



Newsletter

No 3, 2011

Hello

Now that our AGM is over I thought it a good time to send out a third newsletter before the year end.

AGM Minutes and Reports

Please find attached the minutes of the AGM held last Sunday along with a couple of reports. The AGM was very well attended with 16 members and I know two more would have been there other than for a Midlands competition

The minutes are, I hope, clear. In addition to the AGM the morning was most convivial supported by coffee and muffins with an excellent workshop on tuning a One Metre by Mike Clifton

For those not able to attend please take the time to read the notes. You will see that we are intending to build a new suite of marks for our lake and you will also see the dates of the IOM National Championships in June 2010 at Furzton Lake. Please put these dates in your diary. We have a small working group but we will need your help over the three days of the event. Many thanks

Subscriptions

These were agreed to remain the same as for 2011. The MYA affiliation fee has however increased by £1 to £11. The subs payable to Bob Lamb our Treasurer are therefore Standard £31, Over 65's £21. **Please send cheques made payable to Two Islands RYC immediately to Bob Lamb, 27 Greenfield Road, Westoning, Beds, MK45 5JD**

Immediate payment is much appreciated so that chase e mails are not required. If you no longer wish to remain a member of the club please e mail Keith Coxon on k.coxon@ntlworld.com. Many thanks

Committee

Your new **Committee** for 2012 is: - **Chairman**, Graham Allen, **Secretary**, Keith Coxon, **Treasurer**, Bob Lamb, **Racing Secretary**, Dave Alston, **Bosun**, Mike Stevens, **Members**, Adrian Brunt, Fred Finch

Winter Results

Just before the AGM Jack Hitchins as Chairman presented trophies to (mostly Paddy) and others for the 2010/2011 winter series

These were: -

IOM Handicap, Coldfinger Trophy – 1st Paddy, 2nd Keith, 3rd Allen

IOM Scratch, Jack Frost Trophy – 1st Paddy 2nd Keith 3rd Paul

Laser Bowl - 1st Paddy, 2nd Paul, 3rd Keith

So, a clean sweep for Paddy, and congratulations to him for his success.

Summer Results

The first half of our new programme is now over with the following podium positions

Laser Chasers – 1st Paddy, 2nd Mike, 3rd Vic

Conway Trophy – 1st Mick Shillington, 2nd Paddy Chambers, 3rd Keith Coxon

The full results are posted on our website for more information

We have, in the past, had our presentation dinner in November but given the change in the programme to run over the full year it is likely that our dinner will now be held in April 2012. More details to follow

New Members

I am pleased to welcome Brian Hawkins as a new member. Brian is building a IOM and we look forward to seeing it on the water as soon as possible

As reported in my report to the AGM we now have 32 members with a very active One Metre Fleet. The club continues to be in a strong position. We also hope to add an additional member soon

And finally....

Thanks for your friendship in 2011. As I said in my report, thanks for putting up with my grumpy moments, sorry to go on a bit sometimes, but may I wish all of you and yours a very happy Christmas and a great New Year

Kindest regards

Keith
Your Secretary
14th December 2011



Minutes of the Two Islands RYC AGM Sunday 11th December 2011

The meeting was opened at 10.15am (after Coffee & Cakes)

