

## **Class 5 points series**

The East Coast OGA like to encourage small traditionally rigged boats as well as large ones and in 2016 we trialled a points series for the Class 5 boats. These are shallow draft open boats, under 20' on deck, designed for sailing in sheltered waters and include smacks boats, wrinkle brigs, and whalers. These are not suitable to compete in the main East Coast Race.

This first points series comprised only three races, but generated enough interest for a prize to be awarded to *Neva*, a smack's boat. In light of this success there will be a full season of small boat races in 2017, with points available at the following events.

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| 29 <sup>th</sup> April                  | Tollesbury v OGA Saturday race, Tollesbury Sailing Club  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Swallows and Amazons rally at the Walton and Frinton YC  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> July                   | East Coast Race weekend, Brightlingsea   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | A small boat race will be held sometime during the week of the August Cruise, day and place to be confirmed. |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep | Maritime Woodbridge Festival on the river Deben. Sat or Sunday to be confirmed.                              |

As you can see there is a good spread of places and dates for these races.

Please come along to as many of these as you can. Points are awarded in the same way as the larger race series, so attending as many races as possible is just as important as whether you win or not!