

SAILING

Participants went ashore at Cliffs Reach for lunch, games, rest etc. A return leg started from Cliffs Reach, finishing at Stow Post with the fleet returning to ESC on the rising tide. In recent years the first leg has not gone so far down stream, as beating against the tide was difficult for slower boats. Also there have been alternative formats of races/lunch in the Farnbridge area. A long day, however in the past it seems the whole club went, with participants of all ages.

Brandy Hole

This event was run to support BHYC's annual big day with a show of dinghies. Again the race was in two legs, 1st from the club to BHYC, snack provided by BHYC ashore and then a return leg. An ESC OOD finished the 1st leg and started the 2nd, travelling by road or boat.

In recent years, following a change of ownership at BHYC, hospitality there has been curtailed and we have just run a race to a buoy near BHYC and straight back.

Up River Yacht Club Regatta.

This originated as the Hullbridge Regatta. Mirrors & Herons competed in their classes with Solos in a Slow Handicap. Members also travelled to URYC to support various stalls. The Mirrors & Herons raced for both Regatta glassware and ESC perpetual trophies. Again with a change in emphasis at URYC, support has dwindled.

Other

Andrew Dale won the Heron National Championship. We used to not schedule any event on

Heron Southern / Nationals days in order not to disadvantage competing members. We could organize a group of ultra competitive Herons to be towed to these events with a support group and come away with a Champion, a Team Trophy and lots of pond experience.

2010 Draft Programme

17th July is allocated for Widdy Wid. Compared to 2009 it is later in the year and not a Bank holiday. Due to the tides there is no chance of any other event that weekend.

BHYC and URYC have been forced by the tides to schedule both their respective events on the same day 27th June which limits the options

Responses

If members have views on what changes would make Widdy Wid, BHYC Regatta, URYC Regatta more attractive and encourage their participation, would they please advise me in the next few weeks. E mail or a note would be preferred so responses can be collated; otherwise a word in my ear would suffice.

Regards

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