



NFDS Newsletter Spring 2013

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Trustees

In case anyone is unsure, the present trustees, who also form the Management Committee, are:

Hon. President - Eric Blyth	Chairman – Malcolm Bentley
Secretary – Rowena Marsh	Treasurer – Tom Glasson
Bosun – Spike Spencer	Sailing Captain – Rory Morrison
Events – Mary White	Members' Rep – Andrew Allen
Ordinary Member – Jenny Monger	

Committee positions

Becoming available next year is Rory's so if anyone is interested it would be great if you could shadow her this year. Details are available from Rory or Malcolm and the role will not encompass anything like the extent of responsibilities that Rory has historically looks after. Tom and Rowena are also stepping down next year and will need to be replaced, so it's all change. As you can see above we already have Malcolm as our new Chairman and Eric is now our Honorary President, so keeping a watchful eye on events. I hope you will all join me in wishing our new Chairman a warm & friendly welcome.

Newsletter Editor

I am taking on the mantle of Newsletter Editor, from Jean, so thank you to her for doing a sterling job, trying to cajole you all into offering up some information, so forgive me for doing the same. Have you done anything exciting or newsworthy recently, or coming up, as if so please share it with us?

New shed, volunteers and winter work

We now have a brand new and larger shed near the boats. In addition to fitting out the new shed, our marvellous band of willing volunteers (many non-committee members) perform a wide range of responsibilities and tasks, much of it out of sight and much of it also taking place throughout the



non-sailing season. Other examples include all the boat maintenance, cleaning and repairing covers, updating the website and IT systems, preparing member and volunteer records and rotas, planning Race Team and other coaching, training.....the list is endless! If you would like to do more, change what you do or have any other ideas, please speak to any committee member.

Sailing Tips:

If you can remember any really useful tips to help us remember items on the boats, or can answer why are the ropes are called 'sheets' (I thought that sheets were only on my bed!)

Port is on the **Left** – they both have 4 letters and end in a 't'. Also "Just left port" or "always pass the port to the left" and "Port (the drink) is red".

Keith – told me that if the WIND is coming from the right & sail out to port, you are in the RIGHT.

Jean – says if the middle **inside tell tail drops pull in the sail**, if the **outside one drops then let the sail out**. That is one suggestion I have always remembered, although it does not help me to win more races.

Please send in more tips to me on the above email address or hand into reception and they will pass them on to me. Is there anyone who is good at writing crosswords or puzzles to go in the Newsletter, or even a sailing article that would be good to tell others about?

Race Team – what have you remembered from last year, please share your Aide memoires with the rest of us? First race 9 April.

Link to the dates of races:

http://www.accessclass.org.uk/subcalendar.html?id=events&sub=events_calendar&ssub=&n=1&c=-1

Link to the new verses old rules for 2013 I thought it would be useful -

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS20132016StudyVersion-\[13380\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS20132016StudyVersion-[13380].pdf)

The Race Team coaching

This will be on Tuesdays after normal sailing from 4 to 6pm and coached by Marcus Frith. This is open to those already able to sail a course and who are ready to learn the techniques and rules of racing. Volunteers helping with the Race Team often have the opportunity to join in informally.

There is a new rule book this year. This can usually be obtained from Spinnaker's office, there is the full printed version and another with coloured, laminated sheets showing various rule examples with pictures. We are aiming to send about 6 sailors to at least 6 different events in Southern England and for the adventurous there is the European Nationals in Arbon, Switzerland, The French Nationals and UK Nationals in September at Rutland, as well.

This picture was taken at Bristol when Keith had his adventure; the gusts were particularly strong.



Improvers coaching

This will be offered by Maurice at the same time on Tuesdays as the Race Team coaching and is intended to bridge the gap between a sailor's first few trips as an independent helm through to joining the Race Team and also for volunteers training as skippers.

We are looking for sailors to join this coaching so if you are interested or know anyone that could be then please get in touch with Rory. We are particularly interested in finding people that are not already members.

Forthcoming events

2 March 10 am – Clear up day at Spinnaker. For full list see

<http://www.newforestsailability.co.uk/Calendar/Future-Events.html>

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Get ready for sailing on 2nd April.