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'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'



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The Coldham Chronicle

The sign of a busy and active club is the content of its newsletter. It's 12 months and 12 editions since the re-introduction of The Coldham Chronicle and hopefully we are producing what you, our members, would like to see and know about. Something you can read and dip in and out of. All back issues are available on the clubs web page. This is a club magazine and all contribution are always welcome.

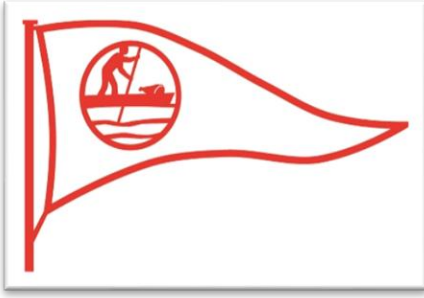
Unfortunately, both the racing and social sailing along with paddling have all but stopped owing to the extreme flooding on the rivers preventing access to our club. You may have seen in the EDP and on local BBC news this weekend and on our own Facebook page, coverage and photos showing how the extent of flooding is affecting the Tavern and local residents and us. We can choose when to come and go from the club for social and well-being activate but, those who live there cannot, They live with the thought and threat of flooding throughout the year.

This month we focus on the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 6th December, where all club business and accounts are discussed, also the election of the new committee including a Club President.

We have notes from the last committee meeting, along with a Tribute to our past President Maurice.

Some interesting photos taken from the club and beyond and for the Paddlers some top tips on looking after your SUP over winter, (not just dumping it in the garage)

Highlighting club events, including the Christmas Pudding Race on 10th December and the annual dinner on 20th January 24.



Notes from The Committee

From the CHSC committee meeting of Tuesday 14th November.

A minutes reflection was held at the start of the meeting in remembrance of President Maurice Ward.

Treasurer, there are no new member applications this month. The annual accounts were presented and discussed prior to the AGM. A discussion was held on the setting of fees for the 2024/25 year and a decision was reached for a proposal to be put to the AGM for agreement.

The clubs Auditor's have expressed a wish to not continue at the end of this financial year and a replacement needs to be found.

Bosun, there has been no significant leakage during the recent bad weather and storms of the clubhouse roof. Monitoring to continue. Some water ingress is still happening through the new toilet extension front wall. To be rectified during the winter months.

The safety guard has now been purchased and fitted to the rescue boat propellor.

A quote has been received for repairs to the quay heading. This is for the frontage only and does not include the walkway. Works could commence in January 2025.

Race Officer, winter downriver series commenced at the end of October, but due to flooding and bad weather the next two races were cancelled or postponed. One race will be held on Sunday 17th December as a postponement race.

The proposed race schedule was presented for the year 2024/25. Due to popular demand the number of downriver races have been increased by two races at the expense of local races. The club will be hosting a visit from Loch Earne Yacht Club (Northern Ireland) on May 12th 2024 and it is hoped that they can join us in a downriver race.

Upcoming Events

December

Wednesday 6 th	AGM
Sunday 10 th	Christmas Pudding Race
Sunday 17 th	Postponement Day

January

Saturday 20 th	Presentation Dinner (2024)
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A full list of all racing and social events for 2024 will be shortly updated on the club website.

Race Officer (cont.) the Yeoman downriver afternoon series is proposed to continue this year from May to August. The Triple B and YNR are again planned in and it is hoped mire advertising can be carried out to promote and attract more competitors from other clubs.

The Open Regatta and Xmas Pudding races will be rescheduled to bring them back onto their traditional dates as due to tides etc. these have slipped earlier and earlier each year.

Social Secretary, Judith will be sending out invites and details of the annual dinner to members in the next few days. Also details of cheap rate room hire availability for guest who wish to stay overnight.

General, The Commodore and Vice Commodore have had a meeting with the Landlords of the tavern and other locals relating to the recent flooding of the Carnser which is affecting their trade. As tenants they are unable to press RSPB to carry out the duties to maintain the marsh and sluice so they would like our support to pressure theirs and our landlords, The Wellington Pub Company, to raise the issue with the RSPB and other statutory bodies.

Jane Yeates is still awaiting the promised flood report from the County Council. This has been pending since 2022.

With the sad passing of Maurice Ward the club finds itself having to nominate a new President. A number of names were put forward to be approached and those willing to stand will be nominated for election at the AGM.

The next meeting of the new committee will be in January 2024

AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7.30pm in Bramerton Village Hall.



