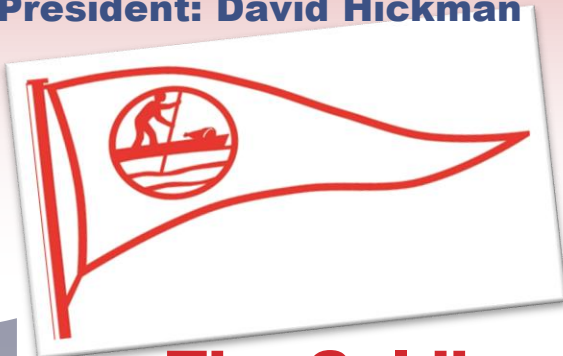


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Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race

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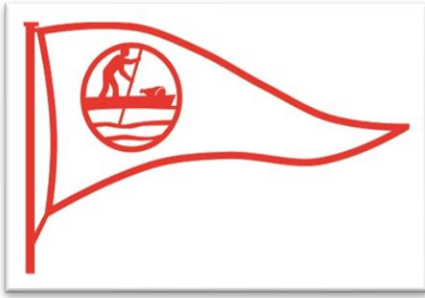
With this edition it will be two years now that your editorial team have been producing a monthly Chronicle Newsletter and we hope you are all still enjoying our offering.

Whilst drafting out this months edition we have been reflecting back a year to our November 2023 issue. In it we highlighted the extended period of rainfall we had last autumn with some amazing pictures at the club. Then what happens, mid November 2024 and the Carnser is again flooded. This time due to extreme high tides coinciding with the monthly full moon on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Resultant rising tides is something we may have to get use too over the next few years. Some trivia for you, the November full moon is actually termed a 'Beaver' Moon, named after Beavers, who are seen preparing dams for the winter. Each full moon has a different name, e.g. December 15<sup>th</sup> is 'Cold' Moon. (rather appropriate maybe full details in January, watch this space).

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November members gathered together at 10am by the clubs flagpole to acknowledge a two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. Our Club Flag being lowered.

Otherwise, things seemed settled until along comes Storm Bert, producing 25mph wind with 50 gusts which put paid to Downriver (5) on 25<sup>th</sup> November, that weekend there were 200 storm alerts throughout the country, we spare a thought for the damage the rain and flooding done in Wales, Midlands and Scotland.

This month we focus on the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 4th December, where all club business and accounts are discussed, also the election of the new committee including a Club President. We have notes from our November Committee meeting and highlighting club events, including the Christmas Pudding Race on 15th December and the annual dinner on 18th January 2025. (Get your orders in).



**Committee meeting of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Secretary;** Liaison with NSBA regarding 2025 club fixtures, main dates provided. Mark Collins Broads Society will do a further talk on 'Who pays for the Broads'. Email contact received from a Netherlands Sailing Club who may wish to visit CHSC in May 2025, advice to be provided regarding water depth at Coldham, await further information.

**Treasurer.** Discussed detailed club accounts to year end October 24 season along with predictions for 2025, discussed and outline expenditure, deposit paid and planned for Quay Heading replacement in January along with clubs yearly on-going costs.

**Race Officer.** Race programme for 2025 well underway with dates. 6<sup>th</sup> April commence sailing, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May Club Regatta. 21<sup>st</sup> June Hardley Mill Cruise. July 19<sup>th</sup> Triple B. 2<sup>nd</sup> August Reedham race. 4<sup>th</sup> October YNR.

**Upcoming Events**

**2024**

**December**

Wednesday 4th	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Postponement Day
Sunday 15th	Christmas Pudding Race

**2025**

**January**

Saturday 18th	Prizegiving Dinner
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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 2024 are shown on the club website.

**Bosun.** Discuss/clarification on Quay Heading work to be undertaken between January & March 2025.

**Social Secretary.** Club's Annual Dinner & Prize giving booked at Framingham Feathers for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 3 Course Meal with Tea & Coffee. Raffle. Menu to be sent out to members for choices in advance. Raffle included, prizes welcome

**2025 RYA Dinghy and Watersports Show!**



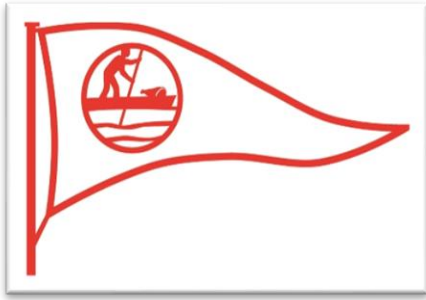
**Tickets now on sale**

Visit the must-see sailing and watersports event of the year.

**Farnborough International | 22-23 February 2025**

Adult tickets start at £14.00 for a single day ticket and children aged 15 and under go FREE when accompanying an adult. RYA members can obtain a FREE two-day ticket\* worth £21.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/events/dinghy-show>



## Coldham Hall Sailing Club Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the CHSC Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at Bramerton Village Hall. 7.30pm.

