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Coldham Hall Sailing Club

July already and what a month of contrasts. What with the club cruise to Hardley Mill brought to a standstill by no wind, torrential rain threatening to ruin the club BBQ and the Regatta having one of its lowest attendances for a number of years due to strong winds. At least we can be thankful we aren't recording the high temperatures and fire that the rest of Europe are having.

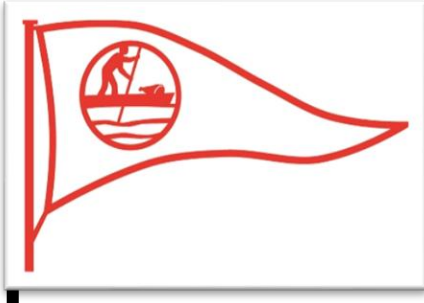
The Try Sailing course has come to an end this month with the bbq and social, a report of which is in this edition. Some great feedback from the participants has been received making it well worthwhile to organise and be involved in. Already we have retained a number of this years group with some taking part in the Sunday racing and others looking for further tuition to become competent on the club boats.

Both the social sailing on Thursdays and social paddling sessions on Tuesdays remain popular just hope the weather is kinder then it has been.

This issue covers the end of Try Sailing, The Club cruise, Club Regatta and a plea for help for the upcoming Yare Navigation Race in September as well as the usual items.

August sees the Club Reedham Race with details to be emailed out to members shortly.

Finally a further plea, if you are enjoying a day out at the Club as the weather hopefully warms up and the sun shines please remember that there is no swimming allowed from Club premises. There are a number of dangers to swimmers around the boats and pontoons etc. which have been identified previously .and we really do not want you to spoil your day with a trip to A&E or worse. Please act responsibly and have a great day.



Notes from The Committee

From the CHSC committee meeting of Tuesday 11th July.

Treasurer, there have been no major outgoings reported this month apart from the deposit for the 2024 Presentation dinner. Six new memberships were proposed and accepted. (2 x Sailing memberships, 1 x paddle members, 3x paddle family member).

Bosun, The issue with the club electrical supply tripping out is now under control. John Wells has suggested installing an external plug socket outside the club house for use when grass cutting etc. so that the cable is not trailing dangerously across the club house. It was agreed to install a socket with a means of controlling it from inside the clubhouse to prevent unauthorized non-member usage. The start box halyards requires some attention and additional repairs are needed to the quay heading walkway as some further boards are beginning to collapse.

Social Secretary, Judith has now confirmed the booking at the Maids Head Hotel, Norwich and paid the deposit. Full details to be circulated nearer the time.

Vice Commodore, there are still instances of people running along the pontoons, swimming from the jetty and sitting on club boats. Dave Tait addressed such with one group and received abuse and threats. As this is becoming a bit of a problem various suggestions have been put forwards to resolve and to look into rerouting the footpath to enable securing the dinghy park. Potential also to install CCTV to monitor instances of damage to boats and club premises with a view to providing evidence if legal action is taken. It is recognised that any attempt to restrict public access to the river frontage may cause considerable tensions with locals. More discussion and investigation of possible solutions to mitigate any risk to the club in the event of an incident are to be held before any action is taken.

Upcoming Events

August

Saturday 26th Reedham Race

September

Saturday 9th Open Yare Navigation Race
 Saturday 16th Ramuz Inter Club Challenge
 Saturday 23rd & 24th WOD Invite

October

Saturday 7th Triple B Race
 Sunday 22nd Commodores Day
 Sunday 29th Downriver Series Starts

December

Wednesday 6th AGM
 Sunday 10th Christmas Pudding Race

January

Saturday 20th Presentation Dinner (2024)

A full list of all racing and social events is on the club website.

General, The YNR planning is still in progress and Gary will shortly be circulating the membership with a request to assist on the day. The date for the 2024 YNR is proposed as 14th Sept 2024 as that is the only date the tide will be suitable.

The Club Wayfarers are in desperate need of new all weather covers. Gary has sourced quotes from a number of suppliers and it was agreed that the club would purchase new covers at a cost of around £375 each.

Dave Tait has contacted a scrap merchant and they will remove the scrap trailer next time they have a truck in the area.

Gary reported an issue with crowding of the canoe racks and will be issuing an appeal for materials to construct a further rack.

Yare Navigation Race Saturday 9th September 2023.