**CHSC President
Maurice Charles Ward
22.02.1924 – 29.10.2023**

Coldham Hall Sailing Club President Maurice Ward died peacefully at home on Sunday 29th October 2023, our condolences go to his son Simon, daughter in law Wendy, grandchildren Sam & Charley and all his family and friends.

Maurice was one of the four founder members of Coldham Hall Sailing Club and remained a member for 72 years. Serving as Commodore in 1967 before being made a Life member in 1995.

The majority of the longer serving club members will know Maurice and have fond memories of him. Maurice took up sailing at the end of the Second World War whilst serving in Hamburg and sailing has been his passion, along with his wife June, who joined him in his love of sailing, and son Simon, ever since. We have previously reported how Maurice converted an old airborne lifeboat that he found on Southwold Beach to become in 1957 time the fastest boat on the Broads when crewed by Maurice and his brother Terence they won the 'Cock of the Broads' trophy. Maurice's last boat, Prelude 'Jenny Wren' is still moored at Coldham and is enjoyed by Simon, Wendy and the family.

Maurice along with June sailed at Coldham for many years owning a number of different boats so it was fitting that in 1996 the club made him President, the role which he has fulfilled ever since. Unfortunately, as his health and mobility decreased Maurice was not able to attend as many club events as he would have liked but keenly followed the activities and the racing with weekly reports and visits from club members. The last event Maurice attended being the YNR in September this year.

A funeral and memorial service were held for Maurice at St Faiths Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday 24th November. At which the club was represented by officers of the club and twelve club members.

“I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.”

Sea Fever – John Masefield 1878-1967

Sailing Section

OOD Duties December

Date	Allcomer Race Series	Cruiser Race	1 st Officer	2 nd Officer	3 rd Officer
Sunday 3 rd	Winter Downriver (4)			J Robertson	
Sunday 10 th	Christmas Pudding Race		Commodore	Vice Commodore	Rear Commodore
Sunday 17 th	Winter Downriver (5)		Phil Parker	S Lock	J Yeates

British Summer Time is over, the clocks have gone back the days are getting shorter and the trees are losing their leaves. The initial unseasonable warm autumn may have helped keep the heating switched off, (we've forgotten that) but the wellies, umbrellas and wet gear soon needed to come out and as winter is about to set in, the thermals will be coming out.



Can anyone remember such an extended wet period, this year is different, in the October Chronicle we spoke about local flooding, did we imagine it would last so long with the whole of the Broads and beyond flooded. I think we are on our fourth named storm of the winter, having started in September with Agnes, then quickly followed by Babet, Ciaran and now on writing this storm Debi is with us, maybe Elin and Fergus will have come and gone before going to print.

Previously the Carnser would flood for a couple of days then become passable, but this period of flooding has been over three weeks and has led to sailing being cancelled 3 times already. Primarily it was near impossible to get to the club other than on foot, which created further issues with parking cars at the top of the Carnser. On top of that, the water being so high the banks are covered, the loo cannot flush, the club car park was flooded and plenty of mud. The depth of water in the Carnser up to 37cm/15inches in old money stopped all but the biggest vehicles from getting to the club or the pub.



Over the next few Sundays, we have the rest of the winter Downriver series. The first race held on the 29th of October attracted 13 boats to the line and with a brisk wind the long course that was set took less than 2 hours return. It was a pleasure to welcome new member Tom Frost sailing his Lazer. Tom was previously a member of Buckenham SC so knows these waters well.

Three Sundays, 5th & 12th & 26th have had to be cancelled due to either flooding or lack of wind. A report on Winter Series Race 2 on 19th November follows in this edition.

Maybe the sailing has been cancelled and the days are getting colder and it's becoming more tempting to hide away indoors, but nature has a lot of delights in store especially on riverside walks or if you brave the elements and have a sail or paddle, wrap up warm and safe and get out there to experience autumns delights, with less traffic on the river and shorter days the local wildlife is easier to spot.



Winter Downriver Series - Sunday Sailing



With 3 recent Sunday Sailing race mornings cancelled primarily owing to prolonged flooding and a further Sunday with difficult conditions including zero wind many regular members thought the season had come to an early finish.

Approaching Sunday 19th November conditions did not look good. Right up to the day wind strength was forecast 20 mph plus with over 30mph gusts making it difficult along with rain by midday.

