

Yeoman Kinsman Newsletter

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Summer 2015

Sunshine, Wind and Great Racing

The 2015 National at Horning was a great success. The good winds and mainly warm sunshine on Saturday were followed by a somewhat wetter Sunday. Nevertheless we enjoyed a picnic on Black Horse Broad - even though most of us were sheltered under our cuddies. It was lovely to meet up with John Edmonds and Barbara Thorpe, who joined us from Erith, and were our most distant travellers. Again many thanks to all who organised the event especially to Toby and his family and the Whitefoots.

The major topic at the AGM was the controversy over the modification to the keels made on some of the Rutland Fleet's Kinsmans. We highlighted these changes in the last newsletter where John Vickers explained the logic behind the initiative. We all look forward to the position been sorted as soon as possible. We must admit that we had a little chuckle when we received the cartoon from John on page 9.

Please let us know what you think about the proposed changes to the Newsletter, full details are outlined on page 11. In the meantime, please start using the YK website which includes a facility for all fleets to put up their own news bulletins, advertise events etc.



Bill and Diane Webb win the YK Nationals, June 2015

A big thank you to all volunteers. We have enjoyed some amazing events recently which were only made possible by the hard work and enthusiasm of club stalwarts. We really do appreciate that commitment.



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Yeoman/ Kinsman National Championships

This year's championships began on Friday 26 June with the launching of Roger Hannant's Firefly (Y93) – Roger took to the water for his first ever sail in his new acquisition the following morning before competing the same afternoon. Once this formality had been completed the tow then set off from HSC to NBYC to pick up boats from Wroxham Broad. Once we'd returned with the four NBYC Yeomans plus visiting Kinsman we then enjoyed a barbecue supper. This was very well attended, HSC's front porch being used to good effect as the rain came down!

Saturday dawned with ideal conditions for sailing which continued throughout the day. The Association AGM took place in the morning followed by the briefing from Race Officer Phil Ollier. Once on the Broad the 17-strong fleet found itself with two stiff beats and either one or two spinnaker runs per lap in the force 3-4 north-westerly which made position changes a regular occurrence. George and Richard Whitefoot in Fire Opal (Y67) just edged out Paul Clarke and Mario Tinge in Two C Sons (Y70) by a few seconds. The second race saw an even more competitive start with the visitors this time coming out on top, Bill and Diana Webber in Swift (Y155) leading Steve and Tim Haines in Yggdrasil (Y87). The fleet dinner took place on Saturday evening and involved a delicious two-course buffet supper followed by a talk about the historic Hunter's Fleet given by trustee Rodney Store. It was very interesting to learn about this boat yard where many schoolchildren were given their first tastes of sailing from the 1960s to the 1990s.

Sunday started off dry and reasonably windy, at least for the first round of the first race. However, this died away to around force 1-2 for the rest of the day. It was a surprise



Toby Fields won the Alan Wheatley non-spinnaker trophy

for yours truly to lead the majority of the race in Tanskey (Y9) despite the lack of a spinnaker and two spinnaker runs on the course. The Whitefoots and Paul Clarke were again involved in a tight tussle with Clarke this time winning out on the finish line, both having overtaken Tanskey on the penultimate leg. The rain arrived for the second race with Swift, Yggdrasil and Tanskey again to the fore prior to the wind dropping further allowing Swift to take the victory, Two C Sons again making its way steadily through the field to place well. The final race saw a reduced turnout due to the weather, this was again won by the Webbers in Swift. Notably, Roger Hannant finished fifth in this race, quite an achievement considering a total of around six sailing hours in his boat.

Trophies for first, second and third went to Swift, Two C Sons and Fire Opal respectively. Tanskey won the non-spinnaker Alan Wheatley trophy and Ruby the Kinsman Trophy, John Edmonds at the helm of our furthest flung visitor from Erith in Kent. Prizes were presented by outgoing YK Association Chairman Queren Stewart. The NBYC fleet was then towed back to their home waters, completing a successfully run National Championships.

I'm very grateful to the line team at HSC, the Whitefoot family and my own for their help organising the event. Also Thanks to all the competitors – hopefully we'll see you next year at the HSC Open and the Nationals at NBYC!

