



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Annual Prizegiving

Grateful thanks to the Camilla, Jane and their band of helpers supplying , preparing and otherwise contributing to the successful prize giving With nearly 60 members and guests attending it was a great success .

2013 Sailing Season

The weather was fairly kind to us from a racing point of view so not many races needed to be rescheduled and the winds were in the main on the fresh side and attendances were good. I think that we can be justifiably proud of our little Club because on at least 2 occasions this season we were the only Club in the area to sail which says a lot for the skill of the sailors, race officers and rescue facilities. We held open meetings for Sharpies, OK's, Lasers, Clinkers National 12s'and Mirrors all of which were well attended.

We held the Burnham Market schools day which went well and was to a tried and tested format. We also held a Taster day in June for people to come and try sailing or try out other Boats which was well publicized but the take-up was not great as the weather was foul which put some people off . We also held a rules seminar in Ashley's garden before the Junior training, which was a success as usual . After the Oram race where the children sailed through from Brancaster we provided bacon sandwiches thanks to Suzie Gathercole. Camilla, Jane and Richard masterminded the BBQ in the field after the regatta prizegiving. Apparently 148 hamburgers were cooked and consumed with no waste.

The Club ran 41 races, (21 club +Regatta+ Open meetings). It was not easy getting people to man the safety boat or carry out Race officer duties, At Overy we have traditionally asked for volunteers and perhaps twisted arms at the last minute . Most clubs roster people and you are given dates when you will take your turn. I do not think we want to go down that path but that is up to members to share the load as some are not pulling their weight and doing their share.

Club members also participated in events elsewhere in Open Meetings and National European and World Championships all with modest successes.

I went to an RYA Seminar on Clubs and the help that they could give. Unfortunately as we do not have a Clubhouse (I am quite glad about that when I saw Brancaster's after the flood) and changing facilities we fall outside their parameters! Although it did seem that we were doing everything that other clubs are doing to encourage people to participate.

2014 Season

We intend to run some non-competitive activities such as a cruise through to Brancaster. Maybe a Treasure hunt etc. So watch the new oak Notice Board which was kindly given in memory of James Carr which was commissioned in the early Summer 2013 and has provided us with a much better focal point to distribute information, so please keep an eye on it.

Your Committee

The Committee has met on 4 occasions, most members attending every meeting, and has drafted out a sailing programme for 2014, not only that but has put in a lot of time and effort to ensure the Club and Club events run smoothly. Members of the club also in a personal capacity helped to mastermind and run the Watersports, which was very successful, and helped clear up after the floods ie un-scramble the boats in the boat park. So I would ask you to give your Club officers and committee your thanks.

P.W.Goakes Commodore OSSC.

BOATSWAINS' REPORT

The Safety Boat is in good order. It has run well all season with no significant repairs needed apart from a new cap to the fuel tank which incorporates the fuel gauge and the trailer bearings were changed. Our Insurers demanded that due to thefts elsewhere we would have to have locking devices on the engine and the trailer. These were purchased and fitted before the start of the season. At the end of the season the Safety Boat was serviced ready for 2014 and it is currently in Winter storage. Looking at the Safety Boat critically, if it is looked after, maintained and driven properly both the boat and the engine have a lot of years' use left in them. The towing ropes are getting old and not nice to use so replacements would be nice. At the last meeting I reported that 'the portable hand held radios are getting old and due to the low elevation of the start line do not have as good a range as we would like so we are looking into raising the aerial higher to give us a better range, using the starting pole as a mast. We may need to buy a new hand-held radio.' This is still work in progress.

Andy Turner refurbished the racing marks prior to the beginning of the 2013 season and they were fine. Some flags were also purchased to use for the boat-mounted masts.

The Club is most fortunate to have benevolent landlords to store the Safety Boat both during the sailing season and during the winter both of which increase the boat's security and life/longevity.

We do need some more volunteers to train to man the Safety Boat and act as Race Officers. We will provide training for both these jobs, but in the first Instance it is recommended that you sign on as a number 2 to get some hands on experience. Please feel free to come and talk to me or another committee member to see where you can help. **Without people to do these jobs we have no races.** There is a sign-up sheet for duties on the website where you can sign up for duties now.

P.W.Goakes 31/12/2013