Come the morning six Yeomans and a Laser came to the line. The wind was lighter than predicted, certainly at the club, and with no noticeable gusts. The weather being fine and dry.

Officers of the day Ben, Mandy and Michael set the predicted long course to the stile just prior to Langley Woods.

Conditions throughout were perfect for a downriver sail, all taking part got off to a good start with Kingfisher and Sapphire getting the best of mid-river wind and slowly making a small gap with the rest of the fleet. The South Westerly wind of maybe 15mph, with no unmanageable gusts, meant a close haul with the odd run and goose wing over short periods.



Passing Buckenham in around 30 minutes and turning the mark in the hour, the lead was taken over by Sapphire with Kingfisher and Diamond Lil not far behind. Reaching Rockland Long Dyke entrance Sapphire staying about 1/3 from the south bank lost the best wind allowing those boats further out to close the gap. All of the Yeomans maintained similar spacing along Train Reach where it was nice to do some sailing as opposed to a tidal drift. Kingfisher keeping to the Strumpshaw bank picked up the breeze required to gain the lead finishing first, crewed by Gary, Mike Roll & Judith, close second Sapphire crewed by Tom and Rhianna with Diamond Lil, John & Sandy taking 3rd place, all Yeomans crossing the line within a couple of minutes of each other.

A special mention again to Tom Frost who single handed in his Laser completed the course, keeping dry only a short distance behind. This time Tom leant from his previous mistake and remembered to turn at the stile, last race Tom thought the turning mark was beyond Langley Woods.

Overall, a great sail for those taking part and it stayed dry with no rain. Being back at the club gave opportunity for a liquid debrief at the Tavern.

Unfortunately there is no race report for Sunday 26th November as the Carnser again flooded preventing access to the club.





Xmas Pudding Race 2023

Sunday 10th December

10.30 am

Festive Attire

Followed by presentation of prizes and a cup of seasonal cheer.



CHSC 2023 SEASON ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 20th January 2024

arrive 6:45 for 7:30 pm

Maids Head Hotel

20 Tombland NR3 1LB

**Cost £40.00 pp Dress code SMART CASUAL
DONATIONS OF RAFFLE PRIZES will be very welcome.**

Menu

Starters

- Smoked Norfolk tomato & red pepper soup, chive crème fraiche (V) (gf)
- Dingley Dell smoked ham hock terrine, homemade piccalilli, mustard dressed baby leaf salad, toasted sourdough.
- Norfolk gin cured salmon, cucumber, pickled heritage carrot, herb buttermilk dressing.

Mains

- 12-hour Dedham Vale beef brisket, pomme puree, glazed seasonal vegetables, black garlic and carrot puree, red wine gravy.
- Roasted smoked haddock, bubble & squeak cake, buttered spinach, poached egg, wholegrain mustard & chive sauce.
- Homemade pappardelle pasta, creamy wild mushroom & spinach sauce, feta, toasted pumpkin seeds. (V)

Desserts

- Stem ginger pudding, toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream.
- "Eaton Mess" crème patisserie, strawberry jam, fresh strawberries, strawberry sorbet.
- Glazed pineapple, mango compote, passion fruit sorbet, coconut crumble. (V) (gf)

Saturday 20th January 2024, 2023 CHSC Annual Dinner Booking Form

Booking closes on Sunday 17th December 2023

Please return booking forms by Sunday 17th December - to Judith Robertson, Email: jude_rob2000@yahoo.co.uk.

Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Preparing your Paddle Board for Winter Storage.

Autumn's curtain call means it's time to show your board some extra TLC before hibernation, not just dump it in the garage and pull it out in spring. Proper storage preserves your beloved ride's pristine condition so it's primed for next season when temperatures heat up and the days get longer.

Make it sparkle with a deep clean.

Show some love with a thorough rinse or gentle wash. Remove every speck of salt, sand and river gunk so your board is looking fresh. Pay special attention to the fin and hardware areas where you stand, where grime loves to hide.

Inspect for peels, leaks or damage.

Give your board a meticulous once-over, catching any punctures, delamination or other defects. Check fin boxes and valves to confirm everything is solid. Address issues now.

Consider fins and leashes out/off and loosening straps for storage.

Removing fins prevents strain on fin boxes, especially if storing vertically. You also remove the risk of catching the fin and damaging it. Store fins safely so they don't get lost before next season's adventures.

Deflate inflatable SUPs.

