



## Commodores Signal

May I wish you all a very happy, and let us hope prosperous, New Year.

Sitting here in December, looking out of the window at the frost, sailing and summer seem a long way away, but certainly something to look forward to. Next year's sailing program takes us to all of the navigable parts of the Broads and hopefully includes something for everyone. The law of averages states that soon we should have good weather, so all in all I'm really looking forward to next year as the club's 60<sup>th</sup> commodore.

### February Social

This year the event will be held at The Lodge Salhouse on 14 February. For all of us whose wives complain that we never take them out on St Valentines Day, now is our chance to make amends. After the meal Mr. Philip Bray has kindly agreed to give a talk on Hunters Yard. Please return the enclosed booking form as soon as you can.

### Margaret Dunn Trophy

Please bring entries to the February Social. I am sure that there is far more artistic talent in the club than the number of recent entries would indicate. Let's all have a go.

### Fitting Out Supper

We will be returning to the Sutton Staithe Hotel on March 28 for this event. A chance for the more hardy (or foolhardy) members to come by boat, hopefully the weather will be kind. Please bring lots of raffle prizes.

### Summer Party

Anne and Tim have again kindly allowed us to use the sail loft for our Summer Party on 11 July. This will probably be the same format as last year followed on Sunday by the Clippesby Trophy (weather permitting).

### Hauling Out Supper

A visit to The Lion at Thurne has been arranged for the 10 October. This will probably be one of the last chances for a gathering of club boats this season.

As most of you will know, Malcolm Valentine has relinquished the role of Hon. Treasurer after several years' sterling service. On behalf of the club I would like to offer him our thanks and admiration for all of his hard work. I would also like to thank David Beeken for taking on the task of Treasurer and to wish him every success for the future.

Helen and I look forward to seeing you all again at the February Social. Until then take care.

**Peter**

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the deaths of Brenda Aldred and Ron Bonshaw

*Honorary Life Member Brenda Aldred died in October 2008*

Brenda and her husband Tony had been members of YVSC for many years. Although originally from Sheffield they spent their weekends and holidays with the Club eventually moving to Upton to live. Brenda was editor of the Meag for many years and took the journal from strength to strength cajoling members to write articles about their sailing escapades and their boats. Being a great organiser Brenda did much to promote the Club and in recognition for her services to the YVSC, Brenda was elected a Honorary Life Member.

Brenda had been ill for several years with Parkinson's disease and had spent her last years in a nursing home in Ludham.

The funeral service was held in St Mary's Church Fishley near Acle and was attended by many members and ex members of the Club. Both Brenda and Tony had spent a great deal of their time helping to maintain this lovely little church and it was a great tribute to her that it was full to overflowing for her service.

*Ron Bonshaw*

Ron sadly passed away in September 2008. Ron with his wife Leslie were members of YVSC for many years, sailing Woodruff which many of you will know as one of the original Hunter's fleet yachts. Ron purchased Woodruff after she was seriously damaged in a fire, and after having the boat restored to her former glory happily sailed her for many years. Ron's funeral took place at St Mary's Church, South Walsham and was attended by many of his friends from YVSC.

Yare Valley Sailing Club members pass on there sincere sympathies to all their family members.

## **2009 Membership Renewal**

At the 2008 AGM the proposal for an increase in the subscription was voted in.

The new subscriptions for 2009 are as follows:-

- Full members £12.00
- Junior members are now FREE (they must be sponsored by an existing member)
- Associate members £9.00

It would help save significant postal charges if members could indicate on the renewal form; other member(s) to whom they could hand deliver the Green Book and MEAG package.

