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Coldham Hall Sailing Club Est. 1951

'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'

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Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy &
Keel Boat Race

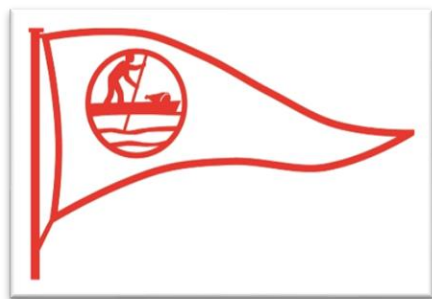
The Coldham Chronicle

Now six months into the year, summer solstice just past, we hope you are all enjoying time at the club, especially on the water either sailing, paddling or for many both. A lot has happened throughout June which we hope to cover as much as we can. Ever thought taking part in the annual 3 Rivers Race, Nigel Kippin gives us a good insight with a Trophy awarded and some great photo's especially the night shots. We were pleased to have overnight guests at the club, six Wayfarers' from the Wayfarer Association stopping off during their cruise of the Waveney: the Yare up to Norwich for a pint and return. An interesting week of sailing and camping, yes, on their boats. Full story in next edition. Ben provides details of the club's annual trip on the River to Hardley Mill, this year enjoying a picnic.

The first couple of weeks of June saw strong winds and gusts which produced some great sailing conditions for those who like it lively; we cover some of these. Sunday morning local or down rivers continue along with Sunday afternoon Yeoman sailing; keep an eye on the clubs race programme. Our new members have enjoyed and are progressing well with their Thursday evenings Try Sailing; we thank all the helms involved. July brings our Club Regatta on 6th, followed by our evening club BBQ on Thursday 17th straight after on Saturday 19th the Triple B, Coldham (Brundall) Breydon and back with increased numbers entering this year, a heads up, the Reedham Race is on Saturday 2nd August.

Paddle Tuesdays have taken the group upriver either across Bargate and up the channels or on the main river to Marine Power, and a lovely trip to Rockland where we could clearly see the ribs and hull of one of the Wherry's sunk in the 1940.

Busy month ahead, we hope you can attend as many events as you can, all are welcome.



Notes from the Committee held on Monday 9th June

Commodore David Taitt opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. May's minutes agreed and signed, matters arising covered.

Hon. Secretary-No report

Treasurer – Club finances detailed. 3 applications for membership, one Family Paddle, one single paddle and one family sailing membership. All discussed and approved.

Bosun – Quay heading, wood capping topping now complete.

Race Officer – Ben in discussion regarding Yeoman team event with Waveney One's visit to Coldham. Hardley Mill Cruise this year will be a picnic. Tipple B 19th July, committee asking for Marshalls, moving forward well, accepting entrants.

Social Secretary -. No report.

Partnerships- Liaison with Tavern DT discussed request to Wellington for permission for City Fibre to lay cable along car park to allow Herons Marsh access to Broadband. Decision by Wellington awaited.



Wayfarers 'refuelling' in Norwich, full story next month.

Upcoming Events 2025

July

Thursday 3 rd & 10 th	Try Sailing Water Training
Sunday 6 th	Club Regatta
Thursday 17 th	Social BBQ
Saturday 19 th	Triple B race

August

Saturday 2 nd	Reedham Race
17 th – 22 nd	Oulton Week

September

Saturday 20/21	CHSC/Waveney OD
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October

Saturday 4 th	YNR
Sunday 19 th	Commodores Day
Sunday 26 th	Winter Downriver Series starts

December

Wednesday 3 rd	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 14 th	Christmas Pudding Race

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January

Saturday 17 th	Annual Dinner & Prizegiving
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The above list is correct at time of going to press but may be subject to change throughout the year. A full list of all racing and social events for 2025 will be shortly updated on the club website.

AOB.

- a. **Incident/ Injury reporting forms.** The committee has reviewed and updated these forms, one for incidents and a second for injuries to a person; the forms are available on the club web site and a copy at the clubhouse. Full details included. A form should be completed as soon as possible after any incident or injury
- b. **YNR update** Gary updated on YNR, 4th October only tidal date available this year. Discussions continue by sub-committee. Volunteers requested to Marshall.
- c. **Christmas event update.** Mr. Harris and Ms Tetley planning a village Christmas event including CHSC sailing club, planning and discussions continue
- d. **Club BBQ** Thursday 17th July. All agreed event, £5 per person cost, Dave Greenacre offered BBQ to club.