Toby Fields (Y9)

Y & K Association Moores Bill Webber
Challenge Cup, for winning helm:

J & N Challenge Trophy, for winning crew: Diane Webber

Chairman's Decanter, for runners-up: Paul Clarke and Mario Tinge

Leading Kinsman: John Edmonds



John Edmonds & Barbara Thorpe won the Kinsman Trophy

Snowflake Sailing Club: *Richie Dugdale*

Snowflakes SC continues to flourish. We are particularly pleased that alongside the Yeoman sailors we now have a very active dinghy fleet. As a result, over some winter weekends we had more than 20 boats on the water.

We look forward to welcoming you in our 2015/16 season. Our membership is very flexible. You can just join for 11 weeks, or the entire winter. Many of our members don't sail, and just join us for a bit of entertainment, a cup of tea and a bacon butty. Additionally our social events are also open to non-members - and as you can see from Queren's article are great fun.

We look forward to seeing you all in the Tri-Icicle, which has been described as 'like the three rivers without the bridges'. This year the race will take place on Sunday 18th October 2015. The closing date for entries is 11th October.

Full details of our programme can be found online at www.sfsc.co.uk.



SNOWFLAKE SAILING CLUB ANNUAL

TRI-ICICLE

18TH OCTOBER 2015
The Three Rivers without the bridges

River Cruisers are welcome to moor after this race until the Autumn Down River.

Briefing at the Clubhouse at 9.30am.

Bacon rolls before and cake after.

Entry fee £15.00 or £12.00 for single handers.
Closing date Sunday 11th October.
See reverse for an entry form or visit our website: www.sfsc.co.uk or for further information contact Richie Dugdale sfsc1@hotmail.com Tel 07766771592



Snowflakes take safety very seriously and have trialled a variety of new safety caps which may be compulsory next year!

Burns Night



After chairing the YK association Queren remains calm whilst confronting mad scotsman wielding a knife, Jan 2015



Bomb squad nervously removes the suspicious object



All's well that ends well. A great Burns night enjoyed by all

Ceilidh and BBQ

On the evening of 4th, July the flag of St Andrew flew proudly over the Horning Sailing Club when Snowflakes held an out of season function: a Ceilidh and Barbeque. This had followed an extremely successful Burns night in January. Anyone would think both clubs were somewhat further north!

Horning SC were holding their Keelboat weekend and their members were also invited to attend the event, which of course fell between their two days racing.

The function was well attended and I don't think we could have had many more in the club house for the dancing. Luckily we were organised by a caller (instructor), Roddy, and his wife and daughter, Rachel and Morgan. Knowing he was a former officer in the military and as he was wearing his Gordon Highlander kilt, we soon realised that Roddy must have had many years' experience of country dancing. Luckily he also had a great deal of patience, which he needed, as he taught us resident southerners several different dances during the evening.

Unfortunately there were so many dancers bouncing around the floor of the club house, the CD player also joined in, causing some interesting skips, until it was moved further away from us elephants (I'm only talking about the men of course!). I encountered another problem in the second half

of the evening; after enjoying the wonderful BBQ I had to sit out a dance and recover before able to join in again.

From a personal point of view I had decided to surprise my partner Sheila with my skills. I hadn't danced since leaving school in Inverness 40 years ago when every December, similar to many other Scottish schools, our PT lessons became very informal dancing lessons. Even then I wasn't any good at dancing, nevertheless I had more experience than most, and thoroughly enjoyed reliving my youth. If we hold the event again I hope more try the dancing rather than just the good food.

The event was very successful and I would like to congratulate Carl Brady, the new YK Chairman, and his team from Snowflake Sailing Club for organising the evening.

Talking of which, since your new Chairman and I, your 'Recently Escaped Chairman', were both wearing kilts, I would like to suggest that if you plan on taking over from Carl in three years (when his term is over) you had better start saving for a kilt now – it would be a shame not to keep the tradition going!

Queren MacAllister Stewart

(With a name like that it's no wonder I enjoyed the dancing!)



