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'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'

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Coldham Hall Sailing Club

The Summer Solstice is upon us already and FINALLY the weather has improved. Gone is the cold bite to the wind although it still stays firmly stuck in the North, North easterly direction. which is unusual for this time of year. but at least we can get out on the water in whatever craft we use and enjoy it without wrapping up in loads of clothing.

The brisk all-day winds have meant some lively evening sailing for the Try Sailing course for a change and given the participants a good taste of how it should be instead of drifting aimlessly as the evening wind characteristically drops and we have a report by Gary on how the course is progressing.

In this issue you can find the usual diary dates, committee report and race officers duty list along with a report by Ben Adams on the clubs first exchange visit with WOYBC.

The Midweek sailing has started in earnest now that the better weather is here although it is proving difficult to get everybody together on specific days due to other commitments. The Tuesday evening Paddle sessions is proving popular with around 14 members attending regularly enjoying the fine evenings for a trip to Rockland as well as around Surlingham broad as reported last month.

Don't forget that there are two social events in July open to all members. The first being the Club Cruise to Hardley Mill with BBQ at the Mill on Saturday 8th July and a Club social evening with BBQ on the evening of 13th July and again open to ALL to integrate the Try sailors to the rest of the club.

This month also sees the Club Regatta on Sunday 16th July for which hopefully the forecast will be favourable.

Anyway enjoy the weather, enjoy the Summer while it lasts and enjoy the water safely in whatever way you can.



Notes from The Committee

From the CHSC committee meeting of Tuesday 13th June.

Treasurer, there have been no major outgoings reported this month. A bill for ongoing continued use of Zoom for club meetings has been received. The committee are now using MS teams, which has zero cost, the zoom membership will be cancelled. Three new memberships were proposed and accepted. (2 x paddle members, 1x family member).

Club membership currently stands at 36 Single members, 39 family, 3 social, 24 introductory, 16 family paddle members, 7 paddle single. Dinghy Park and moorings stand at 33 dinghies, 5 Cruisers and 14 Half Deckers.

Bosun, The club are aware of an issue where the club electrical usage is exceeding the rating of the RCD trip at the pub end causing it to trip out. David Tait has looked at the number of appliances we have and their rating and it has been concluded that if there are 3 kettles on and anything else it will trip the RCD. The suggestion is to remove some of the high rated items and limit the boiling of water to the Swan water heater only and not use the kettles. OOD the day to be requested to control this as required.

Social Secretary, Judith has now investigated a number of options for the Club Presentation dinner in January and after discussion and a vote it has been decided to confirm booking at the Maids Head Hotel, Norwich. Full details to be circulated once confirmed.

Race Officer, the new procedure for split starts for Sundays local races has been trialed over two weekends and has been successful and well received. To be adopted process going forwards.

Vice Commodore, there have been further instances of people running along the pontoons, namely the same family as previously. Gary has addressed with the family and a reminder notice is at the end of this Chronicle.

Upcoming Events

July

Sunday 2 nd	Yare Challenge Cup
Thursday 6 th	Try Sail – water based.
Saturday 8 th	Club Cruise – Hardley Mill
Thursday 13 th	Social BBQ (evening)
Sunday 16 th	Club Regatta

September

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

October

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

December

Wednesday 6 th	AGM
Sunday 10 th	Christmas Pudding Race

January

Saturday 20 th	Presentation Dinner (2024)
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A full list of all racing and social events is on the club website.

General, The YNR date is confirmed as Saturday 9th September with the earliest start expected at 7.30am. Jekyll's have agreed to continue as main sponsor and Humpty Dumpty brewery and a local estate agent, Stobart & Hurrell, are donating some of the prizes. A steady flow of volunteers is ongoing, and the CH tavern, Broads Authority and Railway have all given their support. Competitors will be reminded that mooring is not permitted on the neighbour's quay heading.

Our neighbour, and new member, Gary Davis has kindly used his digger to tidy up the pathway at the rear of the clubhouse/dinghy park.

The club still does not have a Rear Commodore as nobody has come forwards. This will have to be addressed at the annual AGM.

Some maintenance issues have recently occurred with the club Wayfarers and repairs carried out at a cost of £75. Thanks to Ralph for carrying out the work promptly. An annual maintenance program for the club boats will be looked into and costed for discussion at the next meeting.

