

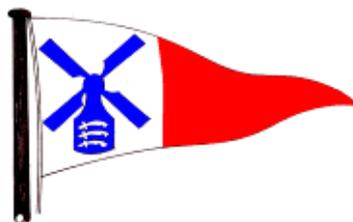
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Commodores Newsletter

This is my first Newsletter to you as your Commodore and I am very pleased to have this opportunity of addressing you all. For those of you that did not attend the A.G.M. on the 28th November you will need to be updated as to your Committee and Flag Officers.

Valerie Deane	Commodore
Bob Hough	Vice Commodore
Kevin Turner	Rear Commodore Sail
Martin Dobbs	Rear Commodore Motor
Tracey-Ann Southeron	Secretary
Roy Overland	Assistant Secretary
Ken Bills	Treasurer
Malcolm Hockett	Assistant Treasurer
Mike Edwards	Sailing Secretary
John Metson	Assistant Sailing Secretary
Elaine Chuter	Social Secretary
Roy Thompson	Assistant Social Secretary
Chris Irving	House Officer
Alex Ardley	Moorings & Compound

General Committee

Peter Kimber	Colin Ebdon
Corinda Helpps-Fursse	Phil Rich
Vivien Burling	Dave Ayres

I have some ideas for the future and hope that I can count on your help. Firstly, I would like to see the Cadets and Midshipmen racing. I have spoken with Inter Club, a few parents, Cadet helpers and Martin and I hope to see our Cadets and Midshipmen competing next year in some of the Sailing events with Inter Club. I know that the Rib Challenge is a fantastic event for the Cadets but I also know that some want more sailing.

Secondly, I would like to re-generate the area at the side of the slipway, down the Bank. This area is used a lot in the summer by all the children and can be made into a fantastic feature enabling small dinghies to be slid down into the water thus leaving free the floating pontoon for the bigger boats. A lot of thought needs to go into this, and again I will need your help.

Lastly, next year is the Club's 75th Anniversary and I intend to combine this celebration with the AD&D. Hopefully we shall have a large heated Marquee with outside catering. The event will hopefully attract about 120-150 members including Cadets and Midshipmen. It will still be a black tie event. The 8 piece Band will be the one that played at the last AD&D and I have already arranged for one of our Midshipmen to be my MC for the evening. On a sour note I have heard that some people are already saying, well they won't come, if they don't then they will miss a good evening and perhaps make room for those that do want to come.

Obviously at this moment in time there is not a lot of news on the Sailing scene but hopefully we will have a full and exciting programme for next year.

This Christmas we have gone 'green'. Well a green Christmas tree and we hope that instead of buying and writing cards for all your friends at the Club you will purchase a £2.00 sticker to place on the tree with your good wishes.

I am sure that this is enough from me now, all I can say is thank you for entrusting me with the Club's future for the next 3 years.

Bob and I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and healthy and happy New Year.

Valerie Deane

Commodore



Christmas Messages



Purchase a Christmas tag from behind the bar.

Write your one personal Christmas message to all your friends and fellow members

Tie it to the Christmas tree which will be situated in the foyer.

All for the bargain price of £2 per tag.

Job Done.

Tags available from 1st December.



Social Events

December, 2010

4th December: Prize giving

18th December: Christmas Dance

26th December: Boxing night quiz

31st December: New Year's Dance

Check your diary's and come along and join us.

More details regarding the events will be displayed on the club notice board nearer the time

Mooring & Compound Committee

Fellow Members,

With another busy and successful winter lift out period at a close the time has come to relax for the festive period. The work parties will be ceasing on Saturday 4th December 2010 and recommencing on Saturday 8th January 2011.

During the early part of next year the No.1 rig will be taken out of service for essential maintenance works and some modifications to be made. This will last for approx 1 month (weather permitting) and during this time no lifts will be carried out using this rig. Please keep an eye on notice boards for further information.