For inflatable boards, fully deflate and carefully fold. Store away from heat, frost and pointy objects that could cause punctures. Storing in a cool, dry spot maintains integrity.

Storage.

Indoor storage like a garage or shed provides supreme protection from the elements, preventing potential damage from temperature swings and UV rays. Don't forget to look after your pump, both manual and electric.

Check-in while in storage.

When in hibernation, peek in periodically to ensure all's well. Watch for pests, moisture or temperature-related warping.

CHSC Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 6th December 2023 at Bramerton Village Hall. 7.30pm

The full membership are invited to the Clubs Annual General Meeting. (and mulled wine). For those who have never attended before the evening follows as set programme as explained below:-

Commodore David Taitt will open the meeting with a set agenda which you all should have received by email.

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Agreement of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

This year the Treasurers report and business will go first,

- 3) Honorary Treasurer's Report.
- 4) Proposal to adopt the 2023 Accounts.
- 5) Proposal to Adopt the Treasurers Proposals for Fees for the 2024 Season.
- 6) To appoint the Auditors for the 2023 season.

There then follows the yearly reports,

- 7) Commodore's Report.
- 8) Race Officer's Report.

After this the meeting then moves to the election of Officers and committee for the 2024 season, which you the membership vote on and decide who represents the sailing club. There will be proposals for you to consider on the night. The positions all must be voted and agreed on/ or otherwise.

Following the sad death of Maurice Ward, the first position requiring filling is that of President. The committee are proposing David Hickman. David has been a member since 1997, was Commodore in 1999 and regularly sails as owner of Yeoman Y80 Magpie.

The election of flag officers then takes place either by show of hands or if required on the night by secret ballot. It is normal for the current Vice Commodore to move up to the Commodore position. However, as there is no current Rear Commodore the position of Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore will both require nominations prior to election on the night. The posts of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and Race Officer are then all elected. All officers must be either Full Sailing, Family Sailing or Life Members of the club.

The remainder of the Committee is then elected. The committee is chaired by the Commodore and shall consist of the Officers of the Club, the immediate past Commodore (Ex- Officio) and six other full, adult family members elected by simple majority each year at the Annual General Meeting.

- 9) The election of President, Flag & Club Officers and the General Committee for 2024.

If any members proposals have been notified in the proper time as stated in the club rules these are then debated and voted upon.

The formal part of the meeting is then closed and becomes an open forum for the membership. This does not include any voting or lengthy discussion but is available for members to submit ideas, suggestions and recommendations or offers of help etc.

Importantly the committee are still on the lookout for volunteers to join the small group which keeps the club going, there is a lot going on in the background over the year and beyond, planning for the future, arranging/coordinating events, from the weekly Sailing Programme/Regatta's, Try Sailing, BBQ's and the BIG one, maintenance of the club and keeping it running, to name but a few. Meetings are held monthly in the evening usually online. The committee is made up of members and importantly we share and do things together, supporting the club and the resilience for the 'what-ifs'.

We encourage anyone who has an active interest in helping to run the club to please come forward.

Flooding – What Flooding

December 2018 The day the tide went out and forgot to come back!

With the recent extended flooding we took a look through our photo archives to see if there were any pictures of historic floods at the club. In doing so it jogged a memory of the day the tide went out twice and didn't come back.

December 16th 2018 following a flooded Carnser during the week, we turned up for the Christmas Pudding Race to find what looked like someone had pulled the plug out in the Yare. Something not seen before, freak conditions had pushed the river water into the North Sea and held back the incoming tide resulting in when the tide went out again the river almost ran dry. All the moored boats were aground and leaning at crazy angles against each other, the dyke was a mere trickle in the middle and the slipway was about 50 yards short of the water, if it wasn't so muddy you could probably have walked across to Brundall. You could stand in our wet moorings in places and be on dry ground, so we took the opportunity to clear some of the higher parts of river bed and use the spoil to fill in some of the lower bits below the slipway.



Needless to say the racing was abandoned and the puddings not given out! When the tide came back in again though everything was soon back to normal.





'Help for CHSC'

From the membership we need people with skills, ranging from professional advice throughout the year to DIY skills, offering a hand at an event, any sailing, paddling help you can give to others. If you have something you can bring to the club then please speak with us.

We will not pressurise anyone to do more than they wish, but in return we will say 'thank-you' and together enjoy the year.

If you have a suggestion, anytime, or can offer help please don't keep it to yourself.

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.