The full membership are invited.

You should all have received formal notification by email and also 4 attachments as follows;-

1. AGM Agenda 2024.
2. Draft minutes of CHSC 2023 AGM, for agreement.
3. Proposals record for 2025 CHSC Committee.
4. Letter from Commodore (Gary) inviting nominee(s) for President, Flag Officers and Committee positions for 2025 season).

This is an important fixture in the club's year for all members, if you are able to come along please do so.

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### Coldham Hall Sailing Club Annual Dinner and Prize Giving

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**The Old Feathers, Loddon Road, Framlingham Pigot. NR14 7QB**

This will be an opportunity for all our club members, partners and friends to get together to celebrate another successful years sailing and paddling.



The cost of the meal will be £30.50p per person, for three courses with Gluten free versions. This includes tea/coffee but does not include any gratuity.

Pre-ordering is essential; if you would like to attend please contact Mandy Blezard [amandablezard@hotmail.com](mailto:amandablezard@hotmail.com) closing date for orders by 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025





## Sailing for the disabled.

Waveney Sailability is based at Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club, operating every Tuesday between April and October for people over 9yrs of age with either an impaired health or disability by providing support, training and equipment to enables all those with disabilities and our volunteers to enjoy the challenge of a physical activity in a safe and friendly environment on the water

### How it all started

In 2004 members of the local Rotary Clubs, Lowestoft South, Lowestoft, East Point, Gorleston and Beccles, started working together to form a Sailability Centre as their Millenium Rotary Project. As a result, Waveney Sailability Ltd was formed in early 2005.

From those early days of just a few members we've grown to nearly 100 sailing members with disabilities and almost 50 volunteer helper members. Waveney Sailability is managed and run entirely by volunteers.



The sailing fleet consists of Access Dinghies designed to allow any person with the use of one hand, and can sit in the boat, to be able to sail. One Access dinghy has electronic controls which can be operated by joy stick, tongue or suck & blow, and we also have facilities for impaired hearing and sight. Two initial trial sails allow us to assess the needs of each individual. For those not wishing to learn to sail themselves but who would like to experience the thrill of sailing then they can be taken for a sail in one of our Squibs.

We also have two powered Safety Boats which are on the water at each sailing session.

During those early years we relied on friends with a bit of space to store the boats over the winter - we needed a home of our own. Having secured some funding, and again with generous donations and hard work from our members we were able to build own boathouse. The picture shows Geoff Holt unveiling the sponsorship board at the Boathouse opening in May 2009.

### Funding

Some of our day to day funding comes from the membership fees of members and volunteers. The founding Rotary Clubs and individuals also continue their support by covering some of the annual running costs of the boats they have donated, i.e. licensing, insurance, repairs and maintenance.

Other funds are donated by organisations and individuals without whom we would be unable to operate.

If you would like more information on helping or volunteering [www.waveney sailability.co.uk](http://www.waveney sailability.co.uk).



## Sailing Section

Date	Allcomer Race Series	1 <sup>st</sup> Officer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Officer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Officer
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Winter Series (5)	D Warner	D Nunns	K Halifax
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Postponement Day Winter Series (6)			
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas pudding Race	Commodore	V Commodore	

### Winter Sailing Series (6 downriver sailing races)

The first three Winter Series sailing Sessions are best left at that, three weeks of little or no wind and the tide against those brave or keen enough to venture out is just for the record books. As reported previously, the weeks involved either towing the reduced fleet out of Train Reach to find clear air or towing them back to base. Moving on.....

Fortunately, week four, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, brought westerly winds forecast in the top teens and stronger gusts along with a rising tide. With a lovely sunny but chilly day, seven boats made it to the start line under the guidance of Judith, Colin & Mike in the box.

All boats got away quickly with primarily a run downriver, just the rising tide in the middle of the river slowing some down. It was decided a turn between the medium and long course's would be the favoured option, although the sun was shining and a lovely run downriver the safety boat correctly decided to turn the fleet after the long run past Buckenham, it was getting a bit 'chilly'.

At the turning point the Club Wayfarer with Rob & Paul held a good lead. Although the tide was with us most of the way back it was a hard tack all the way, certainly the westerly gusts filled in to make some interesting sailing up to Train Reach, things calming down slightly in the shelter of the trees.

First over the line Will & Dave Taitt in 'Trio', followed by Sandy & John in 'Diamond Lil', 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben & Mandy in 'Felspar'.

By the time of our return the river levels were overtopping the bank with the Spring Tides and Full (Beaver) Moon causing the Carnser to once again flood, some members wisely choosing to leave their cars at the top of the Carnser with one or two others stuck down at the club car park.