The notices for spring launches will be put up in mid-January (though those on winter lift had the dates with their lift out forms), to request launches please contact myself in the usual ways. Spaces will be limited so please book early.

A reminder to all members: there is a weekly jobs list that is compiled and sent out to all regular work party members and posted to the Mooring & Compound section of the Club forum. This gives details of the jobs for the Saturday and any other information i.e. late starts. The list is sent out on a Thursday morning, so should any boat lifts or crane operations be required these should be requested to Alex Ardley by 20:00 on the Wednesday before. This gives us time to organise ourselves and ensure there aren't clashes with other members requests.

Finally, on behalf of the Mooring & Compound Committee I would like to thank the volunteers who make the work parties in the compound what they are. They are a very hard working group of people who do a lot of hard and sometimes unpleasant work and are there come rain, snow or sun. We can only wish more people would assist in the work parties.

Rgds

IYC Mooring & Compound Committee

DINGHY SECTION

Dear Dinghy Sailors

This newsletter marks the end to another successful year in the Dinghy Section. 2010 goes down in history with more windy days than I want to remember! I hope 2011 brings less wind for the ageing cat sailors in the fleet ☺

We continue to have good support, with at least 10 boats in every race regardless of weather conditions and in total over 20 Helms competing throughout the year. This figure will continue to grow in 2011 as we are promoting Mono Hull racing to run alongside our Cat racing.

We have some good helms in our cadet section that are now capable of racing and we want to see their skills continue to improve and racing every Sunday will enable this to happen. A small course and 2nd support boat will be provided. Perhaps their parents would also like to join in?

Out and about:

1. Mark Mawditt & Aaron Lowther achieved 9th in the Hurricane National Championships
2. Kevin & Lloyd Turner took line honours (2nd overall) and Dan Bell 3rd in his class, both in the Nore Race
3. Kevin Turner & Ian Cuthbertson won Grafham Water Fast Fleet and Mark Mawditt & Aaron Lowther came 3rd

Our Hurricane TT and Fast Cat Open was also a superb weekend, albeit fierce weather conditions and the results were as follows:

Hurricane TT

2nd Mark Mawditt & Aaron Lowther

3rd Lloyd Turner & Luke Bullock

Fast Cats

1st Kevin Turner & Jason Pyrah - Tornado

2nd Steve Whittaker & Chris Humphrey – F18

3rd Clinton Turner & Lee Wood – Spitfire S

The above results prove we have high level sailors in our club and we continue to spread the good name of our club when competing at open events.

I am sure 2011 will be bigger and better for the Dinghy Section. Our Yacht Club is getting back to where it should be; full of sailing boats out on the water every weekend, which is how I remember it back in the mid 70's!

Final note... I have noticed a large amount of boats still have their masts up. We always get high winds during the winter and to avoid damage to yours and other boats can you all please check your boats are strapped down, masts dropped and on your road trailer if you have one.

Here's to a great 2011 (less windy) sailing season!

Happy Christmas & New Year from the Dinghy Section

Clinton Turner



Sailing Section

Cruiser Sailing Report 2010

CRUISER RACING

We had a good year with The Island Yacht Club Cruisers again enjoying successful results in the CCS and Interclub races, where our boats compete against other local yacht clubs.

There are 6 races in total and out of the 3 classes A, B, & Multihull, our boats between them won;

Six 1st in class positions,

Six 2nd in class positions,

& Two 2nd overall positions,

The overall numbers taking part in cruiser racing this year has remained consistent with last year and it is great to see there are some regular new faces in the racing fleet. It is also very reassuring, considering there are 4 clubs taking part on a regular basis, to see that our IYC boats have in most cases made up half the fleet on the CCS races.

The Town Cup race is going to be run once again in 2011 alongside the Interclub Cruiser Challenge and Team race, the date is Saturday 24th September 2011.

Another date to note is the Nore Race which will be on Saturday 9th July 2011.

