

# Hickling Windsurfing Club Newsletter January 2018

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



## Happy New Year

Winter is typically a slow news period for the Club. However, the Committee has begun planning key dates for 2018, plus there are one or two other important messages that I need to share with you. So here's a brief newsletter containing all you need to know to make the most of your membership over the winter months and to help you look forward to the warmer sailing season just around the corner.

## Dredging the Broad

The Broads Authority have issued the following "Notice to Mariners":

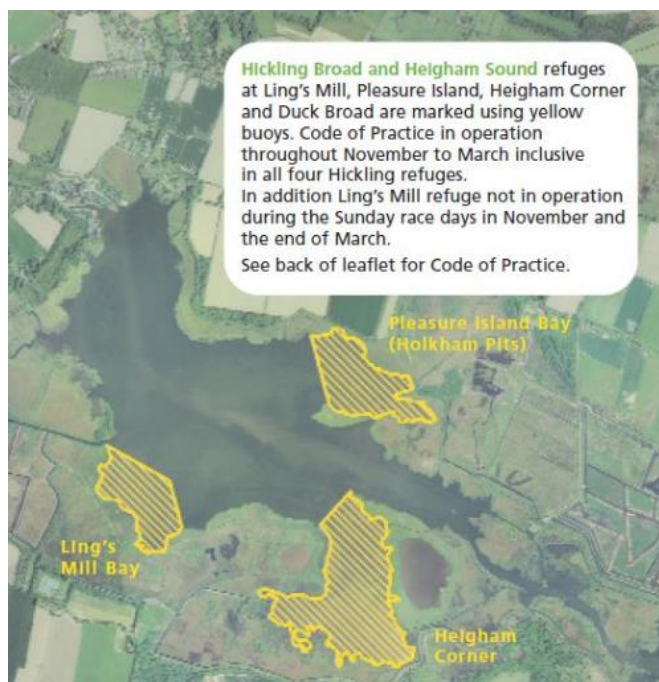
### **Dredging on Hickling Broad** **Restricted Access to Hickling Staithe**

Hickling Staithe and the boat dyke leading to the Staithe will be closed to navigation during weekdays from **Monday 12 February until Friday 23 February 2018**.

During this period access north of the marked navigation channel toward Hill Common will be restricted due to the presence of a floating pipeline.

**From Monday 22 January until Wednesday 28 February 2018** a dredger with floating pipeline will be operating in the marked navigation channel. The navigation will remain open but mariners must exercise great care whilst proceeding past the works and avoid crossing the pipeline marked by yellow buoys. All equipment will be lit and signage will be in place to warn of restriction and delays.

For further information and any updates please see 'Urgent Boating News' on [www.broads-authority.gov.uk](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk).



## Winter sailing restrictions

If enjoying a winter blast, please don't forget to respect the winter exclusion zones on the Broad. They are designed to provide undisturbed refuges for wintering birds. These are demarcated by yellow buoys. A condition of us being allowed access to the Broad is that we comply with this requirement.

## Dates for your diary

The Committee have been busy planning another packed diary of events for the year ahead. In all cases, look out for further emails or newsletters, or the website and Facebook page for further details. In the meantime please pencil in these dates:

Event	When	Details
Winter social meet	3 March	To be held at East Anglia Tennis & Squash Club, Lime Tree Road, Norwich.
Work party	24 Feb	Volunteers required to undertake various jobs around the club premises.
Race day 1 (Spring)	12 May	Following the success of the race day trial last year, this is Day 1 of a three day race series in 2018. For other dates, see below.

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Come and Try day	19 May - tbc	Volunteers to help on and off the water required.
Beginner Course (2days)	June tbc	
Beginner sailing days	July /Aug tbc	
Ladies days	tbc	
Club BBQ	July tbc	
Beginner course plus (one day)	July tbc	
Intermediate training day	July tbc	
Race day 2 - Summer	21 July	Day 2 of the race programme
Advanced training	Aug tbc	Simon Bornhoft training session- to be confirmed
Fun day	18 Aug	
Race day 3 - Autumn	8 Sept	Day 3 of the race programme
AGM	tbc	

## National Watersports Festival 2018

The 12th National Watersports Festival will take Place 8-10 June 2018 at Rutland Water, Sykes Lane, Empingham, Oakham LE15 8PX.

Allan Cross, the organiser writes, *"I was pleased to see how well the NWF was received last year at Rutland, and more than happy to announce this is our new home. We have really exciting developments planned for 2018 and beyond.*

*The watersports industry and RYA have given their full support and agreement to move the event to June ready for the summer season. The Rutland venue is less intimidating for some of the recreational windsurfers and paddlers, plus an excellent playground for youth development and tasters, something that I am keen to develop further in the new model and grow our NWF community even further.*

*My primary aims for this new chapter are:  
To involve more families, clubs and youth participation in both windsurf and sup.  
To encourage disabled participation.*

*To combine NWF and NWF Junior events.*

*Rutland Water has a plethora of reasons to be the host of NWF. It is the second largest reservoir in Europe and offers:*

*Onsite watersports facilities including on water safety.*

*A central UK location enabling NWF to be more accessible.*

*An inland location which will be safe and accessible for both windsurfers and SUP at any level and ability.*

*Onsite camping for 6000 people.*

*Additional family-friendly activities including an aqua park, zoo, cycle trails, climbing facilities.*

*It just leaves me now to thank you for your continued support over the last 10 years and welcome you to our new exciting chapter of NWF, so please put it in your diary – 8th to 10th June 2018."*

## Club of the year!

We all know what a fantastic club we have. Now it's time to make sure it's formally recognised! NWF includes an award each year for Windsurf / SUP Club of the Year. This is awarded to a UK Club that has achieved outstanding performance in the development and improvement of its members. I think we've got an outstanding story to tell, and I'll be composing our entry over the coming few days. Judges will produce a shortlist and an online vote will then be released at the end of April and everyone will have 4 weeks to vote for their favorite before it closes on the 25th May. If we're shortlisted, you'll know who to vote for!!

## Olympic windsurfing threatened!

A committee in World Sailing is proposing to remove windsurfing from the Olympics, and to replace it with kiteboarding from 2024. The voting begins this month. If, like me, you disagree with this proposal, there is an online petition you can sign. Please go to <http://chn.ge/2mts2VZ> It only takes 1 minute to complete.

That's it for this month. Look out for the 2018 membership forms in the post very soon. See you on the water (and stay warm!).

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