Three Rivers Race or Bust (2025)

Nigel Kippin

This prestigious and popular sailing race is from Horning, with turning points at Ludham Bridge on the Ant, South Walsham Broad, Hickling at the top of the Thurne and Stracey Arms on the Bure about 50 miles to be completed within 24 hours. Add to this the challenges of deciding on the optimal tide, wind and ability to lower the boat mast 4 times to navigate bridges at Potter Heigham and Acle makes for a challenging event. Boats can complete the course doing each leg as they choose.

This year I (Nigel Kippin) had no excuses. A boat that fits under Potter Heigham Bridge (Talisker our Yeoman Y43) and new sails. One small issue a crew. Those at Coldham Hall had seen my sailing and kept their heads down when the opportunity to spend 24hrs floating around the North Rivers was offered. I found two unsuspecting people Robert Conway and Martin Filby to sail with me. With the assistance of Bill Clark and his daughter we towed Talisker firstly to Stokesby, then onto Horning.

On arrival at Horning on the Wednesday preparations were in full swing. Boats were being juggled into berths and the local club members assisted me into a mooring. The next day myself and Martin returned to raise the mast and rig. I wasn't happy with the settings and spent some time tweaking the adjustments of the mast rake and shrouds to get a better sail shape.

Saturday morning, lovely sunshine but where was the wind. With a forecasted light southerly and adverse tides it was going to make the 50 miles a long process. We made some calculations about boat speed and tide and went for completing the Ludham Bridge and South Walsham Broad legs first. We would use the incoming tide to push us up the Thurne and hoped to catch the change in direction to return down the Thurne and to the lower mark at Stracey Arms. Our preparations went well. The countdown to our 11.20am start was on. Only problem was with 30 seconds to go we were facing the wrong way. A quick jibe and we joined the fleet drifting through the start line against the tide. We did remarkably well using the best Wells and Woolston Train Reach, ghosting technique down the Horning Street section.

We made our way through the boats emerging ahead of most of the Yeoman fleet and staying in front of many of the quicker dinghies. Then came a section of running with the wind, several boats around us launched their colourful spinnakers and made some small gains. My crew looked at me. Where was our bright new super sail? "Err sorry guys I didn't quite get to that rigging aspect but I got a nice whisper pole for you to play with" courtesy of Yeoman Kingfisher. We deployed our counter measure and stayed with the colourful fleet of downwind craft.



We turned up the Ant towards Ludham picking up the tail wind. This section to the turn flew by, the return was more eventful encountering River Cruisers taking most of the river with their enormous booms. We ducked between two boats having to call water on one unsuspecting wayfarer. They made an emergency tack and got promptly stuck on the mud. We scuttled off knowing they had a centre board to raise to allow their escape.

Our next leg was South Walsham Broad a narrow winding dyke led to the broad and turn, added to this there are many trees. Our stomachs told us it was lunch time. With the light winds we rummaged beneath the cuddy for the sandwiches. "WATER!!" Ops we had wandered in front of the wayfarer we encountered on the Ant. "Sorry just having lunch" was met by a rather terse

reply. Off we all sailed exchanging tacks with one another until we turned the mark. Up went their spinnaker and the wayfarer sailed majestically off despite our best efforts with the whisker pole.

We had a great sail being mostly pushed up the Thurne by tide and following breeze, next obstacle a bridge. We had admired all the engineered mast supports on the opposition boats that most had in place permanently. Ours was to be deployed at the last minute. Martin dived into the cuddy and out came our wooden support, elastic straps held it in place. Robert furled the jib and slackened the halyard and then hastily pulled the main sail down. "Err we still have the mast up and that bridge is getting near". Martin grabs the forestay; Robert the foot of the mast with me highlighting the quickly approaching bridge the mast comes down then stops at about two thirds height. A bit of controlled panic, as we got ever closer, before the jib halyard was further slackened and the mast dropped to the rest. We paddled serenely through Potter bridge with me waving to the crowds while the crew toiled. Through the vigorous efforts of my crew (lucky I had a top class rower and paddler on board), we even overtook a Waverley who had been tussling with us approaching Potter Heigham. We raised the mast and set the sails while the wind pushed us along up to Hickling. The wind had strengthened a little and swung more to the east which allowed for a enjoyable blast to the broad and back across it.