**Week 5**, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. As predicted Storm Bert hit the whole UK from the south west, locally the wind was a southerly 25mph with 50 gusts, Race officer Ben correctly cancelled the days sailing in advance, a decision that really nobody would argue with. A number of other local clubs also cancelling their days racing. For the record books plenty of post repercussions throughout the Southwest, Wales and the Midlands where severe damage and flooding occurred, many riverbanks breached and landslides. In the East we got away light. Fingers crossed for week 6.



### **Flooding.**

Whilst on the subject of flooding, Norfolk County Council have produced a draft report titled; **Investigation report into the flooding in January to September 2022 and subsequent repeat flooding**. In April 2022, club member Jane Yates completed a questionnaire for the survey including photographs of the flooded Carnser. A draft copy of the report has been received for consideration prior to publishing and when the final report is complete and received we will cascaded to members.

## Canoe and Paddle Board Section



### Paddle News – November 2024

Hope some are making use of the good days to get some time paddling. Otherwise don't forget last year's tips on paddleboard storage, not dumping it in the garage.

#### NEW BATHING WATER REFORMS (HM GOVERNMENT)

Paddlers, swimmers and other recreational users are to be included in new bathing water reforms being published in 2025.



A public consultation has been launched in a bid to modernise bathing waters rules, of which there are 550 dedicated bathing sites in England and Wales. Other bathing water reforms could include removing fixed season dates (currently May to September) from the regulations and introducing multiple water quality testing points at bathing water sites.



(Environment Agency). We should have "Access to clean, healthy, nature-rich blue spaces which is crucial to the health and wellbeing of millions of people around the UK."

**Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs**

The new consultation will look into changes to bathing water which could potentially include paddle boarding for the first time. The biggest change since 2013, currently only swimmers are included in the definition of 'bathers', but that could be changed to include other water sports enthusiasts.

Full information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bathing-water-reforms-to-consider-water-sports-and-water-quality>

Current dedicated Bathing Sites <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bathing-waters-list-of-designated-waters-in-england/list-of-current-bathing-waters>

We'll let you know the outcomes.

**And finally,**

**Unmissable Investment Opportunity**

*This exclusive time limited once in a lifetime offer to CHSC members only for you to make **ME** rich*

*Just email me your bank details, sort code, account number, mothers maiden name, name of your first pet, your pin number and password and I guarantee **you will lose** money.*

*It's as easy as that!*

*Email to [scammer1@youvebeenhad.com](mailto:scammer1@youvebeenhad.com)*



### Scam Calls and messages.

Okay so the above advert is a bit obvious but how many of you read it before thinking hang on a minute?

Unfortunately, we are all susceptible to getting caught out by scammers, the figures are unbelievable. Fraud cases have risen by over 16% with con artists stealing more than £3m a day (Oct 24 figures UK).

Sailing clubs such as ours are not exempt, that's why we want you all to be careful. The Officers and Committee often receive scam emails trying to hack into our systems presumably to target our membership. We all know our information can be obtained by fraudster's trying to steal our data and/or our money but their methods are getting harder to spot by the day.

As is common with most other organisations CHSC will not ring/email or text you for personal information. So a reminder, please do not give out such information (such as bank details, pin's or passwords), don't reply to text messages you don't recognise or expect and do not download attachments or click on any links in emails unless you are totally sure they're genuine. If you are unsure of any message from CHSC, contact any of the Officers or Committee direct to confirm its genuine first. If it's a phone call make sure you use a different phone or wait at least 30 minutes in case they keep the line open.

If you are selling something, boat, paddle board, canoe etc. be aware of where you are advertising it and who is responding. How easy is it to watch your boat sailing away down the river to find you have a dodgy cheque or a fistful of duff bank notes. Remember Facebook and Facebook marketplace are reported to be one of the most dodgy methods of selling or buying there is.

We know that our members are all sensible and intelligent people but while scams are common all year-round, you're more likely to fall victim at a time when you're busy, stressed and preoccupied, for example with Christmas. Anybody can be caught out as is shown time and time again on TV programs such as 'Scam Interceptor' etc.

If you think something is not right you can report possible scams direct to Action Fraud. Contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2050. You can also call the Action Fraud support line at 08 08 16 89 111 or request support online or you can forward any suspect text to 7726 (spam) on your mobile.



Whilst writing this I received a call on my mobile from a 020 number, saying they are from Sky TV and wanted to offer me 30% off my bill. I don't have Sky, so obvious they don't have my details. I gladly wasted their time for a few minutes, not my money, strangely they finally hung up. In this case it was obvious but not all are as easy to spot so please **Stay alert!**

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](mailto:corbett01@btconnect.com) or Dave Durrant [davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk) The editors reserve the right to delay publication or amend/reformat/correct submissions as deemed appropriate.