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Yare Valley Sailing Club

Commodores Signal

As September approaches the sailing season draws to a close but what a season it's been. We have had all weathers from ancient mariner style calm to raging tempests so no change there then, but above all we've had a lot of fun.

The Yare cruise was enjoyable with great sunshine but not enough wind and it was tinged with sadness as we heard of the passing of Peter Saint.

The Clippesby Trophy was interesting as the tide changed halfway through the course which caught a few people out. It was won by Vagabond with the help of Kate and David. Congratulations to all three and my thanks to all who took part.

The Waveney cruise was well attended with up to thirteen boats at some moorings and had an added bonus as the Water Rats Jazz Band was playing at the Geldeston Locks Inn. On Oulton Broad we unintentionally tried the delights of drying out moorings. Boats look different when pointing to the sky at jaunty angles. But they gave a great platform for watching the powerboat racing. Once again we were made very welcome at the Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club and are grateful for their hospitality and support.

As I write this we are looking forward to the Norwich Cruise and to taking our new boat, 'You 2', across Breydon water. The trip should be a good opportunity to get together with some of our Southern Rivers based members and enjoy sailing the Yare with them.

We still have the Womack weekend to look forward to on 19th/20th September. As a 'local' mooring, accessible by road, it would be nice to welcome members who cannot currently come by boat to join us. As before, we have been requested by Hunter's staff not to arrive by boat into the yard before 1600 to allow hirers to leave.

The 'Hauling Out Supper' is to be held at the Lion at Thurne on Saturday 10th October this year. Please book early (form enclosed) and of course please don't forget the raffle.

The Club Trophies will also be presented that evening. Therefore could last year's winners please make sure the trophies they have are returned in time for the evenings presentations. The one award that takes place at the Fitting Out Supper in the Spring is the presentation of the Margaret Dunn trophy, as ever we will be expecting lots of varied entries to make a great display and a challenge to the judges.

I am pleased to announce the arrival in June of Jake Harris, Angie (nee Mattin) and Shaun's son, (must get him signed up as a new member!).

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Until then take care.

Peter

Peter Saint

As mentioned in the Commodore's Message Peter sadly passed away following a long illness on June 29th. Peter and Sonia became the proud owners of Moselle in 1981 and immediately joined the sailing Club. They became active members attending most rallies and supporting the social functions. Peter took the Commodore's role in 1999 when he had perfect weather and sailing conditions for all the events. Sonia also became Commodore in 2005.

The purchase of a plot of land at Martham Ferry has given them a good base, where everyone has been welcome to drop in for a cuppa or even something stronger. Peter loved his sailing and never missed an opportunity to take Moselle out, whilst ever his health allowed. Peter was a kind generous man always with a cheeky grin. His popularity was shown by the number of members who made the long journey from Norfolk to Sheffield for his funeral.

Sonia and Nicholas would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who attended Peter's funeral and for all the cards, letters and words of sympathy which they received. Thanks also to all those who made donations to The Sheffield Coronary Unit, which has amounted to £700.

A reminder for the diary

AGM will be held on Saturday 31st October at The Lion Inn Thurne. If you wish to eat before the meeting it is best to book with Sid as quite a lot of members now take advantage of his winter specials that are usually on the menu.

YVSC Web Site

This has recently proved a hit with members selling their boats, so remember if you have boats, chandlery or other boaty items you wish to sell, send all the details through the website to Mark Harvey and he will do what's needed.

He is also still looking for photos for the archives and when the long winter nights arrive he will attend to them.

The Meag 2010 Issue

As ever the editor is on the lookout for another flotilla of articles for the next issue. Short stories, hints, tips, poems, anecdotes, photos, recipes will be gratefully received.

While of on the subject of the Meag, I would like to thank Maurice Ward for donating quite a lot of old issues to make up a complete set for the Club archives. I know we are still missing one, but just at the moment I am not sure which, but I will let you all know soon.