The clubhouse was cleared to make way for the revellers, July 2015

Yeomans at the Three Rivers



Yeomans away at the start of the 2015 3 Rivers

As usual there was a strong contingent of Yeomans in the 2015 Three Rivers Race. This year 86 boats completed the course, with the top spot going to the River Cruiser, Beth (Sail no. 82) with a corrected time of 11:05:12. All the Yeomans that entered completed the course. The results were as follows:

Sail No.	Boat Name	Helm	Time	Position
Y173	Blue Ripple	J Buntin	13:16:28	10
Y70	Two C Sons	P Clarke	13:21:05	11
Y52	Starlite	P Gladwin	13:31:58	15
Y4	Topaz	G Ross	13:36:43	16
Y14	Tiger Month	A Gallant	14:13:16	30
Y163	Charlie Brown	G Jewell	14:14:52	31
Y33	Aquarius	P Lambert	14:36:07	40
Y16	Monthelie	A Male	14:42:43	41
Y37	Passing Wind	M Tinsley	14:46:48	44
Y78	Trouncer	J Patience	14:52:14	46
Y172	Pipedream	A Bunn	15:03:53	54
Y27	Panope	B Grist	15:28:35	65
Y176	Ziggy	D Moore	16:18:24	79

A really big thank you to Sue Hines who took these lovely photographs of the Tri-Icicle. Many more photos are available at her website <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ladylouise2/>



A paddle comes in useful at times



Plenty of room



Bunched together down Horning Street



Where has the wind gone?

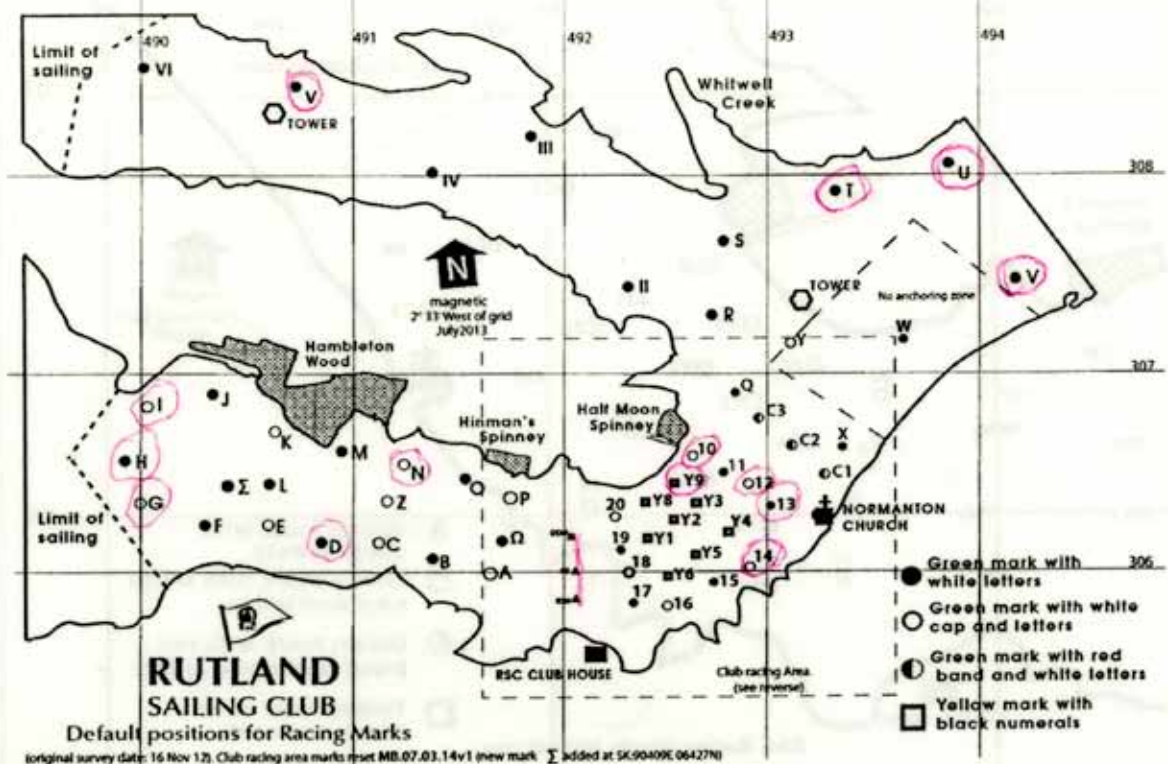


Evenly matched



Mixed traffic

Rutland Sailing Club Lake Races: Tony Hargrove, K300



This is a series of eight races which are run on a monthly basis throughout the season on a Sunday afternoon, each one lasting approximately two hours.

