



Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Hunstanton Sailing Club

The Annual General Meeting for 2009 will be held on Sunday 26th April 2009 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
Copies of the Treasurer's report will be available at the AG
5. Commodore's Report
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6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2009
Further details follow
7. Membership subscriptions
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8. Changes to Rules and Byelaws
No proposals have been received for this item.
9. Future development plans
10. Confirmation of Trustees
Further details follow
11. Prizegiving

The AGM will then close for business, but there will be an open discussion session where members can raise concerns and offer their views for the Committee to take under consideration.

6 Election of Officers and Committee for 2009

The following nominations have been received:

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Commodore	Stuart Moore	Clive Insley	Andy Holland
Vice Commodore	Andy Holland	Clive Insley	Marcus Hawkins
Rear Commodore	Marcus Hawkins	David L Smith	Stuart Riches
Treasurer	Warren Mitchell	Stuart Riches	David Gumb
Secretary	Julia Paul	Garry Moore	David Gumb
Sailing Secretary	Ian Holland	Julia Paul	Stuart Moore
Full/Family member	Simon Light	Marcus Hawkins	David L Smith
Full/Family member	Stephen Burton	Andy Holland	Marcus Hawkins
Full/Family member	Jordan Smith	Marcus Hawkins	Julia Paul
Full/Family member	John Fox	David Gumb	Garry Moore
Full/Family member	Chris Howe	David Gumb	Garry Moore
Female member	Nikki Durrant	Marcus Hawkins	D L Smith
Disabled member	None received		

Remaining in post:

Matt Davies (Full/Family Member)
 David Gumb (Full/Family Member)
 Stuart Riches (Full/Family Member)
 David L Smith (Full/Family Member)
 David Smith (Social Member)

Resignations:

Keith Twaites (Full/Family Member)
 Garry Moore (Full/Family Member)
 Sarah Wainwright (Female member)

7 Membership subscriptions

Motion to increase membership subscriptions as follows:

- Full Membership: increase by £2 to £85
- Family Membership: increase by £2 to £100
- Increase Joining Fee to 30% of annual subscription

Proposed by: the Committee.

Supporting Statement

It is generally felt to be better to have regular small increases in subscriptions, avoiding the need for larger increases less often.

With no increases in 2009, the increases for 2010 are small and in keeping with the economic climate.

The big change is in the Joining Fee. This has remained unchanged for several years and has not maintained its relationship to the annual subscription. By making it a percentage of the annual rate, it will automatically change each year, and it is arguably fairer: some groups (eg Social and Students) will have a reduced joining fee.

This would make membership and joining fees:

	Annual	Joining
Full (watersports membership for one adult (18+), includes one parking space.)	£85	£25.50
Family (watersports membership for two adults and two children under 18, includes one parking space.)	£100	£30.00
Social (member and partner; non-user of watersports; includes one parking space.)	£45	£13.50
Student (18+ in full-time education – card required; includes one parking space.)	£35	£10.50
Junior (under 18, excludes car parking space.)	£23	£6.90

10 Confirmation of Trustees

Motion: to confirm the continuation of Mr M Ford, Mr S Moore and Mr W Mitchell as Trustees.

Proposed by: the Committee.

Discussion Document: Organisation of Sail Racing Series.

The Committee would like to hear the opinions of members on the following ideas which they will take into consideration when deciding how to organise sail racing. The options below are purely to give examples of the issues, and it is not intended that they will be put to a vote.

Background: our current racing is organised on the basis that all participants take a turn at Race Officer and Safety Boat duties. So for every day's racing, 2 people cannot race (they are awarded average points for the race they miss).

It is felt that this puts some people off joining Hunstanton as other Clubs do not have this requirement: either they have regular volunteers or paid personnel.

Option 1: No change

Pros:

- All who race get experience of Race Officer and Safety Boat duties in an informal environment, building up valuable experience for larger more formal events.

Cons:

- People want to race, not sit the race out
- This may prevent people joining the Club.

Option 2: Pay a safety boat operator

Pros:

- It would release one person to race
- All would get experience of Race Officer duties.
- The Safety Boat operator could end up very skilled.

Cons:

- One person would still be needed to be Race Officer; if they normally sail in a 2-man boat, the second person would also miss sailing (some adjustment to the rota could compensate for this).
- It could also be expensive: would the general membership be willing to foot the bill, given that this is a core club activity? Or should participants be asked to contribute? Or should there be specific fund-raising activities?

Option 3: Pay a safety boat operator and organise races to have a simplified "gate start" system (similar to that used at Snettisham Beach SC).

Pros:

- It would release two people to race.
- The Safety Boat operator could end up very skilled.

Cons:

- The Club's pool of Race Officer skills would decline so we would be less able to manage more formal events
- It could also be expensive: - as above.