WOBYC v CHSC Team Event

Ben Adams

On Wednesday 24th May members of CHSC took up an invite by Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club (WOYBC) to join them at Oulton broad for an evening sailing in their Waveney One Design Dinghies

The Coldham Hall team of eight members duly arrived at Oulton Broad for a 6 pm briefing. With the sun blazing and a light breeze the Waveney dinghies looked pristine, all lined up on the pontoons and already fully rigged.

Our teams paired up, Paul Parker and Jane Yeates, Dave Taitt with Emma Crowfoot, Ian Barker with Tina Pye and Crispin Lambert and myself. The Officer of the day pointed out the position of all 7 racing buoys around the broad but thankfully only three of them were being used for the course which comprised a beat to no 7 buoy, a run back to no 5 buoy and a reach across to no 2 buoy and all on port tack. The course set and with the first start scheduled for 6.30pm.



Having been allocated our boats we cast off to arrive at the start line in good time. The breeze was held steady and as we set off we found that the boats responded very well. It was a close fought race with all boats bunched together. Paul Parker and Jane Yeates performed admirably taking line honours with Dave Taitt and Emma crowfoot a close 3rd. Our other 2 boats did not fare so well and came in 7th and 8th.

For the 2nd race the wind had lessened and the Coldham boats did not fare so well. The WOYBC crews using their local knowledge to advantage in finding the by now ever-dwindling wind played a part. The fleet were all spread out considerably. Despite these difficulties though Paul Parker and Jane Yeates still managed to come a credible 3rd but unfortunately our other three boats were all at the rear of the fleet.

The overall result was WOBYC 29 points CHSC 43. We have a lot of work to do to reverse this result when WOBYC come to Coldham for the return race later in the year.

Despite the overall result we all thoroughly enjoyed the racing and the splendid cold buffet that was laid on for us after the racing. We look forward to WOBYC joining us later in the season both at our Autumn Regatta in September and the team racing in November to see how they fare in our Yeomans. In the end and despite the result a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Club BBQ and Social. Thursday 13th July at the Club House. Eat at 7pm

The Flag Officers and Committee invite you and partners to a social evening including BBQ at our CHSC.

This is a great opportunity to get together for a mardle and enjoy an evening by the river, with some music and song, if you play an instrument(s), please bring them along.

We will fire the coals and provide you with a tantalising Norfolk Sausage or Burger in a bun - food ready at 7pm.

So come and join us, the night will be yours, chat, war stories and merriment with the odd ode and no raffle.

Please bring your own chair. There will be no planned sailing on the night.

Please let Gary know if you would like to attend.

Sailing Section

OOD Duties July

Date	Allcomer Race Series	Cruiser Race	1 st Officer	2 nd Officer	3 rd Officer
2 nd July	Local (8) & Yeoman Downriver	YSC/CHSC Challenge Cup	T Cook	Bill Clark	D Warner
9 th July	Downriver (5)		J Wells	S Watt	S Lee
16 th July	Club Regatta		Commodore	Vice Commodore	Rear Commodore
23 rd July	Local (9) & Yeoman Downriver		T Lewis	S Lock	D Cox
30 th July	Local (10) & Yeoman Downriver		N Kippin	J Barnacle	W Johnston

COLDHAM HALL SAILING CLUB CLUB REGATTA

On
Sunday

16th July
2023



A Day of Exciting Racing Finishing With The Presentation of

Trophies

The Clubhouse will be open for Tea's, Coffee's, Cakes and other Light Refreshments

Try/Discover/Re-discover Sailing, (TS)

As we publish, we have enjoyed three on the water sessions. The first two weeks experienced strong north to easterly winds 15-18 mph with gusts over 20mph, certainly stronger winds than previous years, especially for the first sessions on the water, it was a bit chilly, but everyone managed to stay dry. Most trainees took a turn on the helm, and all came back for more. The third session enjoyed a keen and lot warmer breeze for most of the session. Two buoys were positioned in the river to allow tacking and gybing practice.

On average 14 club members boats and the club's wayfarers are used. Members boats, including Wayfarers, Yeomans and Sailing Cruisers, have been on the water for each session. Every week helms and trainees are swapped around so all get to experience different craft and methods of sailing whilst bonding new friendships. To date at least 5 trainees have been available for Sunday sailing to supplement as crew for the regular racing sessions and a number of TS's and their partners have also joined the Tuesday evening paddling sessions.