Over 2012 and 2013 back problems and domestic issues severely restricted the amount of time I was able to sail. However, by April 2014 I was ready to race again: I don't 'do' just sailing about! My good friend and Kinsman developer, Charles Frisby, he of K50 Miss Teak, has been crewing with me for a few years and we have enjoyed limited success with K300 Onyx, the only 300 series Kinsman. Onyx was in good condition except for a pretty tired mainsail, which had done 10 hard seasons, and a genoa and kite of similar vintage. However, a couple of years previously I had treated myself to a new and unused mainsail which improved our performance immediately, and so in June 2014 I obtained a new genoa to go with it.

The diagram shows Rutland Water with its various marks; the predominating wind is westerly, most of our first legs are from the club line marked to G, H, or I. A good long beat of 1.75 miles followed by a 2 mile run to 12 or 13 is sometimes made more interesting by a reach across from D to N and a broad reach from N to 13. Normally this is followed by a 1.25 mile reach to U or

I and then another beat to V returning to 10, or sometimes to U via V and then through the line for another lap. With such long legs the emphasis is nearly always on boat speed, which we always rate better than our tactics, but then I have heard it said that a fast boat makes you a tactical wizard.

Now this sounds very simple, but one has to be very careful with one's position on the legs especially in a westerly. In particular there is a bad wind shadow from 14 to 9 and also round the end of the peninsula and in the area of V. This means that it's often a case of further and quicker, as by cutting huge corners you could easily be stuck in the doldrums – but such is the challenge of the Round the Lake races. This is what happened:

Race 1: Cancelled because it was blowing a gale.

Race 2: A lovely late spring day, force 3-4. After two hours we crossed the line and after the handicap results were worked out, we had a comfortable win.

Race 3: Another lovely day, winds force 3 variable, giving us another bullet. A good start to the series.

Race 4: An extremely 'light-air' race. We had an excellent first beat to F, and eventually ended up fourth.



Race 5: We enjoyed a good medium force 3 breeze, but the nut on the helm was not wound up so tight and we finished sixth.

Race 6: was very similar to race 5 and resulted in another sixth.

Race 7 was cancelled as it was blowing a 'hooly'. Unfortunately we were unable to enter the eighth race, but by then we had done enough to win the series. Not bad for a Kinsman, an octogenarian and my good friend and bowman who is chasing his three score years and ten! As a Kinsman sailor of some 18 years, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of the crew, who has a huge amount to do. My results over the years have always reflected their ability.

We are now looking forward to retaining our title in 2015.

The Rutland SC Kinsman 'Fleet' Prize Giving 2015



From l-r, John Vickers, Chris Tomlin, Graham Biggs, Nick Green and Charles Frisby with their trophies

Our annual prize giving was held on Saturday 14th February 2015 in the Commodore's Room at the Sailing Club. Fleet Captain, John Vickers, gave the 23 members and guests

who attended the event a humorous account of the fleet's activities over the previous season and some historic tales of past sailing disasters. Much

laughter was heard over tales of members falling overboard!

Prizes were awarded as follows:-

Kinsman Shield: Graham Biggs who sails *Jemima*

Hargrove Trophy: Nick Green who sails *Black Magic*

Rose Bowl (Top Crew): Chris Tomlin

Biggs Trophy (Fleet Development): Charles Frisby

Nick Hart Trophy: John Vickers who sails *Belinda*

Also on display were the trophies won by *Onyx* at club level and *Belinda* in the YK Nationals.

