

YVSC MAY BANK HOLIDAY CRUISE 2008

Saturday

We all milled around on the Thurne in the firm but steady breeze as we were instructed not to arrive at Hunters Yard until after 4pm, by the time we all moored there were 16 boats present. Our junior members Lauren and Stephen collected some fresh water mussel shells from the dredging and were having fun using them as small boats racing them down the dyke in the fresh breeze.

That afternoon I had been sailing with my sister Sarah and her two young lads, Jenson aged 3 and Reece aged 5. This was their first time sailing and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves this was topped off by some great club hospitality afterwards, in fact so good that neither of them wanted to leave at the end of the day.

Sunday

We awoke to a fine morning, had breakfast, after which the club broke into two groups with many going to Ranworth for lunch others having to stay behind to attend a committee meeting. This was held in the Broads Authority building beside Hunters Yard, the room we held it in was upstairs overlooking the Thurne valley and what a great view that was!

Our new members Alan Barrett on Bluebell and Terry and Margaret Alden on Aurora II joined the group that went to Ranworth.

After the committee meeting, we then sailed to Fleet Dyke in the moderate breeze and moored at the South Walsham Broad, end of the dyke which was full of motor boats when we arrived but soon cleared although we ended up being split with some boats at one end of the mooring and some at the other end. There were 16 boats in total but not all stayed the night. Due to the glorious sunshine we were able to have afternoon tea on the bank. During the evening most got together for drinks and nibbles on the bank.

Monday

The weather was fine yet again this morning; we had breakfast, tidied up and set sail for Cockshoot Dyke. The wind was moderate as we tacked our way up Fleet Dyke and out onto the Bure, we caught a ride on the incoming tide and had a pleasant sail, even through the wooded parts as the wind was behind us.

We had lunch at Cockshoot Dyke with 14 boats being present; we stayed until just after 2pm then set off for our respective moorings. The river was very busy with lots of motor craft to tack in and out of and Cassiopeia, Vagabond and Bella had some close sailing in the strong breeze on the way back.

Mark, Sharron & Bella May 2008