

Social Events

First of all a massive thank you once again to Brian and Ann for the super lunch party following the AGM. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves - fantastic.

Quiz

Margaret Clubb's quizzes have been described to me as hilarious! - don't ask, just turn up. Saturday 21st February, 7.30 p.m. at the Colne Yacht Club. Buffet will be charged per team/table. Please ring Margaret and Keith on 01206 823553 to book as a team or prospective team member.

Dinner

The B.O.D. Dinner is also at CYC this year on Saturday 25th April at 7p.m. for 7.30. Please as usual book direct with CYC on 01206 302594 - everyone welcome. (Quiz, Dinner, social events info also from Tom Sargeant 302035)

Summer 2009

The race programme for the season is enclosed. This follows the usual format, plus, as suggested at the AGM, two cadet races to be run in conjunction with BSC Tuesday evenings.

Please also take every opportunity to bring your friends (of all ages) sailing or racing, and remember that each Club is open to everyone for refreshments after racing both Thursday evenings and weekends.

This year shows another increase in numbers and another step up in the condition of boats throughout the fleet. Since the last newsletter we welcome Ray Davies and Alice with C27 "Rebel". Ray has raced in big fleets of GPs, in TEODs and much else. "Rebel" is immaculately restored using modern materials and ready for the rig and fittings. These are now very different from when the boat last raced in the Brightlingsea fleet over fifty years ago, the classic looks remain but with modern kit.

Progressive management of the Class Rules continues to ensure that the class is an option for experienced dinghy sailors. The latest edition, including the recent changes to spinnaker measurement is enclosed for owners.

The Racing Rules might well be worth a scan at this stage - just to confirm what the other boats rights are! - post Olympic revisions are likely anyway.

More crowded situations could occur this year especially when starting in the creek. While the rules offer safe passage for three or four boats along a shoreline the "chain reaction" effect when greater numbers are involved gets complicated. Presented with an incident the protest committee will always find an answer, but it simply can't always be the "right" answer. Please keep a good look out and where all else fails, "give and take" is an option! - thanks.

Competition (in a whisper)

Be flattered but otherwise pay very little heed to all these hot shots coming in! - they've only got two arms and legs, and anyway we've no control over that. Just shine your own boat up and remember that the best speed on any point of sailing, in any boat is a knife edge - so find that. How high can you point, or how low can you run off, without losing speed? And whats the fastest course to the next mark - simple!

Lost AGM Minutes

We have a detailed record of the B.O.D. Association activities going back to its formation in 1952. Unfortunately the AGM minutes for 1997-2000 inclusive are missing. PLEASE if you have a copy - let Tom Sargeant know 01206 302035.

Fleet Photograph

There are just a handful of good photos of B.O.D. fleets. In fact, because luck plays such a part, despite repeatedly putting yourself in the right place at the right time, it could be argued that there is only one really great shot - taken by Freddie Armes one sunny afternoon in the early 1950's.

We need another one now!

On one or another race day this season, when circumstances look good, you may be asked to participate in a false start or two when Tim Hearn (crew, Egret) will have a go at getting us all in.

But in any case, come on budding photographers - make a name for yourself! (race programme enclosed).

Subscriptions

Many thanks for your subs - if you have not yet paid please send cheques direct to Tom Sargeant, 5 Oyster Tank Road, Brightlingsea CO7 ODW, £20 for Owners, £10 for Associate Members.

Bearing in mind the overall aim of keeping the class successful and expansive for ourselves and anyone/everyone anytime! - we nevertheless need to monitor just how "expansive" the mailing list can be beyond the receipt of subs. The Committee will look at this soon and let you know in another newsletter.

"Fleet" Insurance "Heath Lambert" appear to be offering a very good deal for in-class B.O.D.s Contact Alison Melia on 0151 2248110.

Moorings/Boat parking Don't Forget!

Brightlingsea Harbour 01206 302200
CYC 01206 302594
Park and Ride 01206 304747

Local Business/Suppliers

Z Spars (Craig Bond) 01473 822130
Sailspar (high quality stainless fittings/spars) 01206 251348
Advantage sails/covers (Mark Self) 07909 542138
Speedline Trailers (Barry Fountain) 307788 or 07790 676999
Hart Metalcraft (trolley - Steve Hart) 01206 822017
Colne Yacht Surveys Ltd. (Bill Kippen 01206 825762 or 07908 329767
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