



Yare Valley Sailing Club

Commodores Signal

Well what can I say... the Easter Rally had everything you could ask for, great weather, great venues & a great turn out with 9 boats all moored at Horning Sailing Clubhouse on Good Friday. We were made very welcome and have been invited to make it an annual event. Please see Harvey's Report.

The extended May Bank Holiday Rally was again blessed with lovely weather and our thanks once again go to Brian & Eunice for allowing us to moor in their dyke at Wroxham for our Royal Wedding Party. A new venue at Ranworth Wildlife Centre was tried, (although many years ago this was regularly used by the club), and made for a very relaxing overnight stay, well worth £5 to be free of engines running all hours and crushed boats!

Our first Northern Rivers Cruise was a great success with some fabulous sailing up at Barton and up to 13 boats at anyone time. It was interesting to look around the Home Built Boat Rally, although not as many turned out this year it was lovely to see all the beautiful hand made boats. This week saw the celebration of Allan & Patricia Adams 50th Wedding Anniversary, our congratulations and thanks go to them for a delightful get together at Sutton Staithe. Our thanks go to Paul Savage for a very enjoyable evening's BBQ and to Rosemary for her scrumptious desserts. It was great to see some of our new members out and have the chance to chat with them over a cup of tea. I think the week saw some of the hottest temperatures of the year so far, it can't last, can it! Topping off our week was an exhilarating 3 Rivers Race by which time the wind had picked up some what!

We have two new members, Peter & Diana Ellis on Valkyrie III so please make them welcome if you see them about on the river. I'm sure it won't be long before they join us for a cup of tea or two.

I'd like to clarify an issue regarding postage of additional green books and other items which have come to light following the new membership form this year. Full members - receive one Green Book & Meag post free if collection is not possible. Associate members - receive one Meag post free if collection is not possible. Any additional items (extra green books, badges, flags etc) attract postage charges if it is not possible to collect them from any sailing or social events.

Just a reminder that Margaret Dunn Memorial Prize entries can be made to the Committee at or before the AGM so there is still plenty of time to create or produce your work of art.

Following discussions regarding overnight moorings at Hunters Yard, it has been suggested that we now pay £5 per boat per night as requested by the Yard. This is a valuable and secure mooring for us and we do not want to risk losing this or offending Hunters Yard by paying less than their minimum requested amount.

Once again I would like to remind all you non sailing members that we are growing stronger year by year so please feel free to give any of us a call should you wish to have a day or an afternoons sailing as we will be only too pleased to take you out.

I hope you are all enjoying the early summer sunshine, fine weather & fair winds and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Linda Doughty

Summer Party

This will be in the same place (Eastwood Whelpton's Boatyard at Upton, in the Hayloft - 7.00pm) the same format as last year with everyone bringing a plate or two of food, one savoury, one sweet and a glass, as drinks will once again be provided by Club funds. We would also like to have a raffle this year so any bits & pieces or spare bottles would be greatly appreciated.

Southern Rivers Cruise – 11th to 17th July

Moorings have been secured at Beccles Amateur Sailing Club on Tuesday the 12th July as Beccles Swimming Pool is now charging £7 for an overnight stern on mooring. The Sailing Club has invited us free of charge but I feel a collection would be appropriate as they have also offered to open their Club House to allow us use of their facilities. This also means no rush to get moorings and no bridges so take your time and enjoy your sailing.

2nd Northern Rivers Cruise – 30th July to 7th August

Oby Mill kicks off the week with a home made curry night so all you budding chefs out there; get your cookery books out. Sunday, Brian & Eunice have very kindly invited us to theirs to BBQ and plans to walk to the beach later in the week at Horsey for all you sun lovers.

Hauling Out Supper & AGM

We have made a change to the programme for these dates and they are both now on Saturday the 12th November instead of October 29th & November 26th respectfully. This is for several reasons; one is the fact that so many members requested to return to Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett for the Hauling Out Supper after some great service & food at the Fitting Out Supper & two it helps with parking issues and also those members that travel a long way for the social events.

Easter Rally April 2011

Friday

We arrived at Horning Sailing Club in the late afternoon and moored stern on, we had only requested the use of the moorings but were very pleased to find that we had use of the Club House, showers and toilets. Many thanks to HSC for this!



It was a very pleasant afternoon and we socialized at the front of the Club House with a good variety of cakes and lashings of tea.

It was great for so many of us to be at this event after the long winter lay up and lovely to meet up with our sailing friends for the first rally of the year.

In the late evening we retreated to the Club House, entertainment was supplied by Linda Doughty and her gramophone with dancing by the more agile members!

