



Yare Valley Sailing Club

Commodores Signal

I hope you have all managed to avoid the dreaded flu and had a very good Christmas. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

It feels such a long time since we were together either on the last rallies of the year, at the social events or finally the AGM.

I cannot believe it is seven years since I was privileged to hold this position, it feels like only yesterday.

Last year for me, was one of the shortest seasons I have ever known, but on the other hand one of the best for sailing.

I managed to finally achieve one of my goals and sail the Clippesby Trophy, it was exhilarating and exhausting all at once, a day I shall never forget. Some great photographs of the day holds these special memories for all.

We were very lucky that Paul Savage allowed us to use his mooring at Barton in between cruises, to save going backwards and forwards all summer crossing Breydon. We had most enjoyable sails on Barton and the surrounding waters, in my opinion probably some of the best sailing on the Broads to be had.

For the coming season, I have tried to put together a programme that is both stimulating for those of you that like to sail all day and relaxed enough if you don't, with the exception of the odd long day! For members that no longer sail regularly and would like a trip out during the season, please feel free to ring me and we will endeavour to arrange this for you. It will as always be great to see you by car at any of the varied evening stops and you are always welcome for tea & cakes.

Finally, remember, you are the Yare Valley Sailing Club, without you we are nothing! It's your camaraderie, your determination and your ability to enjoy yourselves even when it's a howling gale. It makes it all worthwhile for those members that turn up for rallies despite the weather to find the companionship, which is one of our unique qualities!

I hope your maintenance goes well, goes to plan and very much look forward to seeing you either sailing or socially in 2011.

Linda Doughty

Sailing & Social Events 2011

Please find enclosed the Sailing & Social Programme for the coming season. We hope this gives you the early opportunity to organise your diary accordingly.

February Social - 26th February 2011 7:00pm for 7:30pm

A great opportunity to catch up, this event will be held at the Oaklands Hotel in Norwich. Look forward to seeing as many members as possible. Booking forms enclosed. Please bring along your entry, which should be photographs, paintings or drawings in any medium or sculpture, for the Margaret Dunn Memorial Prize.

David Harsent

Many of you will have known that David had not been well through 2010, sadly after a gallant battle against cancer, he died on 3rd January 2011.

David and Gwen have been members of the YVSC for the past two years, and we know how much they valued the warmth and friendship shown to them by Club members. David volunteered for the Committee during 2010 but was unable to fulfil his tasks due to illness. He and Gwen did however manage to spend as much time as possible on David's sailing cruiser 'Dorothy' moored in Oby Dyke through the past summer.

We have known David for some years chatting to him as he wheeled his bits and pieces backwards and forwards from Dorothy. But over the past four years we had got to know both David and Gwen well. David always had a love of boats and sailing, working in boat building at Oulton and sailing all over the Broads.

Our thoughts go to Gwen who has lost such a lovely man and to his family who have lost a wonderful father and grandfather.

We will always remember David for his friendship, generosity, sense of humour and quite manner. He was a true gentle-man of the Broads.

Should any member wish to attend David's funeral is on 21st January 2011 at 1.30pm in the Pakefield C of E Church.

David Ames and Kate Coulsey

2011 Membership Renewal

The subscriptions for 2011 are as follows:-

Full members £12.00

Junior members are 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 and the February Social booking form with covering cheque to the Hon Treasurer, David Beeken, by 31st January 2011. This enables the Editor to have the correct membership information in the MEAG.