



Yare Valley Sailing Club

Commodores Signal

Many thanks to all those that made it to the February Social, we had expected 48 but unfortunately two were ill. We send our best wishes to them and any member that is under the weather at the moment through operations, accidents or illness, I know there are a few of you and we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Thank you for the three lovely entries we received for the Margaret Dunn Trophy. This is always a difficult competition to judge as they are usually completely different in everyway. The winner this year was Derek McSparron with a beautiful painting of Sanderson's yard at Reedham, congratulations.

Our first rally of the season, the Easter Rally, starts on Good Friday (22 April 2011) at Horning Sailing Club. We have been asked not to arrive before 14:00 and to moor stern on at the front of the Club House with our mud weights out. A key will be available for us to use the facilities and an overnight donation of £20 will be split between the moored boats.

The second night, Saturday, is at Wroxham railway moorings and an evening is planned in the Shed Bar. This is located in the middle of the complex just over the bridge and offers about 50 casked real ales. We plan to have a take away meal delivered to us there (Indian, Chinese, Pizza etc), this is of course, as ever, is optional.

Sunday night will be mud weighted on Salhouse Broad. A lunch stop will then be arranged Monday morning for anyone that does not have to head straight home!

We have had an invitation to join the Horning Sailing Club on Easter Monday for their down-river race from Horning (usually starting at around the Ferry Inn) to Thurne Dyke. This is an 'open' event which is not restricted to club members. The cruiser start is 10:30 although there could be a split start if there are a lot of entries. YVSC members would be most welcome to participate if they wish to do so and I guess then Thurne Dyke would make an ideal lunch stop.

Our second rally, May Bank Holiday is due to start Saturday 30 April 2011, but as it is the Wedding of William & Kate on the 29 April, I was thinking of perhaps starting the cruise a day early and instead of having a street party, we could have a bank party. Please let me know if you would be interested in this and any ideas, and I will try and finalise arrangements in time for the Fitting Out Supper. It could be

in the form of the summer party where everyone brings a plate of food and, of course, a bottle of something fizzy. Union Jack bunting would be nice and perhaps a red, white and blue dress code. Let me know your thoughts and perhaps a suitable venue.

Regarding Saturday's mooring, we have been able to secure moorings at the Ranworth Wildlife Centre (this is on the right just before the staithe); we can not arrive before 17:00 and must be away by 10:00 on the Sunday morning. The cost per night per boat is £5; there are no BBQ's allowed and no facilities for litter. The chain will be put across at night for security and removed again in the morning. There, unfortunately, is only mooring for a maximum of 8 boats, so could anyone interested in cruising this weekend let me know so that I can make arrangements for any additional boats.

Our second night is Thurne Dyke and we will again arrange the Monday lunch stop for anyone still out on that morning.

The first Northern Rivers Cruise starts on Saturday 28 May at Fleet Dyke and finishes at Oby Mill on Saturday 4 June to watch the Three Rivers Race overnight.

During this week we will spend several days up at Barton Broad, to enable those that are interested to attend the HBBR (Home Build Boat Rally) event and Paul Savage has very kindly invited us to his for a BBQ on the afternoon of Wednesday 1 June. There are showers available for use at Cox's yard at a cost of £1 for about 4.5 minutes. I will be given a number to use on the day so if your interested just let me know. Thursday afternoon, if weather permits, I would like to have a ladies event on Black Horse Broad more details on the day girls! Saturday as already mentioned is the Three Rivers Race and quite a good spot to watch is Oby Mill. A lunch stop for Sunday 5 June will be arranged, if required, in the morning.

FOR SALE: Mooring plot, dyke & boat at Oulton Broad

Plot - 500ft long x 43ft wide (approx) Dyke - 75ft x 20ft (approx).

Currently overgrown and in need on new quay heading.

Sea going, steel hull, Dutch built cruiser available.

Please contact Graham on 01508 518608 for further details.

Fitting Out Supper

Please find enclosed a booking form for the above, which is to be held at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett, on the 9 April 2011. There is a map on the back giving you directions. There will be a raffle held that night and donations of prizes will as ever be gratefully received.

Should anyone have problems with transport and would like to attend the Fitting Out Supper please let me know and I will try and arrange for someone to pick you up if at all possible.

Contact Sheet

I have been asked for an up to date contacts sheet which I believe was last printed in April 2008. For those of you that have not had one it is a list of members names, boat names, phone numbers & email addresses and useful contact numbers, its then laminated so great for on the boat or off. I am hoping to have these ready for the Fitting Out Supper so please collect one from me then or let me know if you need a new one and I will keep some with me till we meet up in the summer.

We have also done a reprint of the club information sheet on a water resistant paper so perhaps this will last a bit longer on the boats. These will also be available at the Fitting Out Supper or at any of the club events please let me know when you need any more.

Boat Safety

I have had reports that the boat safety certificates are being charged for separately now at a cost of approx £35.00. Personally I can not remember if I paid for mine separately or if it was included in the test. I have, however, found a Boat Safety Examiner (Marine Surveyor) by the name of Ian Jennings who has quoted the following:-

“I have recently tested a lot of Yachts on the Norfolk Broads which really have little to check other than the outboard and fire extinguisher – no gas, no battery or electric, no cooking facilities. So, if you can fit in with my travel arrangements I am happy to examine such craft for just £65.00 including the certificate cost.”

Please call 07828 100418 or email boatsafety@hotmail.co.uk if your interested.

Linda Doughty