On Saturday 9th September 2023, Coldham Hall Sailing Club will be hosting the spectacular annual event of the Yare Navigation Race and we are looking for volunteers again to make this years event another triumph for the Club.

There are a number of duties to cover both at the Club site and at Reedham. So if you are interested in offering your services please do speak to the YNR Committee Gary, Colin, Kelvin, Ian or Sam Brown.

Duties include:

- Bank Marshall at Coldham Hall
- Taking entries in the Clubhouse
- Runners to start box
- Raffle sellers
- Timers at Reedham
- Start box officials



This amazing event can only happen with Members volunteer input and the YNR Committee would like to thank everyone in advance for their efforts.

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Sailing Section

OOD Duties August

Date	Allcomer Race Series	Cruiser Race	1 st Officer	2 nd Officer	3 rd Officer
6 th August	Downriver (6) Picnic (2)	RCC (6)	I Barker	T Quale	R Alger
13 th August	Local (11)		Bill Clark	D Travis	L Travis
20 th August	Local (12)	RCC (7)	R Joy		
26 th August	Reedham Race				
27 th August	Local (13)		A Sach	T Moore	J Moore

Hardley Mill Cruise and BBQ. Saturday 8th July.

The cruise to Hardley mill saw 8 Yeomans and an RS dinghy leave Coldham Hall promptly at 10.30 for the downriver cruise. Four of this year's Try Sailing participants and other guests joined us or met up with us at the mill. The wind strength was such as to be safe and good and the weather stayed dry and warm. With the wind being from the east it was mainly directly down the river towards the fleet giving for generally short tacks all the way, even the fisherman were getting amused as the same boat tried to pass them on a number of attempts.

Finally reaching Langley Woods, the wind dropped to nothing at the same time as the tide turned halting any further forward's progress. A couple of boats managed to get through, mainly by engine, but for the rest the welcome sight of Mike Roll in his Pegasus, 'Hippo' who met up with us to tow the fleet the rest of the way.



At this point, we must sincerely apologise to the Mill staff for our timings. Most boats arrived almost 2 hours later than planned, the elements conspiring against us. This late arrival meant that there was little time to socialise or chat before starting the return journey. A couple of people managed to visit the Mill for a guided tour by a member of the trust.

Food hurriedly consumed then it was time for the return journey, which for most was under engine or a tow. A couple of boats managed to achieve a bit of a sail until becoming stuck again in Train Reach, then it was another tow back to the moorings.

D is the favoured word – ‘Disaster’. Maybe another time we will resort to Plan B. Sorry Hardley Mill

Importantly though, our thanks and appreciation go to the Hardley Mill volunteers who arranged a lovely BBQ with salads and home-made desserts and gave up their time to entertain us. Thank you all.



New Club Wayfarer covers.

The two club Wayfarer covers were getting old and tired and deteriorating rapidly allowing the sun and rain to start affecting the boats. The Club has now purchased and fitted two new Rain and Sun deep sided over the boom Hydralite covers as replacements which are hoped to last another 20 or more years.

Try Sailing - Club BBQ (Smoke gets in your eyes)

On Thursday 13th July, some fifty members and guests met at the clubhouse for a get together BBQ and social evening at the end of the Try Sailing course. 'Unseasonal weather' was on the radar, but we didn't let this affect the evening. During the day no evening rain had been forecast, and yes come 6 o'clock the sky's opened for a localised torrential downpour, such is the vagaries of the weather. The BBQ's, manned by Gary and Dave Greenacre, were temporarily moved into the boat shed, hence 'smoke gets in your eyes' whilst guest's packed into the club house.

Around 6.40pm and right on cue the rain stopped. The BBQ's moved back outside and the guests all moved out to the gazebo for a great social evening. The delicious burgers and sausages, along with a fine selection of salads were enjoyed by all and washed down with a little liquid refreshment

Our special thanks go to David Hickman who arranged a musical session/score to foot tap to with a medley of favourite songs. To be followed by a good natter and chilled out evening for all.

Additional thanks to Mandy for arranging the delicious 'monster burgers' and sausages (Blofield Farm Shop, mention to Brian, you tested them at Coldham) and to all for bringing, helping out in the galley with the food, clearing up after and taking down the gazebo, prior to the weekends next bout of unseasonable (unreasonable) weather.

Great night had by all.