CRUISING EVENTS

Cruising report for 2010

There were two separate cruises up the East Coast this year with 3 or 4 boats on each cruise, taking in Brightlingsea, Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Ipswich, Shotley and Tollesbury to name a few. The 1st party of boats had the better weather, however the 2nd party of boats had the Shotley beer festival, so I guess that's a tie in 'who won the better 2 weeks competition'

We finished off the cruising this year with our August bank holiday cruise to Chatham, which was attended by a fantastic 16 boats. The weather wasn't brilliant, however we managed a very nice BBQ on the Saturday evening, under the resident Marquee, which was enjoyed by all.

35 of us then went on an organised trip to Chatham Maritime Museum, and had a good day experiencing the Dockyard at our leisure.

There were unpleasant forecasts for our trip back on the Monday, and we braced ourselves for an all hands on trip, however, thankfully we had a very nice force 4 sail back to the Island Yacht Club. (They got it wrong again!!)

A very big Thank you to all who supported the cruises and hope to see you all next year.

Please remember everyone with a boat is invited to take part, whether you have a sail or motor boat – all are welcome!

There will be a Cruising meeting on Sunday 6th February at 10:30. Details of 2011 events will also be made available in the new year.

Should anyone have any ideas and suggestions for future cruises, please contact Mike Edwards (Sailing Secretary) or John Metson (Assistant Sailing Secretary)

2 website links which the active club members may find useful are;
Combined Sailing Programme

http://www.islandyachtclub.org.uk/sailing/sailing_sailprog.shtml

Dinghy Programme

http://www.islandyachtclub.org.uk/sailing/sailing_sailprog-dinghy.shtml



MOTOR BOAT SECTION

Another season has gone by so quickly again.

In the new year your motor boat committee will be planning your Cruise's for the 2011 season and inviting you along to a meeting so that you can have your input to what you would like to do next season

But I would like to thank those who took part in the 2010 Cruise's and hope that you all had a good time

Also thank you to Roy and Peter for organising this years fishing competitions the adult and junior

As those of you that use the Club would have seen we have been running a ICC and Radio course this year I would like to thank Ted Hales the time he has given to this

I would like to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe boating new year

Martin Dobbs Rear Commodore Motor

Cadet Section

Well what can I say It as been another good year for our Cadet section. With once again an Island Yacht Club cadet making it through to the RYA RIB finals at Southampton.

I would like to thank the club member who first introduced our club to this Peter Powell. Due to other commitments Peter will be unable to continue in the 2011 season but I would like to thank Peter on behalf of the cadets for the help and support given over the passed years.

Also I would like to thank Alex for his commitment that he has given over the passed years with the cadets.

Our Cadets have done very well this season with their sailing. The quality of the sailing has also improved and next season you should see the cadets sailing on Sundays and having Saturdays as training days.

These things would not happen with out the commitment from our club, and those members of our club that put a great deal of time and effort into this section of the club

We would like to thank all of our members for there support in 2010 and hope they will continue with their support in 2011

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Martin, Karen, Mark and Parents

IYC Boats for sale More details on the IYC Web site.