- 1) Attendance and Apologies
 - a. Those attending: - Jack Hitchins, Keith Coxon, Paul Hunter, Bob Lamb, Graham Allen, Vic Tatman, Rex Hill, Paddy Chambers, Mike Stevens, Adrian Brunt, Allen Pearce, John Clifton, Mike Clifton, Ian Foskett. The meeting also welcomed Brian Hawkins as a new member
 - b. Apologies were received from: - Mick Shillington, George Whitlock, Jeff Ford, Steve Mundy, Neil Coleman, Dave Alston, Fred Finch
- 2) Minutes of the 2010 AGM: - These were accepted as a true record, proposed by Geoff Saunders, seconded by Graham Allen and adopted
- 3) Matters arising: - There were no matters arising
- 4) Chairman's Report: - Jack gave a verbal report to the meeting. He highlighted the current strength of the membership and racing attendance and also the strength of the cash position of the club. The report was proposed by Adrian Brunt and seconded by Ian Foskett
- 5) Secretaries Report: - Keith presented his report, copy attached. Keith was asked by Geoff to establish contact with the Parks Trust regarding publicity for events in 2012. Keith promised to follow up at the first Committee Meeting with the responsibility to be given to a local MK resident for action. The report was proposed by Adrian Brunt and seconded by Mike Stevens
- 6) Treasurers Report: - Bob circulated his report. This showed a closing balance at £824.49 up from the opening position of £611.26 in December 2010. The finances are well controlled and in good order. A question was raised about the impact of holding the IOM Nationals next year. Graham Allen responded by indicating the club would most likely benefit, if not with cash but with assets. Proposed by Graham Allen and seconded by Ian Foskett
- 7) Racing Secretaries Report: - Paul presented his report, copy attached. His focus was on the success of the new sailing programme for IOM's and the weed free advantage of Furzton Lake. The report was proposed by Allen Pearce and seconded by Mike Stevens

All reports were carried unanimously

- 8) Election of Officers
 - a. Chairman – Graham Allen agreed to stand and received a unanimous vote of approval
 - b. Secretary – Keith Coxon agreed to stand and received a unanimous vote of approval
 - c. Treasurer – Bob Lamb agreed to stand and received a unanimous vote of approval
 - d. Racing Secretary – Dave Alston agreed to stand and received a unanimous vote of approval
 - e. Bosun – There was a vacancy for this position but after some discussion and arm twisting (nicely) Mike Stevens agreed to stand and received a unanimous vote of approval and a cheer
 - f. Other members – Adrian Brunt and Fred Finch agreed to stand and they both received a unanimous vote of approval
 - g. The meeting expressed their thanks to both Jack and Paul who were standing down, for all there previous help and support
- 9) Motions and Amendments: - There were no motions received by the Secretary
- 10) Subscriptions: - Given the healthy position of the bank account the Committee proposed that the subs remain the same for 2012. That is Standard Membership £20, Over 65's £10, Juniors £10. These were proposed for adoption by Ian Foskett and seconded by Jack Hitchins. Carried unanimously. It was noted that the MYA fees to be added, are £11 for all current members
- 11) Any other business
 - a. Keith raised the issue of new buoys. He asked for a working group. Keith along with Allen, Vic, Mike S, and Ian agreed to join the group. Ian also kindly offered his garage in which to construct the buoys. Keith will e mail the members in the new year to commence the work. It was agreed to do this in conjunction with Graham Allen and his new club
 - b. Keith focussed on the IOM Nationals to be held on the 2nd, 4th and 5th June. He asked for a small committee. Keith, Adrian, Graham, Ian, Mike and Bob agreed to meet. Dave Alston to probably join this group as Racing Secretary. Keith also asked all present to put the dates in their diaries for next year
 - c. Geoff Saunders asked the club to be aware and take action regarding Blue Green Algae and Wiells Disease. It was agreed to provide guidance and alcohol hand gel at the lakeside

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.45 am

Mike Clifton then gave a really helpful workshop on tuning aspects for a One Metre yacht. This was followed in detail with notes by all present. Keith thanked Mike for his time and support in doing this workshop. All agreed it was most worthwhile

Keith Coxon
13th December 2011



Secretaries Report to AGM 2011

Immediately after the AGM in early December 2010 winter hit during December and we lost three weekends due to ice. However, normal service resumed in January with the Winter Series being completed on time albeit one day down for each of the three events.

Membership of the club has been strong during 2011. We started the year with 24 members and 2 honorary members. During the year we have seen the addition of 6 additional members with one more in the pipeline. We now stand at 32 members.

