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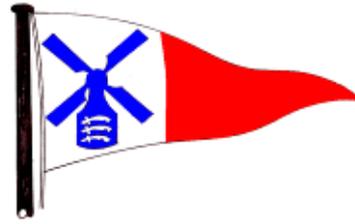
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Commodore's Quarterdeck

Dear Members,

I do hope that the Sailing season is going well for you all. The weather has not been the best, but some I know have managed to find the sunshine and the winds.

Sadly I must report the passing on the 27th July of Roy Thompson aged 55 years. No age at all and our condolences have been sent to the extended family. Roy took over as Bar Chairman last November and has been doing his best to keep the prices fair for the members. Not that the Chancellor has helped. Peter Kimber will take over this role now and please, do not give him grief, we do not have volunteers coming out of our ears.

The 'Fast Cat' open was an enormous success and I thank all those who helped in the organization of the event. We have received emails from some of the people that attended and they couldn't thank us enough. One of the couples that attended the event and won have donated £100 to our local R.N.L.I for which they are very grateful.

One little 'gripe' the Dinghy Compound. Please, if your dinghy is in there, cut the grass, weeds and brambles around it. A couple of our members do, but it is looking a shambles and as I am keen to enlarge this compound I would like to be assured that it would be appreciated. Once again, this is your Club and if everyone pulled their weight it would make life easier and more pleasant for us all. Thank you.

The Club had a visit from the Leigh Cadets 3rd August. 100 children and about 50 adults mostly dressed as pirates. They sailed and motored over for a couple of hours, ate lots of chips and drank lots of cokes etc., I have tried to

get a picture of all the boats tied up along our pontoon, but the Essex has not come back to me. The boats were double banked and it made a fantastic sight. *(picture now obtained see next page)* Thanks to Sheila for her 'short order' cooking whilst preparing for another function.

Vivien Burling has taken over as the Club Secretary as Tracy-Ann Southeron had too many commitments and felt she could not give her full support to the position. Our thanks go to her for the work she did and best wishes to Vivien for taking up the post.

October 8th, the date for the Annual Dinner & Dance combined with the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the Club. The cost will be £25 per adult and £15 per child. My aim is to make it a family occasion, let our Cadets see what these events are like. I do not expect younger children to be there as it will be a late affair, but as I have said to the parents that I have spoken with, as long as your child can sit at a table and eat with a knife and fork, they will be welcome. But it will be your responsibility to keep an eye on them. I am lucky enough to have Midshipman Mr. Andrew Dobbs to act as MC for me for the evening. I also hope to involve more of the Midshipmen and Cadets. The Marquee will be in the grounds for the food, and the Music and dancing will be in the main hall. Please support me in this event. Over many years we have heard members say, if it was in the Club we would support it, so show your support and those of you that have said, if it is in the Club I will not support it, please think again, it will be a grand affair. I look forward to seeing you there.

My Commodore's cruise is the 27th August and we are hoping, weather permitting to go to The Royal Harwich YC. Will let you have details of the event next time.

Good sailing and fair winds.

Valerie Deane

Commodore

PS: Don't forget the AGM is on the 27th November 2011. Start thinking if there are any changes you think would benefit the Club and also if you are prepared to stand for Committee



Social Events

17th Sept:	Canvey Supply BBQ
24th Sept:	Quiz Night
8th Oct:	Annual Dinner & Dance
15th Oct:	Quiz night
29th Oct:	Halloween Party
5th Nov:	Bonfire night
12th Nov:	Laying up supper
26th Nov:	Quiz night
3rd Dec:	Prize giving
11th Dec:	Children's xmas party
17th Dec:	Christmas party night
29th Dec:	Panto
31st Dec:	New Year's Dance



Moan of the Month

Dear Club Members I am sure you will agree we are lucky to be Members of a marvellous club, with superb facilities. Recently the Committee has noticed that there is an increase in the amount of litter and general muddle left in and around the clubhouse.

Most of the work done in the club is undertaken by volunteers, so if a Member their children or guest leaves a muddle, apart from the mess it looks, it is left to another club Member to clear it up.

Please leave the club in all areas as you would wish to find it and check that your guests and children do the same.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

The Committee

Cadets Report

Quite a lot has happened over the last few months We have had our regatta which despite the rain was still a success thanks to the hard work put in by our members who organised it Sharon Bell, Alison Metson, Linda Bottomley, Elaine Memmet and then those of you that helped on the day. Luke and Lewis Bottomley, Dave and Mo, Amy and Dawn, Karen and Karen, Jim and Sarah. Dave and the guys from the radio club. Also those of you who I have not named please forgive me but thank you for your help and support.

The RYA Youth Rib Challenge has been hard work this year with poor tides for our training days at the club but we had 3 cadets make it through to the regional finals, Lawson Heys, Harry Lucas and Phoebe Hawkins.

All of our cadets worked hard. Lawson Heys won the Eastern region finals in the over 13 year old age group and will now represent our club at the finals to be held at the Southampton boat show in September.

