010 NBYC organised an open meeting and, for those who took part, this proved very enjoyable. Christian Young won the first race sailing his old boat B23 Brown Jane on the Saturday whilst your Class Captain came last! On Sunday Ian Tims turned up sailing B11 Cockle and won every race. On the Saturday night the Class Supper was attended by 35 people, which was good and David and Nicky Talbot were invited as guests.

On Sunday 5th September 2010, NBYC organised a second open meeting for the Class which was also very enjoyable. Kevin Edwards sailing B19 Minnie totally dominated the event.

Entry fees were waived by NBYC at both these events and we were certainly made very welcome by the club, its flag officers and members.

THREE RIVERS RACE

In the 50th Three Rivers Race, five Norfolks took part. Ian Tims sailing B11 Cockle came a creditable 22nd overall, closely followed by Kevin Edwards who came in 27th in B19 Minnie and John Fowler, sailing B65 Mary Jane was 54th. Nigel Shipley in B14 Herewego and Ray Johnson in B54 Coot unfortunately ran out of wind and had to retire.

BARBEQUE

We are indebted to Jenny and Geoff Coulthard who did a splendid job in providing a superb venue and much of the food last year at their home in Thunder Lane.

No-one has volunteered to host a barbeque this year but we are open to offers. All we need is a half decent garden, somewhere to put the barbeque and room for some tables for salads etc. If anyone feels they could take this on the committee would be overjoyed.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the weekend of 25th and 26th September 2010, we held our annual Class Championships at Horning Sailing Club. The conditions prevented us sailing onto Black Horse Broad as was the intention. On the Saturday a single reef was ordered. There were some juniors sailing on the river that day and there was an incident at

one of the buoys involving Geoff Coulthard which very nearly caused him to retire and go home. My crew intimated to me during the race that there was also the possibility of a lynch mob being organised with your Class Captain as the victim!

On Saturday night there was a very pleasant meal at Wroxham Barns and Derek Hands and his wife representing HSC were invited as guests.

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On Sunday conditions improved, well less wind but more rain, so again, for those who attended (just 6 boats) an enjoyable time was had. Geoff Coulthard won the 21st Anniversary Challenge Cup sailing B71 Wild Duck, crewed by Geoff Evans.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

I attach a calendar of events for 2011 showing the main class events for you to pin up where appropriate, enter in your diaries or on your phones and I shall endeavour to forward more details on each nearer the time. This should tie up with the Green Book which normally comes out in a couple of months time. I will mention one special event below:-

HICKLING TO POTTER 80TH ANNIVERSARY RACE

This event has been discussed with Hickling Broad Sailing Club and entry forms will be sent out shortly. It is actually only five years ago that we ran this event, it seems much longer ago than that to me. However, it's something I am very much looking forward to and I hope we can get a good turnout. Much preparation needs to be done and time will quickly pass. However, please make a note that you are booked for Easter Monday this year!

NEW MEMBERS

Chuph B17 has been sold by Alan Sant of Coldham Hall to Clive Allen and Robert Corbold and is to be added to the fleet at Beccles.

As mentioned above, Waterwitch B72 has recently been acquired by Nigel Blake and will be sailing at Frostbites. This boat was shipped out to Australia some years ago but returned and has been largely rebuilt by Dudley Turner.

We welcome these new owners to the fleet.

WEBSITE/HANDBOOK

No progress at this stage, regrettably on either of these projects.

OBITUARIES

Many of you will know that Barbara Clabburn recently died at the age of 97. Our condolences go out to her family. John Clabburn, owner of B78 Hilary II, sails regularly at Frostbites. Her late husband, Jimmy Clabburn was Class Captain in 1955 and Barbara supported him in that role as well as during his years as Commodore of NFSC and NMBC.

BOATS FOR SALE

B41 FIREFLY

Not raced for some years but considerable work done and now in good condition.
Price £2,750.

Contact Crispin Clark, White Gables, Stratton Strawless, NR10 5LP. T:01603 -
279345

B36 HOBBIT

Not raced for many years but in fair condition. Needs TLC. Price £1,250

Contact Bob Cobb, 39 Church Street, Great Ellingham NR17 1LE
T: 01953 456181 or E: bobcobb@greatellingham.plus.com

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B67 DAWDLER

Not in the water for 1 year and needs tidying up. Cover in not very good condition!
Includes road trailer. Price £1,000

Contact Dave Ilett T: 01603 722318 or E: Daveilett@aol.com

B68 WHY NOT

Good condition – no road trailer or trolley. Price £1,400.

Contact Ken Lord, 1 George Drive, Drayton NR8 6ED T: 01603 860362

B83 SARAH ELIZABETH

By all accounts this boat is in excellent condition. Comes with a Moores combination
trolley and trailer. Must be seen.

Contact Brian Kerridge T: 01502 678181 or E: briankerridge@bwk.demon.co.uk

B46 ARIEL

This boat is not really ready for sale yet but will be available shortly. She has had a
full medical makeover from tip to toe.

Contact Neil Bowles, Justoby Dyke, River Bank, St Olaves, Norfolk NR31 9HF
T: 01493 488388 M: 07803495850 E: justoby@f2s.com

Good sailing in 2011

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