The exit from the broad along Candle Dyke was painful with only short tacks getting us towards our destination. With the words of Bill Clark ringing in my ears I let the boat run through the tack and tried not to upset the speed. I continued to work on this during the hundreds of tacks to our destination.

Back through Potter Heigham, this time with a little less stress, me still waving to the crowds, my crew paddled us quickly through the bridges. We were on the outgoing tide making good progress. We had even passed the wayfarer with the posh, colourful spinnaker on two occasions.

Shooting Acle Bridge towards Stokesby went smoothly with our now new honed skills. I was still waving. The wind was starting to drop but we had the tide carrying us quickly to the lower mark. We arrived at the bottom mark at 9:20pm. Low tide was supposed to be just before 10pm. We were greeted by more than forty sails on our arrival to the bottom mark. "What are they all waiting for, we are flying along". Around the bottom mark and up the river carried by our momentum (let it run). We stopped, drifted backwards, to the back of the fleet, got some wind at the back of the boats and drifted forward and stopped then went backwards. On a dozen attempts we became acquainted to the nice people who had moored their boats. They looked on amusingly as we floated back and forth. "Okay let's drop the mudweight and wait for the tide" which should have turned a hour ago. Darkness descended and a deep serenity fell through the waiting fleet.



After waking Robert who used any excuse to have a snooze we prepared to lift the weight. Off we set in a raft of 40 plus boats packed from bank to bank drifting with the building tide. We called for water and starboard but settled to nudge our way through the fleet. There were several boats still diving into the melee of craft often with bowsprits to carve a none existent gap all trying to make the turning mark against a fast building tide.

Eventually we broke free of the group and made our way towards Acle. As we approached the bridge a strong head wind built which turned into a squall. We lowered our mast and were blown into the bank. Robert and Martin paddled even more vigorously and we made gradual progress through the bridge. I didn't wave, just held onto the mast and sails. As we put the

rig up we were blown into the bank. Boats were being smashed everywhere. We struggled free and set off for home, tacking yet again towards our destination. We had passed the wayfarer but this time they had no bright sails flying. The brisk wind and incoming tide took us home. Several boats peeled off to complete the legs up the Ant and South Walsham, their bright navigation lights disappearing into the darkness. We smugly headed straight for home. In the final mile the wayfarer we had tussled with throughout the day crept passed us and finished a couple of minutes in front. We crossed the finish line just as lightness built a few minutes before 4.30am. The reward of a fried breakfast tasted good as we recounted the day and chatted with other sailors.



The results came out as the crews finished and we had a final finish position of 16th out of a initial 119 boats and winning the Navigators Trophy for first year helm of the 3Rivers. Overall it was a great experience, perhaps to be repeated with a big colourful downwind sail to help our progress.

Ed. Well done Nigel and crew, great finish and result.

Club Regatta

The club regatta will be held on Sunday 6th July. The days sailing programme starts at 10.20am and will include races for Novice, Ladies, Cruiser and Allcomers races.

Teas, coffees, cakes and savouries along with a raffle will be available at the clubhouse throughout the day. Please, any help throughout the day making the teas is appreciated; just an hour will help greatly, which need not interfere with the important bit, the sailing and social.

Donations of cakes and savouries will be very much appreciated as will any offerings for the raffle. The raffle is not restricted to just bottles.

Please let Mandy know if you can assist during the day. Email amandablezard@hotmail.com or if you are able to assist with the safety boat please contact Officer of the day, Commodore, Dave. (All Club Regatta trophies be returned prior to or on the 7th July)

Club BBQ & Evening Social.

The Flag Officers and Committee invite you and partners to our yearly summer BBQ and social evening at our club on **Thursday 17th July at the Club House.**

This is a great opportunity to meet members and get together for a mardle and enjoy an evening by the river, some music and song will be included. This year we will have a Boats & Bits Jumble table(s).

What time; 7pm to eat; we will fire up the coals and provide you with a tantalising Norfolk Sausage and Burger in a bun with coleslaw and salad and more. Please come meet new faces and old, the night will be yours, chat, war stories and merriment with the odd ode and NO raffle. Please bring a chair and provide your own drinks.

There will be no planned sailing on the night. Please let Gary know if you would like to attend.

Cost £5 per person, please, either by BACS to the club on cash.



