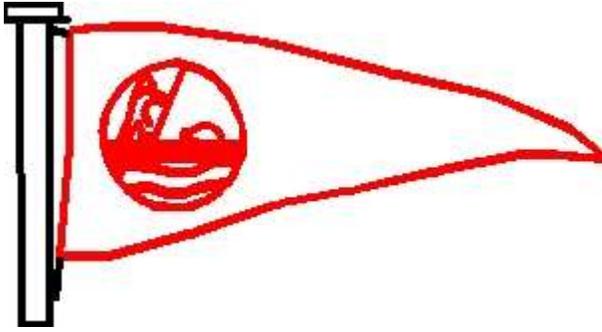


THE COLDHAM CHRONICLE



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We had a good turnout at the AGM. Maurice Ward continues as our President, Jonathan Bolton was voted in as Commodore, Sam Brown as Rear Commodore, David Woolston as Honorary Treasurer, Judith Robertson as Honorary Secretary. General Committee: Ben Adams, Ian Barker, David Czapp (Bosun), Debbi Jaffey (Social Secretary) and Katie Mortlock. Congratulations to Ian Barker on being awarded Life Membership.

It was agreed that the club had a successful year in 2016 and despite not getting further funding last year plans further improvements this year. Ian Shepherd was thanked for his dedicated work as Commodore – he does not get away scot free this year as he remains on the committee for a further year as ‘ex officio’. Thanks, however, go to outgoing committee members Don Baker, Colin Brown, Duncan Ellis and Kim Mayfield for their work.

From The Commodore:-

I hope that all club members will find this ‘bumper’ edition of the Chronicle of interest. As usual there is quite a bit going on outside of the sailing season to organise winter events, work parties and the 2017 sailing programme. We have 33 Sunday mornings of racing lined up and a number of non -racing opportunities (of which more later)

Part of the planning activity includes encouraging more club members to be involved in organising various things within the club so that not everything falls upon the main committee. This approach has proved very successful in running social events and the esteemed Yare Navigation Race. With this in mind the committee has agreed to set up two new sub committees – a sailing sub-committee and an amenities sub-committee. Membership of these will be made up of some main committee members but also other ordinary club members.

Two of the key posts within the club are Race Officer (currently vacant) and Club Bosun (David Czapp). The two new sub-committees will be involved with supporting these two posts.

The sailing sub-committee will assist in the planning of the sailing activity within the club. Whilst much of our sailing involves racing, this is by no means the only sailing we do. Far from it; there is probably as much, if not more, non-racing sailing. This includes the regular midweek daytime trips and some weekend leisure sailing. My hope is that, without detracting from the racing aspects, the new sailing sub- committee will be able to further develop the non-racing sailing aspects of club activity so that there are things going on at the club on the water which will appeal to those members who do not find it convenient to race on Sunday mornings on a regular basis or may just want to come down the club to potter about in their boat. Maybe more club activities organised for Saturdays or Sunday afternoons would appeal to some club members, whatever their individual level of expertise.

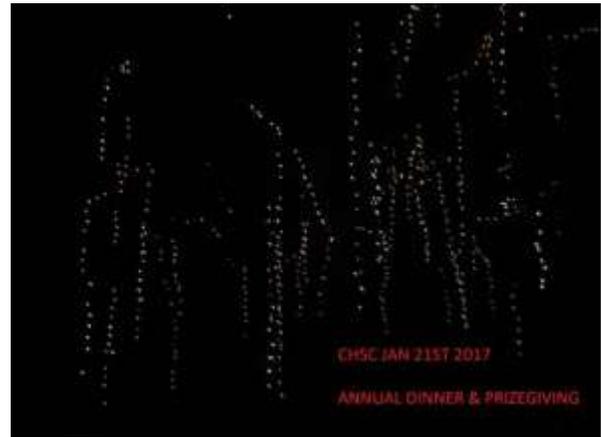
The Amenities sub-committee, as its name suggests, will have a role in supporting the Bosun in looking after the equipment and fabric of the club. We have a huge amount of experience from all sorts of trades within our membership, such that there is not a lot we cannot do if we put our minds to it. As evidenced, for example, by the longevity of ‘the Pinder slipway’. We might also suppose

that many club members might have access to materials and tools as well. Thus the tasks of the Amenities team will be to sort out and prioritise the improvement, maintenance and repair of club amenities, within an approved budget, and to organise the relevant working parties from the whole of the membership.

