

The Association has a membership of over eighty.

The reason for forming the R.S.A. was to seek representation on the Crouch Harbour Authority, which is an authority with powers from Parliament to control the Crouch, Roach and all associated Creeks. The promoters of the Bill are the Essex County Council and the Essex River Board. It is anticipated that the act will be affective from the 1 October 1974. In order to form a representative body the act stipulates that an advisory committee is formed to cover the people concerned with the Rivers and the land adjoining.

The yachting sector was given an opportunity to be represented and the Crouch area federation was formed with the Clubs on the Crouch and the Wakering Yacht Club. At this point it seemed necessary to form the R.S.A. as it was quite clear that the Roach and particularly Paglesham had no representatives. The idea of asking the Federation for a place on their Committee would have given the R.S.A. a 1/14 th vote which again did not appear satisfactory.

The Gt. Wakering Parish Council were prepared to formulate a Fairways Committee who would be in a position to have a seat on the Advisory Committee using one of the Parish Council seats.

The R.S.A. were invited to the inaugural meeting and your secretary was appointed spokesman to represent this Association.

The Roach area Fairways and Conservation Committee was formed and on 30 January our first meeting was held.

The Committee is made up of three groups.

- 1) Parish Councils: Barling, Canewdon, Foulness, Great Wakering, Paglesham, Rochford.
- 2) Boating: Great Wakering Yacht Club, Wakering Small Boat Users Association and Roach Sailing Association.
- 3) Commercial: J.W. Shuttlewood (Paglesham), Sutton & Smith (Wakering), M.D. Todd (Fishermen) Stambridge Mill.

Chairman	George Ventris)	Members of the R.S.A. & W.S.B.U.A.
Vice Chairman	John Martin)	
Secretary	John Essam)	

It now seems almost certain that we will have direct representation on the Advisory Committee with the emphasis on the Yachting interests, as the other groups have their own allocated seats.

The Roach Fairways Committee has been formed within Local Government acts so that Parish Council monies can be allocated if need be.

The R.S.A. Committee has been meeting monthly, and it is hoped that when the Crouch Harbour Authority is in being that we will be able to put our views forward to retain Paglesham as a most pleasant Sailing Anchorage. This will depend naturally upon your Committee receiving whole hearted support in the future.