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

IYC BOATING ACTIVITIES 2011

Adjusted for BST

Date	HW	HT	CRUISER RACE	CRUISE	CADET	DINGHY
DECEMBER 2010						
Sat 4	10:56	5.6	Prizegiving	Prizegiving	Prizegiving	Prizegiving
JANUARY 2011						
Sun 2	10:43	5.3				Ice Breaker
MARCH						
Sun 6	13.38	5.7				Dinghy work party
Sun 20	12.54	6.2				Spring Series
APRIL						
Sun 3	13.39	5.6				Spring Series
Sat 16	11.55	5.8			Practice Day	Practice Day
Sun 17	12.45	6.0	Sunnyside Cup			Sunnyside Cup
Thur 21			Fitting Out Supper	Fitting Out Supper	Fitting Out Supper	Fitting Out Supper
Sat 23	17.05	5.4				Easter Series
Sun 24	17.52	5.1				Easter Series
Sat 30	11.56	5.3			Practice Day	Practice Day
MAY						
Sun 1	12.33	5.4				Bank Holiday Series
Mon 2	13.06	5.5	BH			Bank Holiday Series
Sat 7	15.50	5.4			Paul Metson Race	
Sun 8	16.27	5.3				Hot Gossip Trophy
Sat 14	10.29	5.4	Upnor Race	Upnor cruise		
Sun 15	11.29	5.6				Turner Sails
Sat 21	16.03	5.6			Practice Day	Practice Day
Sun 22	16.46	5.4				Forward Hands Race
Sun 29	11.09	5.1				Bank Holiday Series
Mon 30	11.53	5.2	BH			Bank Holiday Series
JUNE						
Sat 4	15.01	5.6		Pirate Cruise to		
Sun 5	15.40	5.5		Queenborough		Halcon Trophy
Fri 10	19.52	5.1				Evening Series
Sat 11	08.53	5.3	Harty Ferry Race	Harty Ferry Cruise		
Sun 12	10.03	5.3				LT Grafix Trophy
Sat 18	15.04	5.7	Ladies Race			Ladies Race
Sun 19	15.46	5.7	Green King Race			Whitbread Race

Down on the waterfront...

Remember how the summer came in ... promising so much. Balmy days in June and July: then... My crew forever complained that once the schools had broken up the summer upped and went elsewhere... 'Funny old life ... it'll be alright when you retire...' I said. On my part, whoever I am, it has been the 'worst' season for half a decade, at least. The ship's log tells no lies, but I haven't any real complaints.

Then, autumn came. It passed by slowly. It travelled in an inauspicious way: every week seemed long. It was windy, wet or misty damp. Yet, within those days of typical autumnal weather there were periods of intense glory. Some made the most of it but most didn't.

I was busy with work on numerous fronts but still made time to enjoy the fruits on offer... It leads me to the inevitable questions: 'Why is it that our moorings remain seemingly in hibernation, bereft of movement? Why is it that so many of our boats sit with banks of mud building up around their transoms? Hulls are caked in rain splatter or have decks green with moss spores, why?'

Those are questions we should all be asking ourselves. It stabs at my heart whenever I pass forlorn looking craft, seemingly uncared for, yet ... once loved. Come on Island Yacht Club boat owners; make 2011 the year you get back into 'yachting' ... "Come on" ... I say!

The creek's 'mad raker' has continued his lonely vigil on its placid silt laden waters and it's a wonder what appears from time to time: long buried treasure has surfaced, as miraculously, as it does in ploughed fields. Sea wall facing stones, once part of our causeway across to Fisherman's moorings, litter the rill; pieces of wood, looking oddly like dilapidated decking, escapees from jetty platforms; a bucket sized concrete weight from someone's long abandoned mooring; from time to time odd items of clothing have appear on the rake too, including a nylon stocking once ... 'and where did that come from...?' you may ask. The latest offerings were a few steel frames, mesh covered, that I remember being added to the

causeway some years ago... And the boat noisily rumbles and grunts back and forth, as its lonely helmsman sucks on a bedraggled dog end, deep within his thoughts ... bumping from pillar to post!

While on about the creek (not as if I've helped much of late on the boat but I have elsewhere...), I was mulling over new positions for the transit marks situated along the mooring run and across on the marshes when a fellow member stopped for a chat...

"Mud's being moved about..." he said. I'd nodded as he added, "Not going out though..."

"Oh yes it is ... if you're on the way into the creek when the work boat is on the move ... you can see a stream of silt running out with the tide..."

"Oh right..." the person added, lamely, with a disbelieving look. "Trouble is they need to do the moorings ... no use..."