The event concluded with an excellent three-course warm buffet lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Kinsman's Broach

On Sunday 10th May Kinsman K38 was competing in the RSC Cruiser and keelboat 'Round the Lake' race on Rutland Water. Conditions were tricky with a 15kt to 20kt SW wind. Reaching under spinnaker, with 8kts showing on the log, the fleet were hit by a nasty 30kt gust. K38 broached throwing helm and crew into the boat. Fortunately the boat quickly righted itself and whilst a small amount of water was taken on board the crew were able to resume control and only lost one place on the water.

This incident shows how important it was for the RSC Yeoman/Kinsman Fleet to improve the stability of the Kinsman. Had this broach happened some 12 months ago there is no doubt that the yacht would have been swamped and could possibly have sunk in some 30 meters of water.

The RSC Fleet will continue to explore ways in which the Kinsman can be competitive but safe when racing.

John Vickers, Fleet Captain

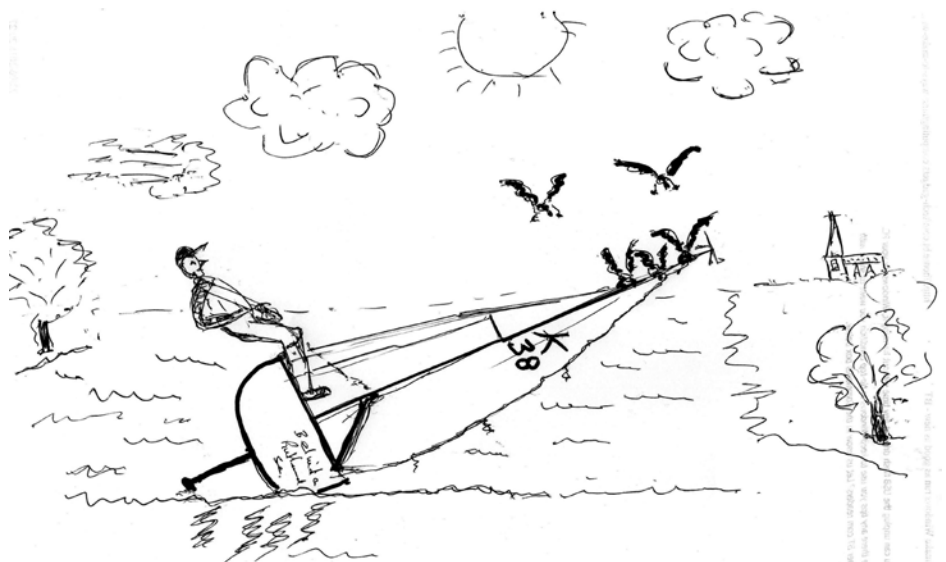
Rutland Report: July 2015 John Vickers

After a very quiet start to the season, mainly due to the cold weather, more yachts are now out racing on Rutland Water.

This season the RSC Yeoman/Kinsman Fleet are mixing it with the larger Cruiser Fleet. We are now racing against Formula 1's, Jeaneaus, Hunters, Jaguars, Hawk 20s etc. All are racing on RSC Handicaps based on Portsmouth Yardstick. There are normally four races each Sunday with a much longer Round The Lake Race (approx 7-10 miles in distance) each month (see separate article for more

details). We have *Onyx*, *Jemima*, *Black Magic* and *Belinda* racing on a regular basis. Unfortunately Mike Kemm (*Scorpio Two*) is missing this season due to ill-health but hopes to be fighting fit for next year. We are also pleased to welcome a new boat to our fleet. The owner, Bill Rhodes, made a successful bid for a Kinsman on EBay and is planning to pick it up shortly.

Plenty of wildlife on the water now. The trout are rising and we have large flocks of geese, ducks... not forgetting the Ospreys!



Must get a deeper keel on this boat. Bloody Rutland Ospreys!!!

NBYC Fleet Report by Steve Haines



A hardy crew well kitted out took to the woods for the annual NBYC winter walk starting this year from Horning

The fleet has had an enjoyable start to the season.

