

Newsletter

**Hickling
Windsurfing Club**
(1984-2015)



August 2015

Forthcoming events:

<http://www.hicklingbroad.co.uk>

Club Fun Day: Saturday 22nd August



The highlight of the year for many members, the Club Fun day is all about err... having fun. It is suitable for all members, although you need to have mastered the basics of going out and turning un-aided. Free food, drinks, and prizes. There is a Formula 1 theme this year, in recognition of the British win at the British F1 Grand Prix a few weeks ago.

11:00 Practice session
12:30 Paddock walkabout with sausage lunch
(vegetarian option available)
13:30 Qualifying
14:30 Competition
15:30 Prize-giving



All will be revealed on the day, so please do come along for fun and games!

Summer Barbecue: Sat. 29th August

Following on from the success of last year's 30th anniversary celebration, we are holding another barbecue at the Pleasure Boat Inn, Hickling this year. We hope to see you there at 6pm with food being served from 7pm. The price is £5 and tickets are available from the Chairman, as per his recent email and announcement on our website and Facebook page. Please remember to request your tickets via email (martinhwc@btinternet.com) in good time so that we know how much food to prepare.



Come and Try day: Sunday 13th September

Hot off the presses. An additional C&T day is being organised this year due to the high level of enquiries we have received recently. This is on an appointment-only basis, so please spread the word.

Bookings can be requested from the Membership Secretary, Simon Emmerson, or the Chairman, Martin Harwood, to secure a place. If participants require a loan wetsuit they should mention this at the booking stage.

Summer membership offer for experienced local windsurfers.

Many Norfolk windsurfers either windsurf solely on the sea, or are not aware of what the Club currently offers. In an attempt to attract local windsurfers to join the Club we have a special offer for a limited time only. During August and September 2015 we are offering a discount to experienced local windsurfers who have their own kit. The deal is:

- Free joining fee (normally £40)
- Single membership £40 (usually £53)
- Family membership £50 (usually £65)

Please pass this information on to any local sailors that you may know. This offer is open for a limited period and applications must be received by the Membership Secretary before the end of September.

As you know the benefits of membership include:

- ✓ Private car park
- ✓ Private beach with grassy rigging area
- ✓ Changing rooms, free showers and toilets
- ✓ Beautiful location on the biggest broad
- ✓ 100 metres from the Pleasure Boat Inn
- ✓ Free banter
- ✓ The tide is always in



Recent events

9th May: Training Day

It turned out to be very windy for this event, which meant there was a land-based session for those who wanted to discuss how to improve on the basics, while the more seasoned sailors had a mighty fine blast. It was such fun that there was no-one left on the beach operating the camera, so unfortunately no photos are available.

30th May: Come & Try Day

A fantastic day was had by all. The weather was perfect: warm, sunny and the right amount of breeze. The feedback from visitors was very positive and several have joined our club. The cakes, as ever, were excellent too. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked very hard to make this one of the best C&T days we have had.



Safeguarding Children Policy

In accordance with the latest guidelines from the RYA, Hickling Windsurfing Club have appointed Robbie Houghton as our Safeguarding Officer. As a Deputy Head teacher, she is eminently qualified to advise the club, and it's members on matters relating to child safety. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to Robbie. Contact details will be posted in the Changing Rooms soon.

Please may we remind you that children are not to be left unsupervised at any time.

Broad development.

The Club along with other water users and businesses are actively engaged with the Broads Authority over the future of Hickling Broad. The Broad desperately needs to be dredged to enable boats to enter the Pub Staithe and the boat yard safely. We hope to receive an outline timetable of this soon. We will keep you updated with any impact to sailing as soon as we have any news.

Getting to know our Hickling neighbours.

The Club committee led by Martin the Club chairman are working behind the scenes to build closer relationships with our 'neighbours' at Hickling this year. Everyone we have met so far have been very friendly and love the Broad just as much as we do. Many are also involved with the Broad development as mentioned in the above news article. We are looking for ways to help each other, and encourage more locals to join the Club.

Keeping those floors clean ..

We invested £1,500 last year to replace the wooden floor with a floor that was non-slip, could be cleaned and was therefore healthier. The downside is that it does need cleaning. This is currently being done by volunteer labour, usually one of the committee, a task that can take 2 hours just to clean one changing room. To have the floors regularly cleaned would add about £10 to everyone's annual membership fee. We want to avoid this cost to you if we can, so we need your cooperation.

You can therefore reduce the burden by removing muddy boots before walking them over a clean floor. Boots need to come off anyway, so please do this before entering the changing room. Can we also ask the person who leaves sand in the men's shower to please stop it. We can only imagine they are removing sandy/muddy boots in the shower, very unpleasant for others. Boots off outside/at the door or please stop using the changing rooms. (Rant over)

5 September – Sharing our car-park

Please note the road side of our car-park is being loaned to the Sailing Club on Saturday 5th September. They are hosting the area Youth regatta, and so we have agreed to help out with their car parking. Please leave the barrier 'up' for the day.

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