The remaining 3 TS sessions will be spent with more rigging practice then getting onto the water, and focusing Try Sailors on getting familiar with boats that they wish to continue with and enjoy. All are gaining some good 'water time' and some are looking to become competent to use the clubs two Wayfarers.

Most importantly, CHSC and our new members wish to thank all club members for assisting and supporting these TS sessions both on and off the water, on the bank, manning the safety boat or just using their boats and passing on experience to our new members and friends, many of which this is their first sailing experience, thank you all.

'Keep working on Water-time'. Importantly be patient when thinking of buying a boat and seek advice. There are hidden costs, River fees, Insurance, mooring fees (if available) new rigging/ repairs, take care and time.



Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Question - Do I buy a Stand-Up-Paddleboard (SUP) or a kayak? Ask yourself this first before deciding. Do I give up easily?

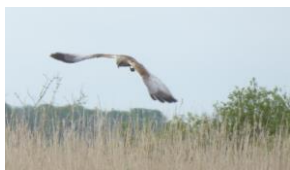
If the answer to this question is yes, then it's probably best to buy a Kayak. SUP's take some getting used to even though they may be good for the body and mind, whereas a kayak or canoe remains simpler to master.

Tuesday paddle group

The Tuesday group regularly averages around 15 paddlers each week. Recently the group ventured down to Rockland Broad entering the first channel, crossing the broad to return with a 'run' with tide and with a little wind behind us back to the clubhouse. Two guest paddlers joined us from Switzerland, having never canoed before, enjoying the Yare.



Photos captured on the river show a Great Crested Grebe on their floating nest on Bargate Broad, to which we all kept a wide berth, the mate watched on trying to distract us by diving under water. This was followed by a mixed aged outing of geese spotted as we returned along the dyke to the main river. Further afield a Marsh Harrier looking for dinner was spotted. Whilst out on the river keep your eyes peeled for Otters, one was seen by The Ferry House last Tuesday, feasting whilst swimming on its back. (sorry no photo). Swallow Tail Butterflies have also been spotted at Wheat Fen and Strumpshaw.



Anyone who wishes to join us on a Tuesday paddle is welcome to pop along to the club for 6pm for a couple of hours on the river.



Notices to Members

Clubhouse Access Code

The keypad access code on the clubhouse main door has remained unchanged for several years. Consequently, former members and a few previous contractors could have had uncontrolled access to the clubhouse. To improve security and reinforce our insurance cover the committee has decided to change the code.

With effect from Wednesday 14th June the code was changed. A note has been placed on the door with details of who to contact if you do not know or have forgotten the code.

If you are unable to access the clubhouse the committee apologise for any temporary inconvenience and hope you will understand the requirement for the code change.

Thankyou

Swimming from Club Premises

Members are reminded that club by-laws prohibit swimming from club premises. This is for your safety as the water is tidal, which can be strong at times and with underwater currents. Also, there are a number of surface and hidden underwater dangers and obstructions. Dangers include moving/manouvering boats, underwater ropes and mooring chains and metal weights as well as broken concrete slabs below the water line at the end of the slipway. In addition, the water quality cannot be guaranteed due to unplanned discharges from the upstream Trowse/Whitlingham Sewage works into the River Yare.

Club Pontoons

Members are also requested to **not** allow children to run along the pontoons. These are free floating pontoons and can be both slippery when wet and unstable causing falls into the water between moored boats or other injuries. Running and jumping on the pontoons can also cause the pontoon fixings to be damaged and can cause damage to the boats moored to the pontoons. Non-members are reminded that the Pontoons and slipway areas are Private property.

For Sale



Flying 15 No. 3601, £4750 (discount for club members),
Well known CHSC boat in very good condition and well equipped.
As easy to sail as a Yeoman or Wayfarer.
Full details from John Wells, wellsjohnr@hotmail.com

We are also aware of the following coming up for sale in the very near future.

Graduate Sailing Dinghy and a Lazer Dinghy, we are currently awaiting further details but if you would like the seller's details, please contact Gary Corbett. Keep an eye on the club's 'For Sale' web page.

All members are invited to submit articles, photographs, comments, items for sale or anything they feel suitable to be considered for publication. Email to Gary Corbett corbett01@btconnect.com or Dave Durrant davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk The editors reserve the right to delay publication or amend/reformat/correct submissions as deemed appropriate.