In April we had nine boats competing for the W L Clabburn trophy. Saturday was a gusty affair on a brilliant sunny day with Carl Brady and Guy Coleman in Nimrod winning both races with ease. There were not many people flying spinnakers and many of those that did had some difficulty. A special mention for Gordon Wishart who came second in the first race but then on the second without Trish crewing, managed to miss a mark! On Sunday the wind swung round to the north and was generally lighter but very shifty. Carl and Guy again won both but newcomers to the fleet Bill and Diane Webber in Swift gave them a hard time in the second race, taking the lead for a while before Nimrod overhauled them on the last beat to the finish. The dinner on Saturday evening was well attended and we were pleased to welcome our Race Officer for the weekend, Hugh Ferrier, and our flag officer, Martin Jones and his wife Gill. The food was excellent and our thanks to chef Jonathan and his team.

In June, 13 boats took to the water to compete in our Open weekend. I'm afraid I can't give a very detailed report of the racing as I missed all but the last race, and by that time Carl and Guy had it sown up with three straight wins, with Nimrod on its trailer ready to leave! On Saturday the weather was poor, with mostly light airs, but Sunday was better, with a moderate westerly filling in. Of course the problem with westerlies at NBYC is that there are large dead patches under the clubhouse and trees on the western side of the broad, and the courses tend to be mostly reaching. However, the last race was far from a procession with the lead changing between several different boats. Gremlin

sailed by Mark Ringwood and his two children led at the first mark until the youngsters had problems pulling in the genoa in a gust. Chris and Nel Hanson took over for a while but eventually George Whitefoot came to the front followed by Brandy Bottle, sailed by Paul and Adam Barker, in second. The Barkers took the Trafford Trophy which was only available to NBYC members.

Four boats from NBYC made the long and arduous journey to Horning to take part in the 2015 National Championships. We were delighted that one of those boats, Swift, sailed by Bill and Diana Webber, took the overall championship after just one year in the class. They first sailed a borrowed Yeoman at last year's event at NBYC and this year took a resounding victory with two 1st places, a 2nd, a 3rd and a 5th. Of the other NBYC boats to attend, myself and Tim in Yggdrasil were 4th, and Michael and Frances Holmes in Sunbeam were 9th. It was good also to see David Moore there with Ziggy. The Horning fleet put on a great event. They were very welcoming and well organised, providing us with tows to and from Horning and all river tolls paid. The sailing was excellent, despite poor conditions on Sunday, with good beats and runs on Black Horse Broad. Several of the races had two beat and two runs on each round of the course, giving us lots of exercise with the spinnaker - we counted a total of 24 hoists in the weekend, and I can tell you my shoulders were aching by the evening! Good social events as well, with a barbecue on Friday evening and a very fine buffet dinner on Saturday.

The class association has asked NBYC to organise next year's event, so I have explained to Bill and Diana that organising the championship is part of the holders responsibility!

The New Website and the Newsletter

Since the last newsletter, we have developed a new Yeoman Kinsman web site aimed at providing both up to date YK news and an archive of information, including text documents, images and videos, which provide ongoing interest.

The site exists to support the YK organisation which means all of us. As such we would really like to hear what you would like to see. Since implementing the site early this year we have already changed some pages and are more than happy to make further alterations as appropriate.

The biggest challenge by far is keeping the site up to date. The only way that this can be achieved is if you all provide information. There are many ways to do this, but by far the most efficient is to update the site directly. Each club has a page and on that page, on the right hand side, is the 'latest news' section. By clicking the button that says 'Click here to add or delete a news item', anyone can provide their snippet of latest news. So far that facility has not been overly used, although to be fair to Steve Haines provided so much information that we amended the NBYC page to give him more space!

For those of you wary of using this sort of technology please feel free to communicate in any way in which you are comfortable (e.g. email it to us) and we will do the rest.

Using the web site as a repository of archive information is a highly efficient means of making that data available to everyone with a simple click. Ivan Ringwood had kindly taken on the role of 'archivist' of the directory or 'YK Boat List' (See Ivan's request on the right for additional information).

You will also see that we have a newsletter page, that contains recent publications, and a videos page. Again if anyone has any interesting videos we can either make them available on the site or link to them via other sites e.g. YouTube.

