

Diary Dates:

- LOWESTOFT RACE 28th JUNE
- SANDBANK PASSAGE RACE 9th AUG
- 60th ANNIVERSARY BEACH REGATTA 12th & 13th SEPT

Planned training sessions:

2 sessions planned on passage race days 28th June & 9th Aug – format yet to be decided: let the committee know if you have any ideas

The occasional newsletter of Gt. Yarmouth & Gorleston Sailing Club

A Great Season Already!

Talk around the Sailing Club is that the 2009 season is already so much better than what turned out to be a tough 2008 for many sailing clubs when the weather played games all year.

In stark contrast we have had great sailing conditions most Sundays with sunny breezy weather really bringing out the best in GYGSC.

The club has benefited with great turn-outs; several recent Sundays have seen fleets of over 20 boats; which means we have more than half the membership out on the race course! That's something that very few clubs can achieve.

So the dinghy park is pretty full, mass pie cooking is required and in the changing rooms it's every man (or

woman!) for themselves. With a long-standing member resorting to changing in the showers last week!

Fleets Gear Up at GYGSC

Sailors at the club have always enjoyed racing a diverse range of boats and over the years we have welcomed everything from International Canoes and I14's to Wayfarers and Enterprises.

Whilst we are always open to different classes, this season has seen members migrating to some of our established fleets with the RS400's, RS500's and F18's having great turn-outs.

This has resulted in some great competition in these classes with races in races often developing as sailors in the same class fight to be first home.

I've certainly had some great sailing in the 400's with places changing all the time and the 'winner' not being decided until the last few minutes of the race!

We've also got a new RS600 on the scene with Ali giving Mark

some exciting competition and another Contender to keep Phil company.

In fact a special mention must go to Ben Falat for his efforts to develop the GYGSC fleets. Not only has he bought a Contender but Ben (& Veronica) have just got themselves an RS400 as well!

It is great to see all this enthusiasm which can only be good for our little sailing club.

Sailing Shorts

Heard at the last committee meeting:

“what’s jargon? – something people in Norfolk do to keep fit!”

Is it me or do those F18’s seem to round in three’s?

A bit like a pack of hunting Raptors!!

FINAL REMINDER
If anyone has yet to pay their 2009 subs (and there are a few of you!!) please get your payment posted to Dave straight away. It just makes his job as Treasurer a lot harder if people have not paid up half-way through the season

60 Years of GYGSC

This year is the 60th year of sailing under the GYGSC burgee and we are planning to celebrate! The main event will be the Beach Regatta on the 12th and 13th of September.

The return of a great GYGSC event; some of us remember it back in the 70’s and 80’s (some even further back!).

This regatta drew big fleets of Merlins, Fireballs, 505’s and Lasers racing from the club.

We are having a 60th dinner at the Pier Hotel on the Saturday night and hope that new, current and old members will attend. It will be a chance to meet up with some of the old club stalwarts

and talk about sailing at GYGSC back in the old days.

Vronny has taken charge of a box of GYGSC memorabilia which promises to produce some fascinating (probably embarrassing!) trips down memory lane.

Club News and Activity

The club hosted an open day on the late May Bank Holiday. This was a great success with a lot of interest in the club and a couple of new members joining up.

Rollesby Broad SC made a group visit and really enjoyed themselves. Quite a few of our sailors go there in the winter and

several of theirs have visited GYGSC over the years (one even winning the Lowestoft race in a Wayfarer a couple of years ago!).

The weather was pretty good; calm first thing building up to quite a strong Easterly and then dropping away to a sunny afternoon for the BBQ!

The whole thing was a great success – thanks to everyone who played a part.

We’ve got a few new members this season and the “Crew / Helm Available” board is helping to bring people together to get out sailing. So remember if your crew or helm is away get your name on that board.

And Finally...

Good to see Steve and Ed starting to shake up the F18 fleet; with those new sails I reckon they will be going quick.

Martin is now some sort of qualified instructor – we’re just not quite sure what in!

Peter has been doing a

great job keeping Thursday nights going with his rescumarran. Our initial worries that the RNLi would be rushing out to rescue him were unfounded!

David and John are getting the hang of their new RS500; just hope

it’s not the sign of some sort of mid-life crisis!

Remember it is the Lowestoft race on the 28th June and we are due a good one.