**Please complete the enclosed Annual Membership Renewal form with covering cheque to the Hon Treasurer, David Beekin, by 31 January 2009. This enables the Editor to have the correct membership information in the MEAG.**

## Social and Sailing Programme 2009

### **Social Events**

14 February	February Social
28 March	Fitting Out Supper
11 July	Summer Party
10 October	Hauling Out Supper
31 October	Annual General Meeting

### **Sailing Events and Rallies**

10 April - 13 April	Easter Thurne Cruise
2 May - 4 May	Ant Rally
23 May - 30 May	Bure Cruise
13 June - 14 June	Barton Weekend
27 June - 3 July	Yare Cruise
11 July - 12 July	Summer Party followed by The Clippesby Trophy
18 July - 25 July	Waveney Cruise
21 Aug - 22 Aug	Hickling Weekend
29 Aug - 5 Sept	Norwich Cruise
19 Sept - 20 Sept	Hunters Yard Weekend

*Details of cruise arrangements and tides etc will be in the next Newsletter.*

## **Annual General Meeting 2008**

Held on 8 November at The Lion Inn, Thurne, at which Peter Paton took on the Commodore's pennant for 2009.

**The Club Officers and Committee members** duly elected are as follows:-

Commodore .....	Peter Paton
Vice Commodore .....	Rita Humphreys
Rear Commodore.....	Linda Doughty
Hon Treasurer.....	David Beekin
Hon Secretary.....	Paul Savage
Social Secretary.....	Helen Paton
Sailing Secretary.....	Mark Harvey

### **Committee Members:**

Gary Doughty, Derek McSparron, Patricia Adams, Mark Harvey, Sharon Harvey, Helen Paton, Steve Birtles (past Commodore)

**Editor** ...David Ames (with a lot of help from Kate)

## Reports from 2008

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party - 21 June 2008

2008 has been a significant year in the sailing calendar, the centenary year of The Yare and Bure One Design, the Beijing Olympics with Ben Ainsley and his team mates going for gold once again and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Yare Valley Sailing Club.

To celebrate this club event it was decided by the committee in 2007 to hold a midsummer party. It would give the Club an opportunity to get together all those who had helped the Club over the years, renew old acquaintances a real opportunity to say thank you. So Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> was booked. The venue was organised, at The Thurne Lion moorings and an evening buffet and entertainment scheduled.

All we needed was a good show of well-dressed boats, plenty of members and guests and good weather. We had the first two with 21 YVSC boats all decked out and available to take members and guests for an afternoon sail, and what a turnout, 95 members and guests. The forecast for the day had not looked very good early in the week with heavy rain forecast for the day, but as we have seen all through the summer the Met office seems to be somewhat pessimistic these days, or is it just our strange East Norfolk climate. The heavy rain on Saturday did not materialise, but light scuddy rain persisted until about 2.30 pm. Then a steady south easterly gave the opportunity for a sail. Several boats took to the river and gave members and guests alike a wonderful time. This was followed by one of our trade mark bank side afternoon tea parties with so many varieties of homemade cakes it would have made many a TV celebrity chef envious.

While this feast was taking place Molly Howe's of the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association judged the best-dressed boat. The coveted prize went to Moonlark (RC 391) owned by Kim and Martin Cowley. Well done to you both.

### YVSC Summer Party & Clippesby Trophy - July 2008

#### **Saturday**

We had sixteen boats present in Upton Dyke and many more members arrived by road. Members provided some excellent variety of food. A great deal of effort had been put into what was an absolutely delicious spread.

The weather was kind to us and we all had a very pleasant evening.

Many thanks to Frank Dobson who organised an excellent photographic quiz, based on the River Thurne and surrounding area which caused a great deal of interest and discussion. Our thanks once again go to Tim and Anne for their hospitality.

#### **Sunday**

We all met at the end of the dyke for the Clippesby briefing which was to be a time trial between Upton and Clippesby mills, the finish line was at Oby mill.

The winners of the trophy were Derek and Caroline aboard Four Winds, the wind was very light and the tide quite strong which made it hard work tacking back to the finish line.

We had lunch on the bank at Oby Mill and Adam the new owner of the mill came down to do some work but ended up chatting with the members for most of the afternoon, he was glad to see us there and we thank him for allowing us continued use of one of our favourite moorings

Mark and Sharon Harvey

**All these and other 2008 sailing reports are on [www.yvsc.co.uk](http://www.yvsc.co.uk)**