

The YOSC Archive; 1938 to date



Yet more intriguing photographs of YOSC at Naburn have come our way recently, both supplied to the National 12 Association from Martyn Cubbitt's family album but known to have been from Robin Steavenson's collection. The top photo has "10 Hour Race" handwritten on the reverse. This may show early National 12s in a race, competing with a cruiser; all three boats appear to be flying square "racing" burgees. Perhaps tea was served aboard the cruiser during the 10 hours!

The second photo is titled YOSC 1949 and shows Robin Steavenson's own boat N153 "Witch" in the foreground, winner of the very first National 12 Championships in 1936 and one of the best known National 12s of all time. The photo also shows some very new Firefly dinghies, the class chosen for the 1948 London Olympics.



From the Archive: Committee Minutes

75 Years Ago: AGM on 6th January 1941. “The year’s accounts were read by the Treasurer, adopted and signed..... closed with just over one pound to our credit”.

“The Treasurer would have no rent to pay this year owing to the fact that the President was kindly allowing the Club to rent some of his land for the nominal sum of 1/- per year”

The Secretary reported “activities on a very minor scale indeed.... owing chiefly to the imminent possibility of Nazi Invasion, coupled with increased air activity, - indeed several members have spent one or two very awe-inspiring nights at Acaster during this War which they will no doubt never forget. Some visitors came to the Club premises with three International 14 foot Dinghies, and this unexpectedly increased the activities, and sails were seen, in some instances as many as six boats at a time.... although sailing was badly upset by the removal of the Club to Naburn in September.”

By August the future of the location of the Club was in doubt but a proposal was approved by a Special General Meeting to move back to Acaster. Two members of the Club “and a representative of the Club’s solicitors had visited Mrs Douglass and set out the proposal which was accepted, except for the fact that no signature would be given and a deadlock resulted”

50 Years ago 1966:

David Spencer Cadet Membership application was approved at the Committee Meeting of 6th March. On the Committee at the time was R Mathieson

In April, “The offer by the Landlord of the Blacksmith’s Arms to provide a Club trophy was gratefully accepted”

Also in April, “Commander Palmes gave some details of the early history of the Club” and “had decided to make a voluntary conveyance to the Club of ... the Northern half of the lane between the Club House and the farm, on which we parked

dinghies... amid acclamation from the Committee Members”.

In October the Sailing Secretary reported “For the York Race there had been an exceptionally good entry of 17 Nationals and 15 Enterprises”

Special thanks to both “Mac” and David 50 years on for their longstanding support for the Club!

