

Hickling Windsurfing Club Newsletter

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It's been a while.....

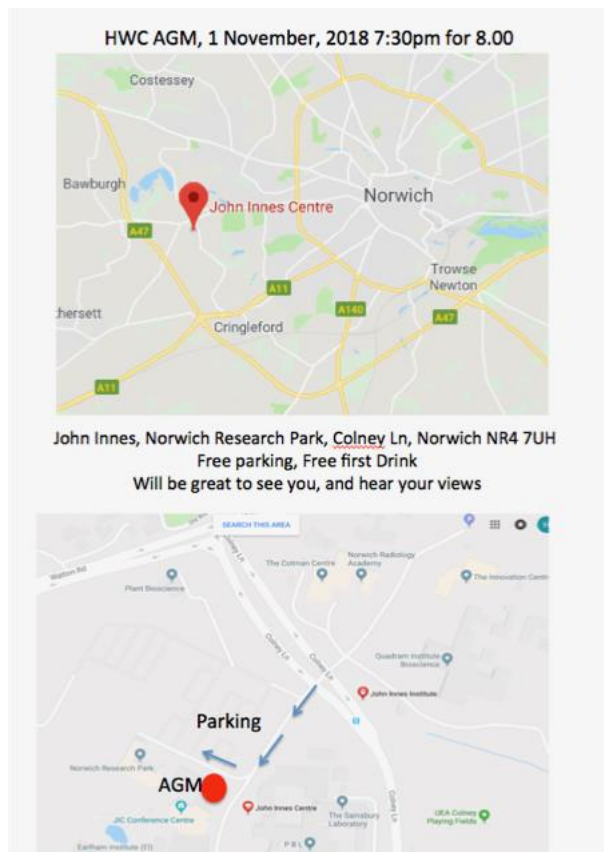
... since I sent a newsletter. A hectic summer (where did it go?) rather got in the way of sitting down in front of the laptop. Who wouldn't rather enjoy the sunshine than be sitting in front of a screen. Anyway as the nights are rapidly pulling in I no longer have that excuse, so here are a few ramblings about recent club events, plus a reminder date for your diary.

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AGM: 1 November, 7.30 for 8.00pm

John Innes Centre

Norwich Research Park, Colney Lane, Norwich, NR4 7UH



As you know it's been a busy year for the club. On the back of achieving RYA training centre status, we have trained a record number of new windsurfers; trained six new instructors; run a coaching day and race days; enjoyed a super barbecue on the beach; and many more things.

But what should we be doing in 2019? More of the same, or some different things? How could we further improve our offer to the membership? We have some exciting ideas to share as well.

The AGM is your opportunity to influence the direction of the club and help the Committee to give you what you want. Plus it's a great social occasion to catch up with friends that you may not have seen for a while. Plus your first drink's free due to a grateful Hickling boat owner: his boat broke its mooring on a particularly windy day and was recovered by Darren and me. By way of thanks, the owner donated some money to the club's drinks fund. Cheers!

Guess the windspeed!

Six intrepid club members recently ventured north on what is rapidly becoming a regular expedition to the world-renowned beaches of Tiree, a small Hebridean island off the west coast of Scotland. They had a great week, using sails as small as 3.7m, and came home with one ripped sail, one damaged board and six large smiles.



Harriet, Neil, Mike, Chris and Paul on Crossapol beach, Tiree, taken by Keith, who says, "I only realised when I got this home that I was leaning over too, so they didn't seem to be leaning as much as they really were. I therefore levelled the horizon on this one."

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Another training day!

We continue to forge ever stronger links with Hickling Broad Sailing Club, which is proving mutually beneficial for both clubs. As part of this initiative we recently ran a Start Windsurfing course for some of the club's members, which proved to be a roaring success despite somewhat challenging conditions on day 1. The smiles say it all!



Final 2018 Race Day

The wind wasn't always kind to us, but we nonetheless managed to complete the 2018 race series in slightly chilly September conditions. Many congratulations to Darren and Wendy B, whose persistence paid off as they won the series.



Need some good value kit?

I've been contacted by former club member Tim Grimmer, who has given up windsurfing. He has a range of kit that he's looking to get rid of since it's

cluttering up his garage. Although a few year's old now (it's all around 15 years old), the kit's still in a decent condition and might suit a member who's advancing on from club kit but who doesn't want to spend a fortune.

The available kit is:

Board- Fanatic Viper (299 long; 75 wide, vol 194)

Sails- Neil Pryde Supersonic 5.4

Neil Pryde Freewave 4.4

Ezzy Transformer 6.0

Boom- Neil Pryde 135-190

Mast- Neil Pryde 430, 75% carbon

Plus all the fittings (harness lines; uphaul, extension, etc).

Tim is looking for offers around £200, and can be contacted on 07860 522748. The kit is kept near North Walsham for viewing purposes, or if you're interested, Tim or I can send some photos.

University of East Anglia

The University windsurfing club are long standing members of Hickling Windsurfing Club, but there has been little interaction between the two clubs. The UEA is struggling a little to encourage new members to participate. The UEA club's success is good for us as well as them (if for no other reason than the block membership fees they pay), so it makes sense for us to help them. Therefore we're looking to work more closely together so that our club's offer can be used to entice more UEA members. Already some of our instructors have offered to assist with UEA training sessions, plus we're exploring other ideas.

That's all for this month!

With so much going on, I'm bound to have missed something. Please keep an eye on your emails, our website and Facebook page for the latest news as it happens.

Hopefully I'll see you at the John Innes Centre on Thursday.

With best wishes

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