Sailing at Coldham Hall Sailing Club

Wondering what it's like to sail in a Race at Coldham Hall Sailing Club, use this You Tube link to experience a Drone's eye view.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLtybnWMs_g

Try Sailing Feedback

Great session's, thank you to the whole club for arranging Try Sailing.

I would definitely like to **become confident** on the club wayfarers, so any help your members could give me on that front would be appreciated.

Theory sessions really helped as I had **no prior experience** of sailing

I feel **confident to take the helm** with any of your members helping me, thank you.

The Try Sailing sessions have been **brilliant.**



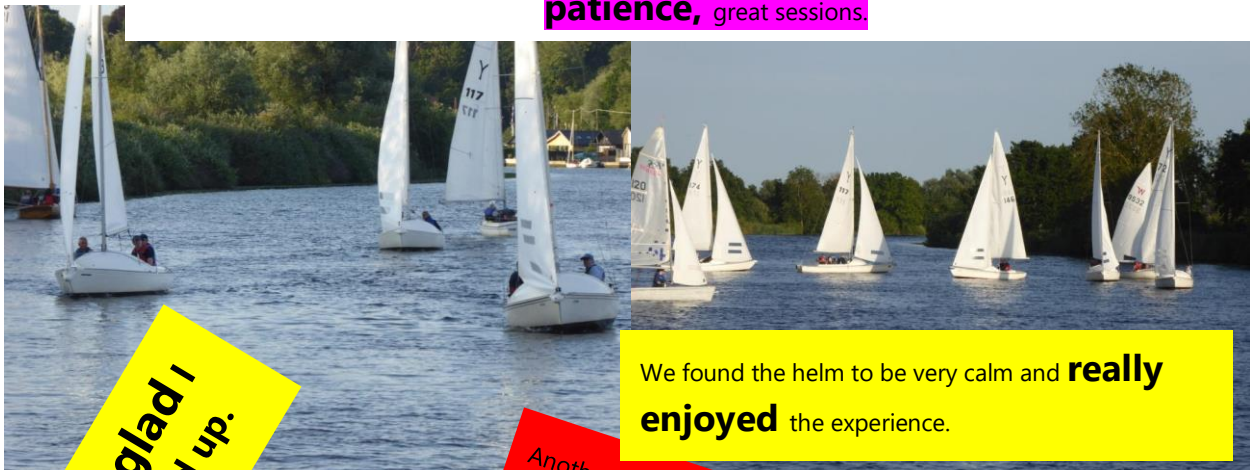
We had a great time, thank you so much for your **diligent planning**, and to all those who offered their time and experience.

Thanks again for both your **commitment** and the club helms for taking us onboard their lovely

I thoroughly **enjoyed myself** and learned so much from all you experienced sailors.

Thanks again for the BBQ the other night and all the organisation around the Try Sailing programme, **learnt so much.**

Wow, didn't imagine I would be able to helm a race in six weeks, thank you all for your **patience**, great sessions.



We found the helm to be very calm and **really enjoyed** the experience.

Really **glad I signed up.**

Great introduction, **thank-you CHSC**

Another great session **on the water**, thanks again to you and all those putting their time and boats up for our learning.

Didn't expect to **take the helm first night**, especially with the wind so strong, the helm was at the ready to take over.

I am lucky getting **good support** from you all learning to sail.

It has been fantastic to **feel so welcome** by the whole club on top of all the sailing and learning opportunities provided.

Club Regatta. Sunday 16th July

'Unseasonable weather' is not the best way to start a club regatta. Unfortunately, the forecasted high winds put many members off attending meaning that entries were low. The south westerly almost constant near 20mph wind with frequent and sudden 30mph plus gusts made the conditions lively for the few boats that decided to race.

With just four Yeomans and one club Wayfarer checked in for the series of Races, Club Commodore David Taitt set a long course using all 3 buoys and over 3 laps. With a downriver start providing a long reach to the number 1 mark the varying gusts heeling the boats well over, and the wind bouncing about it made good entertainment for the spectators on the bank. and for some great pictures. After mark 1, it was a long run upriver to buoy 3, which after rounding gave for a long series of tacks back to number 2 mark, (port) prior to the finish line. This course remaining for the rest of the race program.

From the bank we could see the SW gusts (strong) finding the gaps between the trees and club house causing the boats to heel well over as they passed the area. One area in particular, between the Tavern trees and the club house was gusting straight at the Marina opposite causing the wind to bounce back off the large blue house onto the river making that section particularly tricky.