Saturday

Our Commodore, Linda Doughty, had organised some more good weather so we made good use of it and had our morning walk round and chat with a mug of tea on the mooring.

Sharron unfortunately had to work so Gary, Linda and myself walked her to the bus stop, on the way back we came through the park and down through one of the alley's which brought us out into the centre of Horning street.

We went to the newsagents for some provisions which turned out to be quite entertaining. The owner informed us that we could not buy any hot cross buns as they had to be called currant buns now due to European law. This caused quite a heated discussion in the queue to pay. We later found hot cross buns in Roy's so surmised we had been wound up!



Later in the morning we sailed to Wroxham, the plan was to moor at the railway moorings which Bella and Mezereon did, but most stayed below the bridge at Brian's mooring as he invited anyone not wishing to pass through the bridge to moor there.

In the evening many members made their way to the Wroxham brewery tap "locally known as the shed" and partook in some rather fine ales and ciders.

Sunday

Many members were spotted shopping in Wroxham in the morning and the fresh fish shop did a good trade from YVSC members.

Bella and Mezereon passed through the Bridge raised their masts and turned into the shed and moored up for a swift half. We found Derek, Caroline and family when we arrived and had a pleasant hour in the comfy seats overlooking the basin.

Many had a short sail on Wroxham Broad prior to heading for Salhouse Broad where we rafted up. In the evening we had a very pleasant time socialising.

Monday

We all dispersed and went our own separate ways. The wind was very strong and cold, we sailed Bella back down the Bure finding Ted, Teresa, Patricia and Allan at Oby Mill. We moored up and joined them for lunch. In the wind you needed an overcoat on but we found a sunny spot behind the bank out of the wind which was remarkably hot!

**Mark Sharron and Bella
April 2011**

Spring Bank Holiday Rally April 2011

Friday

Bella and Mezereon had travelled up to the railway mooring the previous evening. We awoke to a pleasant morning with thick heads as we had been to the "shed" the night before. Sharron unfortunately had to work so we walked her up to Roy's and got provisions for breakfast, which we cooked on our return.

Later in the morning we went into Hoveton for provisions for our Royal Wedding Celebration, after which we cast off and travelled downstream to Brian and Eunice's mooring. On arrival we got out the bunting and decorated the boats and the boat house, after which we had a warming mug of tea as it was quite cool with a brisk wind.

Later in the afternoon Eunice organised afternoon tea for us and this was very much appreciated.

We barbequed later in the evening but it was cool. We were invited up into the accommodation above the boat house where it was a lot warmer. We all had a good chat and Ted started off the games playing shove ha'penny.



Saturday

It was still very windy, so we socialised in the morning then most of us set off for Ranworth, meeting up again at around 15:30 we rafted up at the top of the broad to have tea, cakes etc. At 17:00 we were beckoned into the mooring at Ranworth nature reserve and chained in for the night.



We were all invited aboard Mezereon for nibbles and drinks which later escalated into a larger informal meal with everyone bringing something along to the table and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

The weather had been overcast and very windy but we were treated to a most spectacular sunset.

After which we went onto Derek and Caroline's yacht for drinks and we were very impressed by how spacious and well equipped their yacht was especially the superb lifting set up for the cabin

roof using the largest gas struts I have ever seen.

Sunday

We awoke to a nice morning but still very strong winds and had a nice walk through the reserve to the village for provisions etc.

On our return we paid our dues to the Nature reserve staff who were very helpful and friendly, and at 10:00 they unchained the mooring for us.

Peter and Helen set sail and roared off down the broad and back again, then dropped the sails probably a wise move though!

We decided to go to the island at Ludham for some shelter most stayed here and had a lazy afternoon.

Sharron and I went round and moored at Hunters and walked up to the Annual Craft Show in Ludham Church where we met fellow club members Martin and Kim Cowley with their fantastic crafty creations!

Mid afternoon we travelled to Thurne dyke and moored up then had tea and cakes.

A Committee meeting was held aboard Mezereon, followed by many gin and tonics and a quite lively afternoon followed.

Later that evening we went for a meal at Thurne Lion and had a very enjoyable time.

Monday

It was too windy for sailing so we all dispersed. Peter and Helen decided to have a walk with others returning to the island at Ludham to shelter from the cold wind and some lunch.

While we were there a young lad and his father turned up in an inflatable canoe and started walking up and down the bank, when questioned why, we found out that they were looking for treasure using a hand held GPS device and a clue provided from an online geo-tagging website, we became involved and eventually after 20 minutes the young lad found his treasure.

Linda and Gary decided not to cross Breydon water as this was reported as being very rough in the strong winds and opted to leave Mezereon at Paul's mooring at Barton Turf instead.

Mark, Sharron and Bella
June 2011