Sailing Section

OOD Duties - July

DATE	ALLCOMERS EVENT	River Cruiser Class	OOD	SECOND OFFICER	THIRD OFFICER
6th	Club Regatta		Committee	Committee	Committee
13 th	Downriver (6)	RCC(5)	C Lambert	B Clark	S Lee
19 th	Triple B		BBB Committee		
20th	Downriver (7) Picnic (2)	RCC (6)	D Greenacre	G Corbett	I Shepherd
27th	Local 8 Downriver Yeoman (5)		N Kippin	J Barnacle	T Duddle

Hardley Mill Picnic Saturday 21st June

Ben Adams

With the sun shining and a fresh south easterly wind picking up, four boats set off on Saturday morning from Coldham Hall heading downriver for a picnic at Hardley Windmill. Three Yeoman and a Wayfarer took part with the safety boat following close behind. The wind stayed true all the way allowing the boats to navigate without any problem down Train Reach past Langley Dyke and the Cantley sugar beet factory. We arrived at the windmill in good time and to our surprise we could see it was in full sail turning at a steady pace. We were greeted as always with a welcoming gesture



by volunteers of the windmill offering us tea, coffee and some enticing home-made cake. It was very pleasant to sit outside for our picnic. We were shown a video of the history of the windmill and its restoration back to working order and then enjoyed a tour of the mill, climbing up the four levels to the cap with its wonderful view over the countryside and the course of the winding river Yare.

You will see from the brochure that our sailing club is mentioned and there is reference to the fund-raising events that are needed to raise money for its upkeep.

Having thoroughly enjoyed our lunch and tour; we set off home at about 2pm. The tide had not quite turned but the following wind allowed the boats to steadily and gently sail back to Coldham Hall.

A good day was had by all. For Hardley Mill information <https://hardleywindmilluk.org>

Sailing in June

Sunday 1st June was the clubs first Picnic Race of the season to Cantley and return with a planned heave too for a team picnic on the riverside and a visit by some to the pub.

The day was dry with sunny periods a forecast of winds of 15mph with up to 30gusts from the West, which may have put a few off, 6 Yeoman's and a Club Wayfarer came to the line under the instructions of Officer of the Day, Ben and Marianne, the Yeomans got off to a good start with Trio leading on to Train Reach, closely followed by Kingfisher and Shibboleth with positions changing, generally it was a run and beam reach with the best part of the river in the middle and north bank past Strumpshaw. Once clear of Train reach and the tree's all boats made good time with Club Wayfarer closing the gap on the leaders, a couple of times being well handled with the strong gusts. Langley Woods slowed things slightly and then a quick run to the finishing Line and timers Mandy and Mike on station, first over the line was the Wayfarer sailed by Paul and Jill, followed by Shibboleth, Kingfisher and Trio. All boats safely docked out came the sarnies or a visit to the pub, a lovely social together n the riverside.

Following the break, all sails hoisted and back on the water in preparation for the return against the strong westerly wind, knowing it was going to be hard going, Trio got off to a good start and pulled away which she maintained to the start of Train Reach, taking the northern bank looking for the wind on the bank, Kingfisher stayed in the middle and was able to overtake finishing first followed by Trio, Diamond Lil and the fleet.

The return journey was hard going for helm and crew with plenty of hard tacking all the way home, an impressive journey taking just over the hour, all boats back safely and 7 minutes between first and 7th boat. Well done all.

8th June,

Local OOD's, Will & Philippa Taitt, Debbie Jaffey & Arthur Newton. Westerly wind 16mph with 30 plus gusts, brining 8 Yeoman's and one Wayfarer to the line. Course over 3 buoys with an upriver start, a close hall on Port using the wind on the middle and the North Bank, most boats able to close haul to the Port Buoy, many boats on all first laps coming together at the buoy. Following the turn a run downriver to number 2 a port buoy set about 50yds upriver from the start box, some boats preferring to take advantage of the wind on the north side and then a tack to round the buoy, a beam reach to pass the start box then a dead run with some goose-winging to buoy one for a starboard tack. Then some close haul to port, tacking to starboard back to the line, 3 laps on the first race, 2 laps on races 2 & 3.

Throughout the morning all helms had to be prepared for those lively 30plus gust's heading straight downriver, we managed to take water over the side in the Yeoman, wayfarer staying upright.

Full results

available on the club website.