In the club Wayfarer, Paul Parker, joined by Try Sailing member Tom Goswell, had a very lively sail just trying to keep the boat upright. Prior to the start of the first race Paul was heard to ask Tom, 'Do you mind getting wet' which turned out to be a bit of a premonition as half way through lap 2 heading up-river and directly opposite the Marina entrance a well-timed gust hit the Wayfarer side on, one side to the other, both crew timely moving across the boat to right it only to be hit from the other side and immediately followed by a third gust on the port side again, and over she went. Following a near textbook capsize drill, Paul quickly up on to the side of the boat with Tom holding onto the inside, and with help from the rescue boat, which was quickly on scene, they managed to right the Wayfarer with both crew remaining dry above the waist. But boat full of water it was back to base to drain out. You would think

that they would put the boat away for the day, No, a quick empty and they were back on to the river for some practicing before returning to the race programme.

Despite the conditions all series were completed including the ladies and Novices races, which were combined to save time, without further incident. Mention must go to all the competitors for taking part on the day in these 'unseasonal conditions. Well done to you all and thank you to all who marshalled or helped out in the club house galley.



Going.....



Going.....



Gone!!

Regatta Trophy Winners and Pictures

Ben Adams with Ian Barker crewing in Yeoman 'Felspar' won both the Half-Deckers Trophy and the Overall Regatta Cup, Tom Goswell won the Novice Race Trophy and Sandy Watt winning the Ladies Race Wine.



Canoe and Paddle Board Section



We extend a warm welcome to the four new paddle members joining the club, hope you enjoy our lovely stretch of river and dykes to investigate and enjoy.

Social paddle Tuesdays

Continues with up to 15 paddlers joining the sessions. Each week we try to vary the direction we go taking into account the wind, tide and general conditions. Last week saw us heading through the Broad and upriver before turning prior to Brundall Gardens Marina, the wind and tide taking us back to the club.

Just a word of caution this month, if you paddle into and along the dykes from Bargate/ Surlingham Broad there is a lot of blanket weed, similar on Rockland Broad, if on a SUP take care. Should you decide to short cut across the middle, there are a lot of lilies which can easily put you off course or tip you in.

Enjoy your summer paddle, if anyone wishes to join paddle Tuesday, we aim to leave the club about 6pm, all welcome.

Venturing further afield

Why not try a paddle from Beccles to Geldeston and return. Parking at the car park by Travis Perkins it's a short walk to the quay to launch, please be careful with the slipway, 'caution', very slippery'. Moving onto the main river through the basin turn left under the old road bridge. From there it's a lovely paddle upriver passing the Waveney House and Lido on your left, then into open countryside. It takes about 90 minutes to reach the Geldeston Locks Inn for a welcome rest and refreshments, (lunch starts at 12noon).



Back onto the boards and a paddle back to Beccles, lovely winding river with views over the riverbank and not much water traffic. Buzzards, Harriers, Heron to spot and towards Geldeston there are shoals of fish to see in the lovely clear waters of the Waveney.

If you have a paddle journey you wish to share and that we can feature for the benefit of other club members, please submit to either editor. Dave or Gary.

Notices to Members

Canoe Storage

The Club has requirement for further additional canoe storage. The committee are looking for scaffold poles and key clamps or other suitable racking to build a third rack, if anyone is able to assist with sourcing poles and clamps or have either these or a rack available could they please let any member of the committee or Gary Corbett know.



A Blue Sundolphin three seater canoe with 21 sticker on bow is obstructing access to canoe rack. Could the owner please identify themselves to Gary and please move their canoe. Thankyou

To help with the co-ordination of canoe storage could the owners of all canoes stored in the dinghy park please inform me of its type, colour and storage location for recording and contacting purposes. Email Gary at mooringsecretary@coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk

Grass Cutting

The club arranges cutting of the dinghy park grass only in the main central area. We do not cut areas close to craft to avoid any damage. It would assist us if boat owners could keep the grass/ weeds cut around their craft. The club owns lawn mowers and a strimmer which are available for members to use.

Your help is very much appreciated, thankyou.



For Sale

Turtle, 11ft dinghy, No.10

Fair condition. Very stable and excellent for beginners.

No bespoke cover. Currently kept under canvas at sailing club on road trailer (poor condition, also included).

Free to a good home

For more details contact Stephen on stephenlittle1966@gmail.com



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