Finally we need to consider how the website and newsletter complement each other without too much duplication. To date, we have been providing two newsletters per year. In order to reduce costs, only a handful have been printed. A number of members have indicated that they would like to receive a paper copy. Therefore, it has been suggested that it may be feasible to produce one newsletter which will be printed and posted to all members. Postage costs could be reduced by sending it out at the same time as other documentation. It will also be loaded onto the website. If you have any views on this proposal, please let us know.

Frances & Michael Holmes (Y100)

We look forward to receiving your photographs, comments and articles for our next edition. As usual a few good sailing yarns will be most welcome.

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Yeoman Kinsman Association AGM

After completing three years in the role, Queren Stewart stepped down as our Chairman. He was thanked for his work. Carl Brady was duly elected as the incoming Chairman whilst Toby Fields and Steve Haines have agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Some amendments to the rules were passed with little discussion, being mostly clarifications of existing rules rather than major changes.

The main debate was around the modifications that the Rutland Kinsman fleet have made to their keels (see the article printed in the winter 2014 newsletter which gave full details). Concern was expressed that the changes should have been made through the YK committee. In particular it was noted that any alterations needed class authorisation, verification of their safety and an assessment of their effect on performance. As was pointed out there was similar concern when the 300 class was launched. It was therefore agreed that Kinsmans with the new keel are sailing 'subject to evaluation' until both an appropriate handicap and its safety can be assessed by a marine engineer. This will hopefully be sorted in the near future.

Yeoman and Kinsman Boat List



Many years ago Stuart Clark, a long time Yeoman crew, compiled a list of Yeoman boats with owners, clubs or whereabouts, ownership changes, name changes and dates where possible. It was a history of the Yeoman Class ownership. Stuart produced a computer based list.

Later he handed the list over to me and I continued to update it with changes but only in so far as these were communicated to me by owners etc. There are errors on the list, mostly down to me or lack of information.

The list has now been transferred to the new website together with what little I know of the Kinsman and its owners. I have been given an update facility and have already received several corrections and updates which I have incorporated into the list. However it still leaves much to be desired and I would appreciate any corrections which can be sent to me at ivanringwood083@btinternet.com.

I would like new owners to inform me of their details, but also any historic information missing from the list would be of great value in order to build a definitive list of all Yeoman/Kinsman and details of ownership over the years. Any help would be much appreciated.

Ivan Ringwood (Y135)

Chairman's Notes: Carl Brady Y164 Nimrod



Carl Brady, chairman of YK Association

In my first report as class chairman, I must start by expressing my gratitude to Queren for his stewardship over the last three plus years, he will be a hard act to follow.

The class is in quite good shape. Certainly in the Yeoman fleet we are finding a trickle of new owners coming forth, whilst it is good to know that the Kinsman fleet at Rutland is also expanding. Following the debate at this year's AGM, I look forward to sorting out the issues regarding the modifications to the Kinsman's keel as soon as possible. Hopefully before next year's Nationals, when we look forward to welcoming as many as possible to NBYC. On the same theme it would be great to do a combined event with our Irish members. Personally I would very much like to visit and compete with them, and so had better start saving for the ferry crossing!

Most of the YK committee remains the same, but you will not be surprised to know that there are vacancies, if you would like to join please get in contact.

Finally thanks to all those who have contributed to our fleet's progress. Despite a general downtrend among all classes of sailing we are at least staying afloat. I am sure you all realise the contribution made by volunteers to ensure that we can all sail. In particular I must congratulate the team at Horning, in particular the Fields and Whitefoot families, for hosting such a successful National competition.

Yeoman 302



This is an opportunity to acquire a Series 3 Yeoman in as new condition.

The boat was used by Philip Betts (Boat Builder) for a winter series and sold to me complete with galvanised trailer in 2010 and lightly used by me for that season. Due to ill health it has not been used since and has been kept ashore under cover.

I am advised by the builder that I should seek a figure of around £10,000 for the craft thus giving a huge saving on the new price for a virtually unused and fully equipped boat.

For further information please contact

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