

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2017 where we look at the programme of sailing and social event together with the usual mix of news items

## 2017 Sailing Programme

We've built the 2017 programme around suggestions from members which we hope will improve turnout on rallies.

The full programme is available on the NYC website.

In response to members' requests there is a greater focus on shorter "local" rallies and we've reintroduced a hop along the coast to overnight at Shoreham.

At the AGM members agreed it may encourage higher rally turnout if some sort of subsidy were offered. We considered a contribution to mooring fees but discounted it as it's problematic and could be viewed as unfair. We've settled instead on making a contribution in some form to Rally social evenings. That way everyone attending will benefit, and this includes members who've driven over to the evening rather than sailed.

## Forthcoming Events for your diary

### Skills Forum

#### Wednesday 8 February 7.30pm

Venue White Lion, Claremont Rd., Seaford

Subject:- The Lights at Night and Rules of the road.

Presented by Maurice Elford and Richard Mitchell

### Social Event

#### Saturday 18 February 7.00pm

Venue Riverside Hall, Newhaven

Theme: American Supper & Clothing Display.

See website and email flyer for full details. Do make every effort to attend, bookings to **Graham Eaton [g.m.eaton@icloud.com](mailto:g.m.eaton@icloud.com)**

**by 8 February please.**

## March Events

### Skills Forum

The last of the winter season.

Date and subject TBA

### Fitting Out Supper

#### Saturday 25 March

Venue and details TBA.

### Frostbite Race

#### Sunday 26 March

Course: Newhaven, Portobello Outfall Buoy, New outfall Red Marker, Newhaven.

Details of start time TBA

## Membership Matters

### 2017 Renewals.

Thanks to all those who paid promptly – those that didn't – well you know who you are!

The new membership packs will be issued in February as soon as the new boat and car stickers arrive from our suppliers.

### Recruitment Drive

At the AGM we reported the loss of several members owing to their moving away or giving up sailing. Our current membership level is the lowest for a number of years. You will appreciate it's absolutely vital we recruit new members to replace losses and increase membership levels to maintain a sustainable and viable club.

The best recruitment tool we have is **YOU**. To assist you, the membership pack will include recruitment flyers, with an application form on the back. Please do approach your marina neighbours that are not members, or anyone else you know, to generate interest and hopefully sign them up. Please, if you want NYC to prosper do take this message seriously, don't leave it to someone else.

## Welcome New Member

Following on from the above, we'd very much like to welcome Bert Gough and family member Mary Kefford to the club. Bert is a seasoned sailor with a Westerly Konsort, Virgo in Newhaven Marina.

## NYC Clothing

We've listened to members suggestions that it would be nice to have items of clothing bearing the club's logo and name. It was felt that this would be great for club social events and rallies – providing a real club identity. It would also help advertise and raise awareness of NYC – back to the previous membership article.

We've been working with a local Newhaven firm that supplies top quality leisure clothing at very competitive prices. We're talking here about polo shirts, fleeces, sweat shirts, T shirts, caps etc. The club has paid the set up cost of the artwork to have our logo and name embroidered on whatever items you may choose. You only pay for the item of clothing plus the embroidery which is in the region of £5.

Our next social event on **18 February** will feature a display of items bearing our logo for you to look at see the quality. Items can be ordered in a wide variety of mens and ladies sizes and colours.

Obviously NYC does not have the funds nor the size to hold quantities of clothing. If you want any items and are not able to come along on the 18<sup>th</sup> we will be looking at how these can be supplied. The only constraint is that an order must comprise a minimum of 10 items, in any combination, so we will have to bundle members orders to achieve the minimum.

## Buddy Scheme

We've reopened the scheme, following its being put on hold, as the numbers of "buddies" and available skippers has again become manageable.

The scheme has always been a source of new members so we hope the reopening will assist membership levels.

The scheme will be managed, as previously, by Richard Mitchell.

## News from around the Club

### Remembrance Sunday 2016



This year's wreath laying service at sea saw a good turnout of 6 NYC boats. The weather was kind and following the ceremony most continued for an excellent sail in the bay followed by a warming pint in the Hope.

### November Skills Forum at Peter Leonards

Peter Leonard kindly hosted an excellent event in the chandlery where he had organised representatives from Lewmar, Marlow ropes and Yanmar.



16 members got hands on experience in winch maintenance from Lewmar, detailed technical information on ropes and splicing from Marlow and those with Yanmar engines had several technical questions answered.

An all-round excellent evening – Leonards hold stocks of Lewmar equipment, Marlow ropes etc. so please give them your support – remember members discount is available on a range of chandlery items.

### Nigel and Ann are on Cloud 9!

Nigel and Ann have said good bye to their Moody 31, Zeta, and moved to the sedate world of motor cruisers. They showed off their new toy, Cloud 9 at the remembrance service at sea.



### Jack Baker – 100 years and counting....

On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Life Member Jack reached his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and on the Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December his son Trevor organised a gathering of friends, relatives and members of the RAF squadron to which he belonged in wartime to celebrate this magnificent achievement. Jack has been a keen sailor and loyal supporter of both Newhaven Yacht Club and Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club for many years and was still sailing his own yacht, Moondance, until about 5 years ago. For the last year his health has been troubling him and he now resides at a nursing home at Uckfield where the celebration of his birthday took place. Some photos of the event appear opposite. Jack has fond memories of his sailing days, and of his sailing colleagues, and he will be very pleased to see you if you would like to visit him.