Cutting him off, I leapt straight in, no quarter given, "Who's 'they'...?" I asked.

"Well ... the blokes who do it..."

"Ah" I said, "You mean 'US' don't you? It's down to all of us, surely." And quizzically looking at him I asked, "Isn't it?" I was met with that typical nonplussed look of abject horror!

Rubbish. Yes, I know Water Rat has harped on about this before ... but bags of it have been appearing around the waterfront, so I did a little clear up along the moorings recently.

Drift wood too came in big chunks. With another member I hauled out much large drift wood one weekend – horrible stuff it was.

We should all look to such things. A chunk of rough timber, with bits of old iron attached, lodged up your boat's hind quarter may not be its best buddy, neither is a plastic bag full of 'stuff'. You are though, your boat's best buddy, and that's all of us.

I'm a 'grumbly' Water Rat this time: around the compound, grumbles seem to have been the order of the day whenever I've sat listening to the chatter. I've heard people ranting on, moaning about wanting this

and that and more. “Why has that lot got more ‘sweeties’ than us...” has been the type of stuff.

“What do they ever do...” has been one more piecing comment.

So I’ve joined them. Most has emanated from the tea hut. But I should say, it has not been from all though. I’ve retorted, often, “We’re a club of individual parts with members enjoying their own things. Each needs a slice of the cake, sometimes more. That’s the way it is...” blank and sometimes dark looks often reach out towards me, “Am I a lone voice,” I ask the deck head ... silently. “The moorings spend money too.” I add for the benefit of the assembly. This really gets them... More blank looks! “We’re a club of many parts,” I say, “And it’s the sum of those parts that enriches our club...” Some will nod, in agreement. Others, well, they don’t blinking well understand, do they?

Footnote: The outgoing Commodore spoke along similar lines in his final few words, whilst I must say, a group of members chose to rudely chatter away spoiling the message being given...

I’ll finish with a funny little tale ... but tragic too, in its way. Towards the end of August we (that’s me and my crew) pitched up along the edge of the Ray sands some way west of the seal colony that lodges along the best bit.

Walking, hand in hand, across the sands to paddle in the sun warmed water flowing across the shallows as the tide rose, I stumbled on the edge of something poking out of a run off channel... Digging around, I discovered the weed and barnacle covered rim of a pot. “Crumbs, its Roman...” I thought. And it seemed to be whole. It was about the size of a small football. I took it to the water and started to wash it.

It was full of sand, at first, then, it seemed to turn to mud... something fell out. The crew grabbed at it. It was a piece of rolled up card and hearing the words, “Oh NO!” I froze. Our thoughts were in unison. That mud was still in my hands dribbling into the water.

The card was still partially readable ... It was from the City of London Crematorium... Looking aghast, I gently washed the old sea dog (More than likely to have been so...) off my hands, while saying

a few words. I reverentially swilled the remainder into the waters of the Thames and laid the pot aside, for the tide to take hither and thither. Unlocked from his gaol and mixed with all those other old souls that have passed before, he will be dancing to the tune of the waves for evermore ... in peace.

The sea scattering of ashes should be undertaken out by the West Leigh Middle. The line is laid down... It shouldn't be over the Ray Sands. That poor soul's relatives had been sadly short changed... Oh dear, I ended with a moan!

Water Rat



Treasurer's Report

Well, we have now had our Annual General Meeting and I hope that I was able to enlighten all those that attended on some of the more complicated parts of the Financial Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2010. I think that you would agree that, having regard to the current recession the Club is still on a sound footing.

Ken Bills

Treasurer.

Newsletter Notice

This will be the last Newsletter that will be posted out.

The IYC Newsletter will from now on only be circulated by email.

If you want the newsletter emailed to you then contact Malcolm Hockett with an email address as soon as possible.

An edited version will still be posted for general public viewing on the IYC Web site and printed copies will be provided in the club house for general viewing.

Peter Powell Newsletter Editor