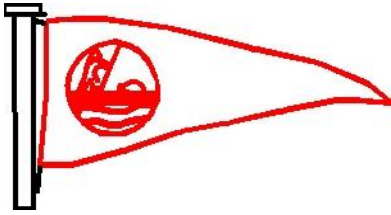


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Coldham Hall Sailing Club, Surlingham *“The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley”*

Get Set for the New Season

There has been a lot of activity now in getting ready for the new season. Everything from maintenance and repair of the club buildings to planning the racing and sailing events; not to mention the odd social event as well. We have some new members who joined us towards the end of last year, so a special welcome to them. We look forward to you joining in our club activities.

In planning the overall sailing program, the committee is aware of different levels of sailing interests and skills amongst members and we hope that there will be an opportunity for all club members to take part in the wide variety of sailing which the club has to offer.

Whilst for some, the principle focus is the Sunday morning racing, for others it could be developing skills on the water, family leisure sailing or just having a quiet potter. We encourage all members to let us know what they would like in the way of sailing or social activities. No member should hesitate to contact any of the officers of Club or other members of the Committee.

Jeckells Visit a Great Success and RNLI very grateful too!

In mid March about twenty five club members visited Jeckells sail loft at Wroxham. After an introduction from MD Chris Jeckells, we had a tour of the factory and could chat with the sail makers, who were happy to demonstrate their many skills. The laser cutting machine was particularly impressive ensuring each piece of sail is cut in the right direction with minimum waste. One or two members even saw their own new sails being made!



The evening was rounded off with drinks and nibbles kindly supplied by Fiona Jeckells. Many thanks to all at Jeckells for a great evening; a collection from those attending raised an impressive £153 in support of the RNLI.

Work parties done for the time being

Both of the March work parties were very well attended with over 20 supporters on each occasion. Much has been achieved including fence/club house painting, strimming/ brush clearance around the car park and some finishing touches to the boat house extension. In addition the toilets and the start box have all been given a bit of much needed TLC. Thanks to all who were able to help. And blessed are the soup makers whose culinary skills were much appreciated.



Coldham V Frostbites—a brilliant evening in the Tavern

The annual battle of the brains between the two clubs took place in February with teams pitting their wits on a wide variety of subjects set by those devious quizmasters, Katie and Duncan Mortlock. It was a close run thing and one of our teams came a close second, but to their credit the Frostbites went away with the trophy- again! Lovely catering from the Tavern was enthusiastically devoured.

Race officer, Fleet Captains and Sailing Subcommittee.

We are delighted to report that Ben Adams has been appointed by the Committee as Race Officer. Ben will have support from the Fleet Captains, Kevin Rhead (Cruisers), Ian Shepherd (Half Deckers) and Ralph Roberts (Dinghies). Together with last year's Race Officer, Kim Mayfield, they will constitute the Sailing Subcommittee, which will have a wide remit as regards all the sailing activities of the club, including planning the race schedules and box duties, handicap adjustments, and sailing skills development. Open events such as the Open Regatta and the Yare Navigation Race will continue to be organised separately.



Open Regatta

This year the regatta is on April 29th and 30th April and, as is the custom, involves our Club and Norwich Frostbites. As we begin our season and they end theirs, both clubs combine their efforts to run an ever popular event, with a selection of all comers and class trophy races and prize money too! This year the OOD will be Frostbites Race Officer, Paul Tegerdine and we will be providing the safety boat as well as teas and cakes in the Club house. Please contact the Commodore if you are able to help with the safety boat on either day. Also if you can either provide some cakes and/or do a stint with the teas please contact Social secretary Debbi Jaffey. All weekend there will be a Beer Festival in the Tavern including a free hog roast on Saturday. We actively encourage sailors from both clubs and other local clubs to take part and even if you do not want to sail come along to watch and enjoy.

Push the Boat Out and Try Sailing 2017

Promoting this year's events is already underway and we are hopeful of a full cohort of introductory members for the Try Sailing evenings which begin on June 8th. Previous years have been very successful in getting new members into the club. As always we are very grateful to all club members who are able to take part ensuring we have a good variety of boats for the try sailors to go out in.

There will be the "Push the Boat out" event on the afternoon of Sunday May 21st (NB not the date stated in Club Handbook). This will follow the normal morning racing and a 'pot luck' lunch for club members. The club will be open to visitors to come along and have a short sail. It's an opportunity for us to open the club up to the wider community in and around the local villages and beyond. We hope many club members and their boats will be able to take part.

And finally Rigging Out Supper Saturday April 8th and Early Bird Race April 9th.

The supper is one of the main social events in the club calendar. There will be entertainment from some talented club members. With good food, good wine and good company it promises to be a most enjoyable evening. Please support the event and contact Debbi Jaffey if you are intending to come and haven't yet booked.

Our sailing season officially starts the next day, on Sunday April 9th, with the Early Bird race. New boats have been arriving in the dinghy park and the Yeomans are flocking back to their moorings. The race will be start around 11.00 am so there will a chance to get on the water early to warm up. It will be a local course with a few twists, such as negotiating in and out of the Broad, wind and weather permitting. Detailed Sailing Instructions will be issued on the day.

I am really looking forward to the start of the sailing season, as I am sure you all are, and to getting out on the water and taking part in as many events as possible.

Anyone reading this who is not a member, but would like to join as a sailing or social member, or if you want further information then please visit the website www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk, or our Secretary:

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