



Commodores Signal

Well, well, this recent weather certainly makes you want to get the covers off the boat, launch it and get some sailing in, let's hope the weather holds for the first cruise of the year at Easter but realistically that's a long way away. Easter is as early in the year as it can possibly be, so if you are coming along in your boat and the weather is still cold overnight please be aware that there may be a covering of ice on your decks in the mornings, we don't want any early duckings!

But before then we have the Fitting-out Supper at Sutton Staithe Hotel, so please send your booking forms in promptly as I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

There has been a change in the sailing program, The Stokesby rally has been switched with the Womack rally due to availability of moorings at Hunters, so the Womack rally is on the 13th September and the Stokesby rally is on the 27th September.

The end of Season Rally on the 18th October will be at Thurne. Please try and attend the cruises and rallies, I am sure we will have some great fun. You will find the details of the entire 2008 sailing programme in this news letter

See you soon

Steve Birtles

Fitting Out Supper – 22nd March 2008 7:30pm for 8:00pm Sutton Staithe Hotel

The Fitting out Supper coincides with the Easter Cruise so those members who have their boats in the water by then can arrive by boat. We will be holding a raffle during the evening so any prizes would be very welcome. Please find enclosed the booking form and menu choices.

60th Celebration Dinner 21st June 2008

This 60th anniversary of the club will be celebrated at The Lion at Thurne. Details will follow in further reports, but the landlord of The Lion will reserve all of the pub moorings on Thurne dyke for the Club to use, so we are hoping for a large turnout of dressed boats and I am looking forward to seeing a large number of members attending the celebrations.

Summer Party – 12th July 2008

Ann and Tim Whelpton have kindly agreed to the club using their sail loft again for the annual summer party, and they will be joining us on the evening. The barbeque format from last year will be continued this year, final details will follow.

Hauling Out Supper – 18th October 2008

Venue has yet to be confirmed.

Remaining Sailing Reports from 2007

Womack Rally 15th – 16th September

Saturday I arrived at 15:30 and was amazed to see the whole of Hunter's yard full with YVSC boats and not one of Hunters yachts or half deckers were in the yard. We had a committee meeting aboard Vagabond, the main topic was next year's celebration event. Ted & Teresa, who were celebrating their wedding anniversary, had their boat decked out with flags, supplied hospitality with the usual humour ensuring the committee meeting ended on time. In the evening we BBQ'd and socialised on the bank, some went into Ludham village to the Kings Arms to dine and reported back that the food was very good. Of course when the temperature dropped all disappeared back to the boats for a nightcap!

Sunday We all sailed to South Walsham broad and rafted up at the bottom end of the broad near to the trees for shelter from the wind. We had a late lunch, socialised for a while, then headed back for our respective moorings, most attempted to sail for a while but the wind was very strong and gusting hard so most gave up and motored back (better safe than sorry).

Stokesby Rally 2007 6th – 7th October

Saturday The Commodore asked 'Is the Bure getting shallower or had the boat grown deeper?'. As he was going down towards Stokesby after passing through Acle Vagabond ran a ground 15 yards from the bank, just before the first mill on the port side. Mud, mud, glorious mud nothing quite like it for getting a sweat on. It was deep and sticky but the Commodore's trusty quant pole came in very handy (at least its got used once this year). It would seem in discussion later that several others have found the same spot at some time throughout the year! Boats present at the Ferry moorings were Marionette, Ripple, Reedling, Wenonah II and Vagabond. Cassiopeia (Mark and Rita Humphrey's new boat) went to Upton as they have as yet no A frame for mast lowering and were joined by Chariot and Bella. They hoped to have food at the White Horse but none was available so motored downstream in the dark (with Nav' lights on) to The Bridge Inn at Acle where the fair was excellent. Meanwhile at Stokesby 19 sat down for dinner, Reg Edmunds, Ernie and Lucie Mattin, Peter and Sonia Saint with Nicholas and his friend joined us. All had a very enjoyable sociable evening in the pub. We then had a nightcap on Ripple just too top things off. Suffice to say all slept soundly that night.

