



Yare Valley Sailing Club

Commodores Signal

Here we are with May Day fast approaching. It only seems like a week or two ago since the AGM but already several club events have taken place.

The February Social was well attended by 47 members and guests at The Oaklands Hotel in Thorpe St Andrew. It was a particularly cold night with a covering of snow but it was a warm atmosphere inside and a great opportunity to meet up in the off season. The general consensus was that maintenance work on boats was being put back as a result of the unusually cold start that we had to the year. We had five fabulous entries for the Margaret Dunn Trophy; it was lovely to have so many entries although it made it a difficult decision for the flag officers to choose a winner. The Trophy was won by David Ames for his water colour of a sunset scene across Horsey Broad.

The Fitting Out Supper took place in the middle of March at The Salhouse Lodge with 56 members and guests. We had a very enjoyable evening and look forward to returning there for the Hauling Out Supper later this year. Mark and I took the opportunity to use the weekend to have Cassi put back into the water, but it seemed maintenance on many boats was only just underway.

Easter was a cold and windy weekend, and with Mark and I and the kids on holiday sailing in the Caribbean, only the very hardy Mark and Sharon with Bella and Brian with Ripple ventured out.

In contrast we have just had a beautiful spring weekend rally at Cockshoot dyke. There was a powder blue sky on both Saturday and Sunday, and a breeze that was just strong enough to get you along under sail. A beautiful sunset and 12 people squeezed into Cassi in the evening finished a grand day. Sunday was a challenging sail against the tide to South Walsham Broad and lunch was spent rafted up in the shelter of the trees; in the sun and out of the wind, it definitely felt like summer was just around the corner.

Our next weekend is May Day Bank Holiday, Paddy's Lane at Barton on Saturday and Ranworth on Sunday. Lauren has her school prom on the Saturday evening so we won't be with you at Barton on Saturday evening, but we will come down early on Sunday morning and hope to meet you on Barton Broad for lunchtime, before heading back down to Ranworth.

There is an updated Sailing Programme attached. Linda has put together a North River Cruise to follow the Late May Bank Holiday and there are details of the first South River Cruise in June.

The Summer Party weekend will take place on 10 July at Eastwood Whelpton Boat Yard in Upton, same format as other years, please bring a savoury and sweet for the buffet. The Clipesby Trophy event will take place the following day; I hope you can make this event.

I have an update on a river-side refreshments; Maurice has written to me to let me know that the Public House at Coldham Hall on the south rivers has re-opened. The premises have been refurbished and they are now working on improving the quay heading to make a comfortable overnight mooring.

I have also received an invitation from Margaret Kilner of the Yare Sailing Club. "The Yare Sailing Club celebrates 25 years since being re-founded this year and to mark it we are organising a water frolic at Surlingham Ferry on 26/27 June. We would be delighted to welcome any YVSC members, for all or part of the weekend for details www.yaresailingclub.org.uk"

Wishing you fair winds and great sailing.

Rita Humphreys

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- Charging unit built in from new
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- Good running order £300

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Sailing & Social Programme 2010 Contact Rita Humphreys 07870 237374

Sailing Programme [updated April 2010]

Barton Rally	Sat	01 May	Paddys Lane - Barton	LW Ludham 09:25 springs
	Sun	02 May	Ranworth	
Womack Rally	Sat	15 May	Hunters Womack - Mooring After 4pm	LW Acle 07:44
North Rivers Cruise <i>Contact for this Cruise</i> <i>Linda Doughty</i>	Sat	29 May	Stracey Arms	Yarmouth Slack Water Passage Time 17:47
	Sun	30 May	Wroxham	Brian & Eunice Keane's Mooring
	Mon	31 May	Coltishall Common	Spring Bank Holiday
	Tue	01 Jun	Lunch Wroxham	
	Wed	02 Jun	Evening Blackhorse Broad Lunch South Walsham Broad Evening Hunters Womack	Raft Up Mooring after 4pm
	Thur	03 Jun	Deep Dyke	LW Potter 10.58
	Fri	04 Jun	Horsey	
	Sat	05 Jun	To be confirmed	LW Potter 12.54 – beware 3 River Race starts 11am Horning
Rally or South Rivers Cruise <i>Contact for this cruise:</i> <i>Allan Winters</i> <i>07963 593422 phone 8am or 5pm</i>	Sat	19 Jun	Black Horse Broad (raft up)	or Coldham Hall, South River alternative
	Sun	20 Jun	Upton	or Reedham Ferry, South River alternative
	Mon	21 Jun	Herringfleet	Yarmouth Slack Water Passage Time 13.03
	Tue	22 Jun	Lunch Burgh Castle, Evening Herringfleet	
Wed	23 Jun	Cantley or Langley Dyke		
Thu	24 Jun	Lunch Rockland, Evening Reedham Ferry		
Fri	25 Jun	Lunch Berney Mill, Evening Mautby Mill	Yarmouth Slack Water Passage Time 17.04	
Summer Party	Sat	10 Jul	Upton Eastwood Whelpton Boat Yard	LW Acle 05.35
Clippesby Trophy	Sun	11 Jul	Meet at Upton boat yard 10am	LW Acle 06:30
South Rivers Cruise	Sat	31 Jul	South Walsham	
	Sun	01 Aug	Mautby	HW Acle 15.45
	Mon	02 Aug	Rockland Broad - Short Dyke	Yarmouth Slack Water Passage Time 09:35
	Tue	03 Aug	Loddon	
	Wed	04 Aug	Geldeston	LW St Olaves 11.47
	Thur	05 Aug	Oulton Broad	LW St Olaves 13.04
	Fri	06 Aug	Langley Dyke	
	Sat	07 Aug	Duffers	Yarmouth Slack Water Passage Time 15:15
Sun	08 Aug	return up river on end	of early tide	
North Rivers Weekend	Sat	28 Aug	Horsey	LW Potter 09.32
	Sun	29 Aug	West Somerton	
Rally	Sat	18 Sep	Thurne	LW Acle 15.48
Rally	Sat	09 Oct	South Walsham	LW Acle 07.58
Salhouse Weekend / Hauling Out Supper	Sat	23 Oct	Salhouse Broad	LW Acle 07:06 approx 1.5 mile walk to Salhouse Lodge or taxi

Social Events

- 10 July Summer Party at Eastwood Whelpton Boat Yard, Upton LW Acle 05:35
- 23 October Hauling Out Supper at Salhouse Lodge
- 13 November Annual General Meeting at Lion Inn, Thurne - tbc