

# Hickling Windsurfing Club Newsletter May 2017

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## Rigging Up

Well, is it just me, or does this Spring seem to have been short of good wind for getting out onto the Broad/ Board?

That said, last Sunday served up great conditions, with 5m to 6m sails being the order of the day. Unfortunately I mis-read the forecast, and only turned up with 7m and 9m sails and a big board! The resulting hour's sail (I couldn't physically manage anymore) was "exciting"; fast, seat of the pants sailing in a straight line, and carnage at the turns.

Note to self: I will pay more attention to the Met Office in future! That said, it was good to see the car park nicely full, and to enjoy the banter on the beach. Everyone was thoroughly enjoying themselves.

## Come and Try Day: 21 May 2017

Our Annual Come and Try Day is one of the most important dates in our diary. It is key to enticing new members to the club, enabling us to showcase our excellent facilities and beautiful location. The event helps to maintain healthy membership levels, so that we continue to fill the car park on good sailing days.

This year's event is on Sunday 21 May. The event is run by a number of volunteers, and this year we are a little short of helpers. **Please can you help?** We not only need assistance on the water (we like to have one to one support on the water for our guests), but we also need help on the beach-welcoming guests, kitting them out with wetsuits, making cups of tea and serving cake.

If you can help in any way, please contact our Chairman Martin by email: [martinhwc@btinternet.com](mailto:martinhwc@btinternet.com)



Serving a fine selection of treats at the Come and Try Day: silly hats are optional!

The success of the event also depends on advertising. You will receive a poster in the post (a copy is also attached to this newsletter). Please display it in your workplace/ pub/ anywhere else that will attract prospective new windsurfers.

## Ladies Windsurfing & Social Group?

**A message from Wendy & Ros.** Our lady members are considerably outnumbered by the men, and often there is only one woman sailing on any particular day. We thought it might be good for the ladies to keep in touch and organise an occasional sailing session when female members could get together. We could follow this with a trip to the pub (Prosecco was suggested!).

Please let us know if you like the sound of this and we will suggest possible dates. Also if you have ideas for other social events, please let us know. Please send a message to Wendy and Ros at [wendyharwood@btinternet.com](mailto:wendyharwood@btinternet.com)



A good excuse to share a photo of Olympic athlete & medallist, 2x world champion Bryony Shaw. Bryony is 7 months pregnant, but only last week was still on the water on a Stand Up Paddleboard! Impressive.

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## National Watersports Festival



Just a reminder that registration is now open for the fast approaching festival. Full details were in last month's newsletter, some further details have been on our Facebook page and even more details have been released on the NWF website.

<http://nationalwatersportsfestival.com/>

## If you are going to NWF , please let me know

We're expecting that a good number of HWC members will attend. The organisers are offering to group club members together in the campsite. Please book online and let me know if you would like to camp with the Hickling crew, so I can advise the organisers roughly how many camping spaces they need to reserve.

Please email me at [editorhwc@gmail.com](mailto:editorhwc@gmail.com)

## Board Shorts

As you will be well aware, nothing happens at the club without the hard work of numerous volunteers. In fact, there simply wouldn't be a club if keen volunteers didn't commit some of their valuable spare (and sometimes sailing) time.

**Thanks this month are particularly due to Tony West.** Tone organised and oversaw the recent replenishment of the beach. Thanks Tone.

The sharp eyed amongst you will also have noticed the pile of spare sand on the beach, and the empty bags and spades next to it. **Please feel free to fill a few sandbags when you're next on the beach.** The bags will be used to strengthen the quay heading.

In the market for secondhand equipment? I recently stumbled on a **Facebook Group "Windsurfing Stuff For Sale or Wanted"**. It's an active group, with many new postings every day. Well worth a look.

Another recent discovery is **windsurfing.tv** This website and Youtube channel is the brainchild of Professional Windsurfing Association (PWA) world tour regular, and all round bundle of energy Ben Proffitt. It's a great source of up to the minute videos made by Ben and fellow contributors, and is very entertaining. As I write, the PWA Slalom event in Korea has just begun, and is getting coverage on this site. Well worth a look.

My final plug this month for all things windsurfing is for a new magazine. **"Windsurfing UK Magazine"** is publishing four times a year, and is intended to do exactly as it suggests in its title: to focus on the UK's domestic scene (no doubt with a smattering of foreign travel, events, etc.). I haven't seen a copy yet, but if you have and would like to share a brief review in the next newsletter, please let me know.



**Don't forget to volunteer to help at the Come and Try day. Your club needs you!**

That's all for this month.

With best wishes.

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