

Newsletter

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Hickling Windsurfing Club

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Final event of the year:

Club AGM 26th November

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting which is being held at:

East Anglian Tennis and Squash Club
Lime Tree Road
Norwich
NR2 2NQ

There will be the officers' reports and the election of some committee members. The meeting starts at 8.00pm but please come along earlier for a bit of a social gathering.



What's happened since the last newsletter?

It's been a busy summer at HWC, and in addition to the club events detailed below, Martin and Simon took part in the Hickling Regatta, representing windsurfing in races with all manner of sailing craft. By all accounts they did rather well despite the handicap system and some unusual interpretations of the course.

Several members also attended the Hickling Village Fete and took along the windsurfing simulator for people to try. Hopefully more of the locals will be bitten by the windsurfing bug and join our club.

Fun Day 22nd August

This year luck was on our side and the weather was perfect - warm, sunny and a pleasant breeze. Those who fancied a bit of fun racing had a great time with a qualifying session and two races.

It was also good to see quite a few new members out on the water and enjoying the club's facilities.

As usual the hospitality department did a fantastic job of keeping everyone fuelled up and smiling with sausage sandwiches, cake and drinks, although the head chef nearly missed her race.

Let's hope next year's event is as good, so please do come along and support it.



More action photos on our Facebook page.

Barbecue: Saturday 29th August

Members, past members, family, and friends came along to our summer BBQ at the Pleasure Boat Inn. The weather was on our side to make this another great social event enjoyed by all.

Following a summary of the year so far by the Chairman, the excellent food was served, all washed down with a glass of one's favourite drink.

The winner of the Guess the Year competition was awarded their prize, and some 'excellent' prizes were also won in the raffle.

Many thanks to all who attended, and also to the staff of the Pleasure Boat for looking after us so well. See you at the next one.

Come and try it day: Sunday 13th September



Due to popular demand we held an additional C&T day this year. Fourteen people came along to experience the fun of windsurfing and, despite the very light wind, they all enjoyed themselves.

Many thanks to all those members who gave up their day and helped to make this possible.

Other items

Dredging of the broad

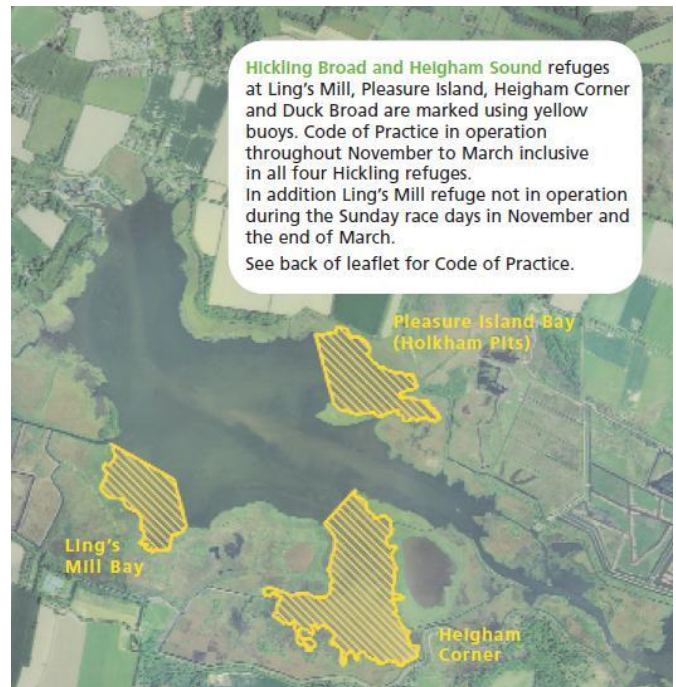
You may have seen the recent press articles regarding the dredging of the broad, and some committee members attended a public meeting to address concerns.

The proposal is to start the process in November and it could take several months. The focus is on making the channel deeper, in particular in front of the sailing club and the entrance to the dyke to the pub. This will be done during the week so will not affect weekend windsurfing. If you do sail during the week, please observe the usual safety precautions regarding large vessels if they are operating. Slight exaggeration below:



Winter exclusion zone

We are fortunate enough to have permission to launch and sail in a protected, beautiful, unspoilt environment. Consequently we must observe the rules of the conservation bodies involved, including the winter exclusion zone. This is vital to provide undisturbed areas for wildlife during the winter. From the beginning of November through to the end of March please do not sail beyond the buoys marking the areas as shown on the map below (more details on our website):



And finally...

After many light wind sessions in September and October, the wind seems to have picked up this month, or that may be my personal opinion as a 'weekend warrior'.

The weed also appears to have largely gone so we can use 'proper' fins at last. So while it's still relatively mild, let's see you all out on the water!

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