There is a list up on the notice board in the club house for those member who would like to travel to Southampton by coach to support Lawson.

Once again thank you on behalf our cadets for your support.

Regards Martin, Mark & Karen

Motor Boat Report

Once again half way through another season and the time going by so quickly and the weather not quite sure what it wants to do. Following the May Bank holiday Cruise to Ramsgate which was another weekend where the weather was not sure if it was going to rain or shine.

The Maidstone river festival cruise was a good 4 days the weather was kind we had 4 club boats take part followed by a BBQ at Strood Yacht club on the Sunday evening before returning to the club on the Monday afternoon tide.

Our commodores cruise is to Royal Harwich on the August Bank holiday weekend. I do hope some of the motor boats are going to attend. As it should be quite a good weekend the list is up on the notice board in the club house

Safe cruising for the rest of the season

Best regards Martin Dobbs

Rear Commodore Motor

Sailing Section

At this point in time your sailing committee is looking for boats to take part in the Southend Town Cup / Interclub Cruiser Challenge and Team Race, which is on 24th September.

Anyone can enter this race and the more the merrier. The first 3 boats on corrected time from each club will count for the Inter-club Team Race Trophy. So the more boats from the club the greater the clubs chances of winning this prestigious trophy.

Individuals will be awarded prizes for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd, in the Town Cup and Cruiser Challenge races.

Southend Council have again kindly agreed to support the Town Cup so after a few lapsed years it will be presented again this year

The race starts and finishes at the Leigh Buoy

Sailing Instructions & Entry Form: I will be putting entry forms up in the club, there is no email entry for this race as an entry fee of £5 is required to accompany the Entry Form.

Please have entries back by Thursday 22nd. September

Kindest regards Mike

Notices to Mariners:

Navigation warnings as circulated by Mike earlier this summer.

1) **Queenborough:** Pontoon Wreckage with scaffolding structure on top. Marked by a **YELLOW** pellet buoy with the word “**WRECK**” on it: Entering Swale from Medway this is on the Starboard side of channel between the large No1 and No2 Commercial shipping mooring buoys.

2) **Shell Ness/Eastern entrance of Swale.** Cables from London Array Windfarm: Working area from main channel South across mud flats to Coast at Cleve Marshes. Work commenced July expected to complete late September.

MOORINGS & COMPOUND

In case you have missed the Club notice boards over the last couple of months, Alex Ardley has resigned as Moorings and Compound officer, and is therefore no longer the contact point for matters relating to the Moorings and Compound.

The General Committee have therefore co-opted me to the role until the next A.G.M.

I am usually at the Club on:

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday between 10.00. and 15.00.

[Subject of course to the weather or domestic priorities.]

And Saturday mornings from 09.00. till 12.00.

Over the period, previously known as Summer, the volunteers have been working on the overhaul of the larger of our two boat lifters, and we hope to have completed this by the end of August. The smaller lifter also needs work, but progress on this will very much depend on more volunteers coming along to assist.

Whilst we do not envisage all berth holders turning up on every Saturday, or even during the week, making yourself available once or twice a year would help spread the load. A list of dates will shortly appear in the Tea Hut, if you would like to book yourself a space.

Should you wish to know more about the equipment we have available to us, training sessions are arranged as required.

Philip Rich

IYC Boats for sale (More details on the IYC Web site)

FAIREY FISHERMAN	JENNY F	26ft	P.O.A.
MACWESTER ROWAN	MOUNTAIN ASH	22ft	P.O.A
SUSIE-B	GRP	28ft	£18,750
WHISKY JACK	TRIMARAN	13m	£18,000
McGREGOR	EMILY	26ft	£10,500
SADLER 25	NIPPA II	25ft	£10,000
TRAPPER 300	FLYING FOX	26ft	£7,000
VIVACITY	GRP	20ft	OFFERS

IYC BOATING ACTIVITIES 2011

Date	HW	HT	CRUISER RACE	CRUISE	CADET	DINGHY
SEPTEMBER						
Sat 3	16.57	5.8	Ellen Rapkin			Evening Series
Sun4	17.47	5.5				Brinkman Trophy
Sun11	12.56	5.6			Interclub Dinghy Race	Autumn Series Interclub Dinghy T R
Sat17	16.01	5.6	Leigh Regatta		Canvey Supply	
Sun18	16.31	5.4	Leigh Regatta			Autumn Series
Sat24	10.25	5.0	TOWN CUP Race			
Sun25	11.26	5.4				Autumn Series
OCTOBER						
Sun2	16.39	5.8	Koningstein Cup			Koningstein Cup
Sun9	11.44	5.4				Gin & Rum
Sun30	14.35	6.0	BST			Dinghy work party

Down on the waterfront...

Self Help: it's a wondrous thing. Lately, I've spent a little time wandering around a few clubs looking at what is done within other fences...