Sunday After a lovely walk around the village, we all set sail for Acle bridge at around 11.30 and attempted to sail to Thurne mouth but the tide was stronger than the wind and we ended up having to motor to our lunch venue. We rafted up due to a shortage of moorings as the Lady Yacht Club was present; ending up being 5 and 6 deep in places. I have seen the club get into some tight spaces but this was really quite impressive! We had lunch and socialised for a while then all departed for their respective moorings.

Sailing reports supplied by Mark, Sharron Harvey, Bella.

For Sale or Wanted

For Sale – Pegasus 700, Masthead rig, twin bilge keel, 9.9hp inboard outboard engine. Contact Mark Humphreys 01788 335297 or 07770 748614 for details.

If you have items you would like to sell or require please contact the editor for inclusion in future news letters. (01780 740132) (e mail: amesdm@aol.com)

Yare Valley Sailing Club - Sailing Program 2008

Easter Rally 21st – 24th March

Fri Fleet Dyke
Sat Sutton Staithe
Sun Cockshoot Dyke
Mon Lunch - St Benet's

May Bank Holiday Rally 3rd – 5th May

Sat Blackhorse Broad (HW Horning 1216)
Sun Fleet Dyke
Mon Lunch - Cockshoot Dyke

1st South Rivers Cruise 25th – 30th May

Sat Ted's Mooring Mautby (HW Acle 15:21)
Sun Somerleyton (SWYYS – 08:31)
Mon Oulton Dyke or Waveney River Centre
Tue Geldeston
Wed Oulton Broad Yacht Club
Thur Somerleyton
Fri Stokesby (SWYYS – 13:40)

1st North Rivers Cruise – 21st – 27th June

Sat Lion Thurne (60th Anniversary Celebration)
Sun Deep Dyke (LW Potter Heigham 08:42)
Mon Horsey
Tue West Somerton
Wed Lunch – St Benet's, Paddy's Lane (LW Potter Heigham 10:38)
Thur Sutton Staithe
Fri Fleet Dyke

Upton Rally 12th – 13th July

Sat Upton (Summer Party at Eastwood Whelptons)
Sun Clippesby Trophy

2nd South Rivers Cruise – 27th July – 2nd August

Sun Pye's Mill, Loddon (SW YYS 1215)
Mon Bramerton
Tue Lunch - Whittlingham, Coldham Hall
Wed Lunch - Surlingham Broad, Langley Dyke
Thur Reedham Ferry
Fri Lunch – Polkey's Mill, Mautby (SW YYS 1815)
Sat Lunch - Thurne

2nd North Rivers Cruise 16th – 23rd August

Sat Fleet Dyke
Sun Lunch - Blackhorse Broad, Cockshoot Dyke
Mon Coltishall
Tue Wroxham
Wed St Benet's
Thur Paddy's Lane
Fri Sutton Staithe
Sat How Hill

Womack Rally 13th – 14th September ** Note change from original calendar**

Sat Hunter's Yard (HW Potter 1148)
Sun Lunch - Thurne Mouth

Stokesby Rally 27th – 28th September ** Note change from original calendar**

Sat Stokesby Ferry (HW Acle 1112)

End of Season Rally 18th – 19th October – Details TBA

We overhaul our boats each season but do we take our life jackets for granted?

Please check over gas inflated life jackets. I checked out ours this year and one which I purchased locally, used straight away and over the last seven years **did not** have the gas cartridge screwed in. I dread to think of the consequences. But I can't believe this is the only one.

The RYA recommends servicing your life jacket each year. Weighing the cartridge (is it still full?). Inflating jacket by mouth and leaving for 24hours to test for leaks. Check all covers webbing and any harnesses for damage and wear. Replace if necessary.

Please check yours.