



Commodores Signal

I can hardly believe it is September already and we will soon be making plans for hauling out.

Although it has not been the hottest summer, it has been a great summer for sailing.

Hunters Weekend Rally – Pudding Evening 24 September

This sadly is our last sailing get together of the year and hopefully the weather will be kind to us one last time. This day unfortunately clashes with the Friends Picnic, but Hunters have assured me that they will be finished by 4.00pm and if we can give them an hour to turn their boats around and get them out again we are more than welcome from 5.00pm onwards. As always their fleet takes priority and this time of the year some of their boats may not be out. Please therefore moor carefully and double up if necessary to allow them room. This is a lovely venue with facilities so please feel free to join us by road as well, you will be most welcome.

Hauling Out Supper & AGM - Reminder

We have made a change to the programme for these dates and they are both now on Saturday the 12 November instead of October 29 & November 26 respectfully.

This is for several reasons; one is the fact that so many members requested to return to Park Farm Hotel for the Hauling Out Supper after some great service & food at the Fitting Out Supper and two it helps with parking issues and also those members that travel a long way for the social events. Booking forms will follow with the AGM papers. Please consider any items you may have for the AGM Agenda and forward these to the Secretary asap.

Website

If you have any photos from 2011 Harvey is looking for some for our website. If you could bring them to the AGM / Hauling Out Supper it would be very much appreciated.

The MEAG

As ever we are looking for articles etc for the forthcoming MEAG so as the winter months draw in please find time to put together some stories, poems etc for next season.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon, happy sailing.

Linda Doughty

Summer Party Report Saturday 9th July 2011

Again this year the evening was pleasant; warm enough for members and guests to sit outside.

The tables and chairs were already in the sail loft from a previous event which saved us the trouble of collecting them from the village hall.

Many members arrived by car but there was a good showing of 13 Club boats moored in the basin at the end of Upton Dyke.

Around sixty members & guests attended. Members provided an excellent selection of food which as usual was laid out in the sail loft. This had been decorated with some wonderful coloured spinnakers and there were lights behind the sails, which highlighted their colours beautifully.

A raffle was held to boost club funds and a large selection of prizes were generously donated, many thanks to all!

The commodore (Linda Doughty) thanked Ann for her hospitality and presented her with a lovely orchid.

Some guests and members took the opportunity to look around the yard to see work in progress and any potential projects.

It was a very enjoyable evening, which went by very quickly.

Suddenly at around 9.30pm the skies went black and it was a case of all hands on deck to scurry round to and pack up chairs and tables from outside. "What a great team we have!"

Towards the end of the evening Gary being a true gentleman escorted Ann home with his huge fishing umbrella due to the incredibly heavy rain which had set in.

Clippesby Trophy Report Sunday 10th July 2011

Members congregated around the Commodore (Linda Doughty) on the bank at Upton for the 10am briefing of the rules and course after which Skippers handed in their estimated lap times for both a single and double rounds of the course.

The day was warm and dry but with very little if any wind, twelve boats in total entered. It was hard going in some areas and some backwards tacking seemed to be quite skillfully attained by several of the boats.

Clippesby Trophy Report cont'

Sometime into the planned two rounds the Commodore phoned for a progress report, due to a strong tide and lack of wind a decision was made that the turning point would be just past Upton black mill instead of Boundary dyke, and to only do a single round.

Many skippers though admitted defeat and retired from the time trial.

After the event members moored their yachts at Oby Mill.

Many had lunch on their boats whilst others finished of the food left over from the summer party or bought their own food up onto the bank.

All members collected together after lunch for the presentation of the Clippesby trophy, the winner was Paul Reynolds who helmed Merry Widow, well-done Paul and the crew of course!

By mid-afternoon several boats had returned to their relevant moorings, many though opted to travel downstream to moor at Duffers or Ted's mooring for the evening so as not to have so many mast lowering's the next day as we were off to the southern rivers.

Some boats remained at Oby Mill and had a barbeque in the evening, thanks to Ian Stewart for collecting us some burgers and to head chef (Gary Doughty) who cooked them for us.

Mark, Sharron and Bella

PS photos of the summer events will be in the next Meag

Boats for Sale

We sadly have some members who are regretfully having to sell their boats and we advertise the following:-

Gay Lady

Please call Geoff or Anne Robinson on 01473 890931 for more details.

Odd Job

Jaguar 23 "ODDJOB" probably for sale this autumn! Sound modern GRP performance lift-keel yacht, no osmosis, with recent 9.8 HP outboard. Very comprehensively equipped for both Sea and Broads sailing. Currently moored in Upton Dyke. All in good condition. Would be very pleased for her to go to a YVSC member.

Contact: Alan Eade Tel: 01223 232296

Pandora I

1930 Ernest Collins River Cruiser, fully equipment, lovely condition.

LOA 27ft 6ins

Draft 2ft 10ins

For further details contact:

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