Sunday 14th June

Six Yeomans and our club Wayfarer competing today in Downriver 4 and listed River Cruiser 3, unfortunately no cruisers club sailing so far this season. The Mayfield family being OOD's set the middle course, speed limit signs just past Buckenham which was wise, lighter SSW moving westerly winds of about 10mph, not gusting much, the chance of a shower (not forthcoming) the wind moving north then east during the day, the only certain thing being high tide just after 4pm.

All boats got away with the light breeze, some favouring the north bank and ebb tide; it was a juggle for the first place. A nice leisurely sail Downriver at the turning mark all boats close together, heading back to the club the gap widened the lead boats making good ground along Train Reach, first over the line was Diamond Lil, followed by Club 1 and Shibboleth.

Full results on club web page.

49th Yare Navigation Race 2025

This year's YNR is on Saturday 4th October 2025. Coldham Hall Sailing Club hosts this spectacular annual event on the River Yare, slightly later in the calendar looking for good tides, we are asking for volunteers to make this year's event a continuing triumph for the Club.

If you can help in offering your services, please speak to YNR Committee member Gary, who is coordinating Marshalls email

corbett01@btconnect.com

Duties include: (Morning and afternoon shifts).

- Taking entries in the Clubhouse & Runners to start box. (Morning duty).
- Start box officials including finishers.
- Bank Marshalls/Timers at Reedham Village, ADB Marine and the turning buoy on Breydon.

This amazing event relies on our volunteer member's involvement, the YNR Committee and race entrants would like to thank everyone in advance for their efforts.



Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Paddling



Freedom to Paddle, Float and Explore, have your new adventure – paddling

Tuesday 10th at 6pm 26 paddlers in Canoes, Kayaks and one SUP meet at the club for an enjoyable evenings paddle, the tide was at the end of its ebb, the wind easing, together we paddled to the long Dyke at Rockland, reaching the Broad the water off the ,main channel was bout 4ft deep and extremely clear, as we sat steady you could clearly see the rib's and the floor boards. of a Wherry which had been sunken some 80years ago, we covered a distance of about 6.5 Km and told we burnt at least 340Calories. (soon to put it back on with Cheesy chips at the Ferry.

Tuesday 17th With a fast ebbing tide, very little breeze and a hot sunny evening, 19 Paddlers headed upriver turning into Bargate Broad, quick anti clockwise round the Broad with 4 cruisers settled on the Broad for the night. Watching the now growing Great Crested Grebe chicks now diving for their supper. Continuing on to the river we turned left, although getting a distance between the front and rear we paddled passed Brundall Gardens Marina against the strong tide, on turning it was an easy paddle keeping to the main river with a flowing tide to the club. All craft away and off for a debrief, although long way round with the City Fibre closing/blocking the road. Paddling for 90minutes, about 504calories burnt.

All are welcome to join our group.

Club Notices

It's time for a couple of polite reminders

Club Pontoons and moored boats

Members are also requested not to allow children to run along the pontoons or to climb onto moored boats. These are free floating pontoons which 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.

Swimming and diving from Club Premises.

Members are reminded that club by-laws prohibit swimming from any part of 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/manoeuvring boats, underwater ropes, mooring chains and metal weights as well as broken concrete slabs below the water line at the end of the slipway.

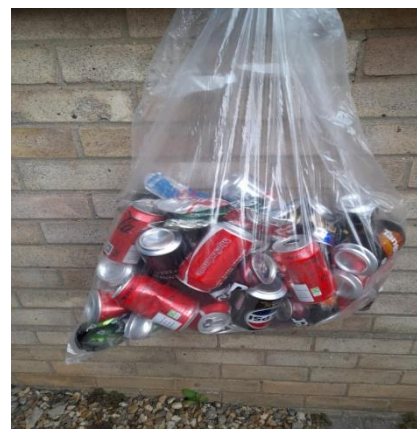
Additionally, the water quality cannot be guaranteed due to unplanned discharges from the upstream Trowse/Whitlingham Sewage works into the River Yare which could lead to serious illness if ingested.

Grass Cutting

We like to thank Tina for trimming round the boats in the dinghy park this month, a great job, can we ask all to do the same around there boats and craft please. The central and accessible area is maintained by the club.

Dave's cans for cash.

Reminder, please drop off your crushed aluminium cans at the club, collecting for funds.



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