



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 5th January 2014 in Burnham Overy Village Hall.
Meeting opened at 11.00 by the Commodore, Paul Goakes.
Attendance: 22 members

1 Apologies for absence

Committee members: Ashley Deakin & Sue Gathercole. Members: Tara Douglas Home, George & Anne Parry, Simon & Caroline Dawes, Lord & Lady Coke, Flic Lowe, Rachel & Toby Campbell Gray, Tom Freemantle, Wendy Pritchard, Gemma & Calum Dow, Peter & Moira Smith, Alex Smith & family, William Scoles, Adam Mills, Owen Bentley, Chris Geering.

2 Minutes of AGM on 6th Jan 2013

The minutes were approved, with no matters arising.

3 Commodore's Report [Paul Goakes]

A busy year's activities included running 41 Club, Regatta and Open Meeting races [the latter for Sharpies, OK's, Lasers, clinkers, National 12's & Mirrors]; the Burnham Market Primary School sailing day, junior training with addition of a new 'rules seminar', the new 'Try Sailing/Try a Different Boat' taster day, and summer and winter social events [BBQ and Annual Dinner]. A fine new Club noticeboard had been installed, donated in memory of James Carr. This helped our promotion and now also bears a mark showing the height of the recent tidal surge.

The Commodore's report can be read in full on the website www.overystaitthesc.org.uk.

The report was adopted: proposer Jerry Clark, seconder Paul Beachell

4 Sailing Secretary's Report [Andy Turner]

The total of 45 members racing during last season was slightly less than in 2012. The number of juniors however had gone up, for which credit goes to the impact of Ashley Deakins' enthusiastic encouragement, also in some cases to extra training at Brancaster.

A mix of boat classes at the top of the results table indicated that the handicap system was working well, while the one lap option was a help for slower boats.

Two development aims for 2014 are to add video to the race documentation on the website; and to use a committee boat more often for improved race starts. Andy invited comments and suggestions on any aspect of the programme.

The 2014 sailing programme including the Regatta dates is on the website.

The Sailing Secretary's report was adopted: proposer Ben Goakes, seconder David Edwards.

5 Treasurer's Report [Peter Beck]

OSSC and Regatta Income & Expenditure Accounts 2013 were presented [see page 3].

The accounts showed a deficit this year. The main items of increased expenditure were safety boat running and maintenance [including added security measures], and the introduction of the new plates as prizes.

The accounts were adopted: proposer Sam Mason, seconder Paul Beachell.

6 Membership Report [Camilla Warner]

The membership stood at 217, of which 145 are adults and 72 juniors. The total was just

one fewer than the previous year. Around 70 have ceased to be members through choice or possibly oversight.

From 2014 subscriptions will be renewable by Standing Order. This should prove easier both for members and for the Club's administration.

Email is now the preferred means of communication with members as it is easier, faster and cheaper. Therefore all members are encouraged, if they have not done so already, to let us have their email address. Addresses will not be used for anything other than Club communication, will not be passed on to anyone else and will not be used to send junk.

The membership report was adopted: proposer Nina Plumbe, seconder Richard Warner.

7 Boatswain's Report [Paul Goakes]

The safety boat was generally in good order. Engine and trailer locking devices had been fitted to meet insurance requirements. With care the boat and engine should still give a lot more years' service. Thanks to benevolent landlords, good storage facilities for the boat, in both summer and winter, enhance its security and longevity.

To improve radio reception, measures to install a fixed aerial at the start line were in hand.

Volunteers are needed to train to man the safety boat and act as race officers. Training will be provided for both jobs, but in the first instance members please sign up as crew/assistant to get hands-on experience. The race duties sign-up sheet is on the website.

This report can be read in full on the website www.overystaitesc.org.uk.

The Boatswain's report was adopted: proposer Jerry Clark, seconder Ben Goakes

8 Harbour Trust Representatives' Report [Richard Warner]

HT matters of relevance to the Club include the renewal of channel mark buoys and maintenance of groynes. A report by consultants Haskoning recommended only minor modification needed now to the west groyne at Bank Hole. The report contains useful photographic evidence of flows in the Creek over the past 12 years.

There is continuing discussion about boat licences and possible charges and future formalisation of moorings. Members should ensure they have current licences and should advise other people likewise. Licences allow identification of boats, which can be important as in the recent floods.

The Water Sports, which are being run by an ad hoc group of OSSC and BOHT members under the insurance policy of OSSC, will be on 23 August 2014; and the Norfolk Superhero event on 21 June.

9 Election of Committee Officers and Members

No nominations for new Committee members or officers had been received, and all present members and officers had confirmed their willingness to continue.

Polly Ionides proposed they be re-elected en bloc; this was seconded by Nina Plumbe and agreed unopposed.

10. Any Other Business

Tidal surge: In response to a question about the impact of the tidal surge, Peter Beck noted two places, opposite the harbour mouth and in Norton Creek, where there had been large deposits of shingle or sand. With spartina grass on the increase, the tendency towards marshification is being accelerated.

Prizes: it was suggested that, while plates have been introduced as the Club race prizes, mugs could be retained for the Regatta to differentiate between the two types of event. There was general support in the meeting for this idea.

Standing Order payments: a query was raised about ensuring that signed insurance declarations continue to be obtained under the new Standing Order payment system. Sam Mason referred to other clubs where you sign once for the whole season with your first race entry.

Sarah Bethel Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for its work over the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.40.

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**Overy Staithe Sailing Club
Income and Expenditure Accounts 2013**

Income	£		Expenditure	£	
Party receipts	116.90	(453.92)	RYA subscription	110.00	(105)
Laser Open	55.00	(40)	Insurance	625.40	(522.18)
Sharpie Open	40.00	(20)	Postage, stationery, printing etc.	242.60	(279.31)
OK Open		(40)	Safety boat storage	28.99	(21.99)
Prize giving barbecue	187.84	(102)	Safety boat fuel & Servicing	694.98	(247)
North West Norfolk Sailing Association		(100)	Donations to charities	200.00	(200)
Bank Interest	44.91	(1.49)	Prizes	601.34	(459.11)
Membership subs	1653.00	(1595)	Refreshments	69.08	(44.42)
			Club equipment	279.64	(11.80)
totals	2097.65	(2352.41)		2852.03	(1890.81)

Balance as at 01.01.2013 £8434.60 (7973)
Excess income 2013 £-754.38 (+461.60)

Made up as follows:

P.O. Investment acct £5995.56 (5951.97)
Active Savings £1665.56 (1964.60)
Community Acct £ 18.68 (518.43)
Cash in hand £ 00.42

Total **£7680.22** **(8434.60)** **Total** **£7680.22** **(8434.60)**

Overy Staithe Regatta 2013

Income	£		Expenditure		
Entry Fees	112	(192)	Prizes	355.80	(317.10)
Bank Interest	2.06	(2.18)	Trophy	7.50	(24)
totals	114.06	(194.18)		363.30	(341.10)

Balance as at 01.01.2013 4475.28 (4622.20)
Excess income -279.24 (-146.92)

Made up as follows:

Business Saver Account £3881.59 (4179.53)
Community Account £343.93 (295.75)
Cash £52

Total **£4226.04** **(4475.28)** **Total** **£4226.04** **(4475.28)**