At Wakering Yacht Club – down near Sutton Wharf Boat Yard – there is a club very much in our own image. Their clubhouse is not anywhere near as salubrious and modern, but it appeared reasonably active. Out in their yard there were similar craft (including 'abandoned' ones) being worked on, with the same types of blokes in attendance around the grounds! Their mooring system, mostly to pontoons, along the run of the creek is all self maintained. "Yeh, I was impressed..."

Lower Halstow up the creek from the foot of Stangate is another place where all work, apart from lift outs, is done within the membership. Lifting in and out is by hired crane ... if you're not ready you wait until a crane comes back – I liked that bit: it tickled me!

Our local neighbour, up the creek at the island's other yacht club, the Benfleet ... it is the same. Many of us know them reasonably well. They have their own system for boat movements ... using trolleys hauled up the slip by a winch. It works, but having helped with friends' boats I can appreciate the benefit of the versatility of our plant. They have a rota for launching and retrievals ... and have a weekend when members are given set tasks to complete. It is rare for them to use outside contractors, other than for specialist work...

Even upriver at Erith and Greenwich both clubs operate on a self help system and are little different to ours. At Erith I passed a big factory type building and there in the entrance tea was being enjoyed by the work party. They've some scrumptious work shops ... upriver at the other place I even got roped in to help during a lift out – they've some fabulous buildings too, although all except the clubhouse above the river bank are on a long lease from Greenwich Council.

It's a case of, "Pay yer money ... make yer choice..." as they say. Fee's at the Medway Yacht Club, where an amount of work is done by paid staff, are far higher than ours ... family membership is over three times our level. And berthing at marinas, well, take your pick. You'll find the costs staggering.

At a marina there is no sense of ownership, that incredibly human ingredient that instils in us a protective caring instinct. That is, of course, until the 'doesn't care ... let some other bugger do it' sapling takes root as, sadly, it does in many people...

It is possible that today a larger number of the 'Island's membership' would prefer to be in a paying yard, or have a dedicated paid bosun with, perhaps, an assistant: that's my observation on how the services and servers are treated. Am I being cynical? Probably! Honest, with the growing situation, frankly, yes.

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) has found it necessary to instigate, in partnership with marinas, a programme designed to educate and get people out on their boats: marinas are stuffed with inactive craft. Not said, but clearly written between the lines were the missing words (and my personal thoughts) “...overflowing with very expensive floating caravans...”

It appears that the efforts revolve around training: so many people have come into yachting who are new to the ‘sport’ and who have no background from family or other connection. The programme’s object is to get people out, actually on the waters outside the protection and comfort of a marina pontoon. The cure is, after the educating bit, planned around cruises in company, perhaps even led by a marina boat ... to boost confidence.

The best way to boost confidence is to get out there and do it. Pick the conditions, be sensible and don’t overstress yourself, or, more importantly, your crew. Far too many men, in particular, are ‘gung-ho’ and end up ruining passages for others, ensuring future voyages are generally without their mates ... bad weather can be experienced ... it can come up upon you. But, if you’ve worked up your crew into a team, the bad times can be dealt with and ‘got over’ so that the good, and to be honest there are far more of those, can be remembered with fondness...

Down along the waterfront there is a new man on the block (though there’s no reason why it has to be a man though...) ... he is continuing where the last left off ... and the ones that preceded him too.

I’m sure a few members have already reached for their metaphorical knives, ready for the back stabbing that always occurs...

Remember, whoever is in post, and I’ve known and worked with a fair number during four decades, they’ve all, in their own way, strived to maximise the facilities within a budget – they can’t always say, “Yes...”

During the last decade or so this has been with a dedicated mooring committee, of which I’ve been a member. In the past there was a plethora of committees to oversee such things as plant and the compound - all of which now rests with the moorings officer and the committee.

Like all club posts, there has been a long line of stalwarts, which brings us back to where I started...

Water Rat



Treasurer's Report.

I do not think that I need to say too much about the recession as it is affecting us all and I am sure that no one will be surprised when I say that, at the beginning of the year, our income was quite low. Naturally, in these difficult financial times, Members had to be cautious with their money and they were not able to come out to support their Club.

I brought the lack of funds to the Committee's attention and I asked the Budget Holders to be careful with their budget funds. Some Budget Holders were able to offer a reduction in their proposed budgets, which has helped whilst the others agreed to be cautious with their spending. I am pleased to say that the Budget Holders have been careful with the Club's money so far and now the Club Funds are close to what they were this time last year yet, as a word of caution, there are some urgent projects that must be considered soon.

I would also like to thank those Members who are supporting the Club as their contribution is helping to improve our funds in these times but it would not be right not to mention the large number of Members that never seem to support. Some of these Members seem to be the most vociferous in their demands for change and improvement but without the support of all Members, we will be unable to push ahead with the many of the proposed projects to improve the Club and its facilities.

I would mention that new Committee Members are now being co-opted for our next meeting and I believe that they will bring new ideas, which are always appreciated. I would also hope that more Members would follow their example and put themselves forward for Committee at the AGM so that they too can also bring their ideas with them.

Ken Bills, Treasurer