Whilst for both of these new groups there are some club members who have indicated their willingness to be involved, if upon reading this you feel you would also like to get involved please contact me- boltonhardley@btinternet.com. Also, if you have any suggestions for club activities for this coming season or points to raise about club amenities please make contact.



Members and guests at the Annual Dinner at Crostwick



In the grounds –a rather nicely decorated tree.

A chilly morning as I write, but I can look forward to the end of March when the Yeomans go back in the water and we can all get down to the sailing again. However, there are various winter events. We have just had the Annual Dinner and Prize Giving 21st January at Crostwick this year, with Danny and Penny Tyrell (Danny is Frostbites Commodore) and Richard and Rachel Card (Richard is Chair of the RYA Eastern Region and President of the NSBA) as our guests. After a lovely meal, the outgoing Commodore, Ian Shepherd, gave the Loyal Toast and then toasted the guests and spoke amusingly about the success of the club.

Richard Card responded and praised the friendliness of our club (founded in 1951), and the success we are making at present, with a good membership and our premier YNR event. However, there has been sailing at Coldham Hall going back to a regatta recorded in 1846 and many more since. He quoted a story about Queen Anne (reigned from 1702 -1714 and married to George of Denmark); hence the pub named on Sprowston Road. However, the name 'Coldham' is said to have been suggested by Queen Anne as she travelled on the River Yare and had excellent 'cold ham' (and presumably beer etc) at the Tavern in Surlingham. Richard also promoted the RYA and the assistance available to us from them. If we felt that we wanted to nominate a club member for recognition as RYA volunteer of the year, he would gladly assist us with an application. With regards to the NSBA (Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association), they are a force to promote boating interests on the broads. If any of our members felt that they would like to be involved as a committee member, an approach from one of our members would be much appreciated as the southern rivers users are not well represented.

Trophies were presented to: David Hickman, Jackie Mayfield, Kim Mayfield, Duncan and Katie Mortlock (new trophy for production cruiser downriver races) Paul Parker, Kevin Rhead, Judith Robertson (I was so pleased to get this and have never won a race!), John Wells and David Woolston.

The next event is the Quiz against The Frostbites, hosted by us at the Tavern on 17th February. Debbi has sent out an email notice for this –so book quickly. There may be a visit to Jeckells sails later this month and a possible chance to have a bonfire on RSPB land.

In March we will be thinking about work needed to be done in preparation for the coming season. We will let you know as soon possible the dates for working parties so as many club members as possible can turn up and get the jobs done. The Rigging out supper is Saturday 8th April and racing starts the next day! Mid week sailing will also begin again. The Open Regatta is 29/30th April, Potluck lunch and Open Day 21st May in the afternoon, Try Sailing starts 8th June on Thursday evenings. The Hardley Cruise and BBQ is earlier this year on Saturday 1st July and the Club Regatta is 16th July. The Yare Navigation Race is 16th September and we are proud to say that we will be hosting the NSBA inter club championships - Ramuz Trophy event at CHSC on 14th October. Once the 'sailing sub-committee' is up and running there should be further events to advertise. Let's wish for good sailing weather to make all these events even more enjoyable.

A notice has been sent out for further assistance with Officer of the Day duties for Sunday racing. Anyone can come and help and see how it works – we want members to be involved.

There are lots of photos and information on the website and Facebook. For further information please visit the website www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk or Facebook or contact me: - Judith Robertson Contact: 01603 712916 or jude_rob2000@yahoo.co.uk
PS Please note to look at the Facebook posts, that you will have to sign in to Facebook and find the Coldham Hall Sailing Club 'closed group' and then send a joining request, unless you are already a group member.



Shared lunch after Christmas Pudding Race



YNR at Reedham Bridge



Potluck lunch 18th August



Cruiser racing at Cantley



Ramuz at Rollesby 2016



Novice Race winner at Club Regatta