



Mengeham Rythe Dinghy Sailing News



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The last sailing committee meeting reflected on the last year and is now busy looking to the next—consequently your input either by attending the Annual Sailing meeting or feed back to Graeme would be appreciated as it will assist in formulating future events.

The Annual Sailing meeting takes place on Saturday September 26th at 19.30 in the clubhouse – please come and make your views known. We will be reviewing the season with an eye to planning the next one. What sort of sailing are you looking for – especially those who took part in the Start Racing programme? Personal handicaps seem to have made no difference to the numbers racing, but have they made a difference to you? Those little Teras have had some good racing – more of the same? Are there any potential new members of the sailing committee – don't be shy, contact me who would be delighted to hear from you. Even if you can't spare the time for that just come this once and tell us what you are looking for. If you can't make it please email me it could make a difference. *Graeme*

Up and coming – the last trophy races for the season 25th October will be run under personal handicaps. These are the John Morrish Trophy and the VWD Cups.

Early warning for those planning holidays – Regatta 17th July ; MRSC Junior Week July 26th-30th; Federation week August 9th-13th

Comings & goings: This has been the championship stage of the season and our members have been there! For those not up to speed with championship formats, large fleets are usually divided during the week and gold and silver fleets established for the final race. The individual results might not look stunning but the size and competitiveness of these fleets is far removed from anything experienced at club level, with the added challenge of big fleet starting. It's great to see MRSC represented at these events. Dan Taylor sailed in Contender World Championship coming 15th in the silver fleet of 56, with a total fleet of 112. James Price in the Laser Radial nationals was 9th in the silver fleet of 42, with a total fleet of 97. Niall Houston and Anthony Parke in the Optimist Nationals were 60th & 61st respectively in the senior fleet of 109, with Conway Parke 3rd in the Junior silver fleet of 74 with a total fleet of 146. John Tremlett sailed the Finn European championships finishing 39th out of 75. In the UK Finn nationals at Weymouth Mrsc had the biggest club entry of 15 boats from an entry of 44, with four in the top ten - Henry Bagnall, John Tremlett, Adrian Brunton and Graham Page.

New marks – our aging racing fleet has difficulty in seeing the equally aging small orange inflatable marks. In fairness they were originally intended some 15 years ago for use on the west mud. We are hoping to get some sized 1.5m high and 1.15m wide –these provide the bulk to give visibility, but do not need the 56lb cocking weights. They do not come cheaply – are there any members out there who would like to sponsor a mark with their business name or logo displayed on it?

Graeme

We were volunteering at Skandia Sail for Gold last week which yet again proved to be a challenge for competitors and organiser alike with twists added in by the weather. This build up to the Olympics is really starting to take shape with 5 Courses, 550 competitors including paralympian's and more Rib's than you could shake a stick at. *Andrew*