We have been fortunate to have some members transferring from other clubs due to weed problems at their host water. We look to be retaining these skippers. The more I talk to other members and see other club sailing water the more I am convinced that we have one of the best sailing waters in the UK. Excellent car parking, new launch platforms, and the discovery of sailing from 'Paul's Spit' when we have southerly or westerly winds give us a real advantage. The lake is always weed free and that is a serious advantage with many clubs having to abandon racing for three or four months in the summer. This combination has led to Two Islands being selected to host the IOM National Championships in 2012, a great achievement, but more of that later

Following a Committee meeting in March a new radical sailing programme was launched for the 12 months beginning in April. This rewards regular attendance but also allows periods away from the lake for holidays etc as the events are held over a 30 week timescale. The ranking of the fleet into A and B allows both fleets to compete for trophies and podium places. The inclusion of most improved skipper is there to encourage newcomers. We have seen 17 skippers competing during the summer with at times 12 or more boats on the water. We have however seen a small drop off in Laser sailing with around 5 boats racing most days. The standard of competition is however high. We perhaps need to keep an eye on this fleet and it's future

In the summer we introduced a Wednesday morning race for Micro Magic boats. The idea behind this was to provide relaxed competition for the senior members during the week and an opportunity to get together for a chat and pub lunch afterwards. The Micro Magic was selected as it is cheap (£230 ready to go from Mike Clifton) easy to stick in the back of the car without too much tuning or setting up. We have had the advantage of being able to use the MYA demo boats as a taster. We now have at least 6 members with a boat and around 10 members having had a go. I hope this programme continues providing both fun racing and an opportunity to get together for good fellowship.

How about members asking for a MM kit for Christmas and then having a series of get togethers during the early part of the year for group building sessions?

I feel that the club is in a strong position but I would say it relies on just a few to make it work. I do realise that most clubs have this issue but it would help at times if we could get a few more to volunteer for tasks. I specifically want to thank Mike Stevens, Vic Taman and Fred Finch for always being there with unreserved support.

We have two major projects for 2012. firstly to replace all the buoys with a complete new set that we intend to build. I will pass details of what we have in mind around. Can I have volunteers and a place to build them please. Secondly we will be hosting the IOM Nationals over the holiday weekend in early June. The MYA will be helping with the racing side of the event but we as host club also have a big part to play. We need a small but effective Committee to organise the event in advance and we will definitely need manpower over the three days of the sailing. I do hope you can put the event in your diary and plan to be at the lake and not on holiday away.

I think that will do, thanks to you all for putting up with my grumpy moments, sorry if I go on a bit sometimes, but I look forward to 2012 and your friendship

Many thanks

Keith Coxon



Two Island RYC Sailing Secretary Report 2011

The 2011 season got off to a solid start. Well the lake was frozen over the Christmas and New Year period and, that continued well into January. Thanks to Fred at this time who earned his Ice Monitor badge by providing regular updates until the great melt arrived.

Once we had a liquid lake, we made up for the delayed start and racing has taken place throughout the year. This is something we should be grateful for as many clubs in the UK have had to incur the dreaded weed closing down club activities for many weeks.

On the water, we have seen a real transformation. Turnouts for the IOM racing have regularly broken into double figures. A combination of unseasonably good weather in spring, the introduction of the handicap systems, split fleet results and enthusiastic new members all contributing. The front end has been dominated by refugees from the Midlands whose own clubs suffered from weed.. However, both Mick Shillington and David

(Fatboy) Alston, two experienced sailors in the region have repaid our hospitality, offering help and advice on boat set up to many. Thank you to both.

A succession of South /South Westerly winds combined with the larger turnouts caused the Racing Secretary to explore new starting areas. A move on to the North Eastern spit has given a new aspect to racing, allowing us to find a suitable beat on most occasions. Going forward into 2012, some additional buoys on the water will provide even more options from this starting area.

Laser turnouts have sadly been down to a handful of boats. A hard core of racers. Perhaps a review of the continued retention of this class may be appropriate.

The main event of the year, the Mc MacCulloch Cup attracted 21 boats from across the Midland region. A competitive days sailing was won for the 2nd year in succession by Darin Ballington from Manor Park. The first five boats being separated by an odd point.

In closing, my thanks to the ever willing and supportive Fred Finch, Vic Tatman and Mike Stevens who always turn out to ensure buoys are in place for racing and the kit we use on Sundays turns up on time. Thank you to those not mentioned by name, who have supported the racing this year, and we look forward to 2012

Paul Hunter
Racing Secretary
11th December 2011