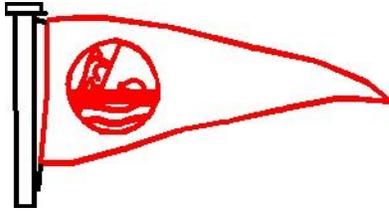


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Coldham Hall Sailing Club, Surlingham *"The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley"*

Welcome to Sailing 2018

Two social events are under our belts so far this year. The Annual Dinner in January, which was held at the Tavern again, was a successful event with great food, entertaining speeches and lots of Trophies. David Hickman and crew Debbi Jaffey were the majority recipients. However, congratulations to all who carried off the silverware and very special thanks to those behind the scenes to who made the event happen. It was touch and go at one stage due to the water supply problem for the Tavern.

A selection of our trophies



The Happy Winners



Commodore in full flow



Someone has to set a new sartorial standard

We had the pleasure of the company not only of our guests Pat and Bernie Woodcock from Norwich Frostbites and Brian Wilkins and Julia Bower of NSBSA (Green Book) but also of our esteemed Club President, Maurice Ward. Maurice as you will know always does his best to support our events and he has asked me to pass on this message: *"I had great pleasure in being able to attend another Annual Dinner, impeccably arranged by Debbi and her crew accompanied by excellent food from the Pub. It was a very enjoyable evening, good company and humorous speeches. I was however, disappointed by the low attendance as I was looking forward to meeting old Friends."* I believe that there were about 34 attending, lower than previous years (some illness and other priorities). The truth is we are not the only club which struggles to get the numbers up for these types of event and no doubt this year's Committee, in an effort to please most members most of the time, will be confronted with mixed views about the date, the cost and the venue for the event. Later on we will take soundings from the membership as a whole in the hope that we can find a format which more will feel able to attend.

The second social event was the annual Quiz and Chips night with the Frostbites in February. Even by fielding many of our Brain of Britain stalwarts we were unable to bring the trophy back to Coldham. Never mind- home turf next year and we get to set the questions!

AGM and the new committee

Three months now since the AGM. We had a good evening (preceded by mulled wine and mince pies – thank you Debbi) and many useful comments and ideas from the membership. The new Committee are Flag Officers- Jonathan Bolton (who remains Commodore until the end of June), Sam Brown (Vice Commodore), Gary Corbett (Rear Commodore). David Woolston, Ben Adams and Judith Robertson stay as Treasurer, Race Officer and Secretary respectively. Other committee members are: Ian Shepherd, David Czapp (Bosun), Debbi Jaffey (Social Secretary), Ian Barker, Katie Mortlock, David Greenacre and Nigel Kippin.

Membership Renewal etc!!

Your membership renewal letter this year has been sent by email to streamline the procedure. You may have noted that you now have the option of paying you club dues by bank transfer instead of by cheque. Our Treasurer always finds it helpful to receive prompt payment. These new arrangements are a forerunner of other online changes including Data Protection issues that come into force May 2018. The Committee have decided to dispense with 'The White Book'. Yes, I know it's good to have something handy like this, but publishing personal Data without consent is an issue. Everything you will need for the season's sailing is on the website and regular informative emails will be sent as usual. There is a members Group on Facebook which all club members are welcome to join and a 'Members' Area' is planned for the website.

I will print copies of the Racing and Social Schedules to go with the 'Green Book' (NSBA – Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association guide to boating), which will be available to members soon in the club house.

With regard to Data Protection, we are reviewing the guidance issued by the RYA and drafting our Data Protection Guidelines. There will need to be a further communication with members seeking individual consent for the use of certain data, for example, telephone numbers and emails, in a members' handbook .JR

Work parties

The first on- site working party was last Saturday, although to limber up there was also a gang of road menders active in January. We made a good start with some minor improvements but the grass was and continues to be somewhat muddy underfoot. Hopefully the ground will be a bit less soggy as we get some warmer weather, but there are some very water logged patches making it difficult to move dinghies around. There is more to be done on 24th March, including club boat cleaning and some internal painting, and possibility some more slab-laying. Come and help, have a natter and a bit of lunch.

There other significant repair costs which we need to budget for including the permanent repair by contractors of a section of the Carnser and the repair to the private water supply.

Try Sailing and Open Day

There are 7 Thursday evenings of Try Sailing planned starting 6th June which is being organised by Rear Commodore Gary Corbett. Open Day, in conjunction with RYA Push the Boat Out event, is Sunday afternoon May 20th. Both are important to promote the club and encourage new members and the valuable help given by members is much appreciated.

Mike Mcnamara

We are looking forward to the practical tuning session with local legend Mike Mcnamara. This will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 21 April. Mike will be demonstrating tuning techniques using one of the club wayfarers. There is no limit on numbers so we are hoping for a good turnout. Even if you are not a die hard racer, sometimes a few tips on how to set up your rigging or adjust your sails can be helpful. There will be more details of this event later.

First Aid Course

Thanks to Katie for organising the first aid course with her son Jo for Saturday 7th April. This is fully booked but you can ask to go on the reserve list if anyone drops out. And if there is sufficient demand we could do another course at a later date, subject to Jo being available.

Three Rivers Race

Horning SC are busy promoting this year's race, which will be on Saturday /Sunday 2nd /3rd June. Many of us have taken part on occasions over the years. It is a well organised and well attended event attracting a wide variety of boats. Some of us are hoping to take part this year and they have team cup for the best set of results overall for a group of boats, for example, from the same club. There is more information about the event on the Horning SC Website. If there any club members who think they might like to take part, either in their boat or as a crew please do contact Commodore Jonathan Bolton. If we can get enough interest then we can work out the logistics of getting boats round to Horning in readiness by water or road and back again -maybe that's where the midweek support crews come in or even a motor cruiser as mother ship? Horning have already told us that there will be temporary mooring spaces available

And Finally...The Important bit – Our Sailing at Coldham

The first Sunday Racing is scheduled for April 15th. It's a 'local'. This is of course preceded on Saturday 14th by the Rigging Out Supper to be held at Surlingham Parish Rooms with a 'bring and share' format for food and drink. Debbi will be forwarding further information soon.

The Summer Program which includes the annual Coldham Hall Open Regatta in early May, continues until October 28th (Commodore's Day) and after that is the down river Winter Series.

As usual, members are asked to do at least one duty day 'in the box'. You can expect further communications from Race Officer Ben Adams as he seeks to complete the rota and run refresher sessions on box procedures. Members new to box/safety boat duty will always be welcome and have plenty of assistance from the more experienced.

Our leisure sailing is very important too, with the 'Midweek' group continuing, hopefully at least once a week. Also there is some weekend leisure sailing in the programme, outside of Sunday Morning racing. We hope this will help our newer sailors to enjoy their sailing and develop their skills and encourage those who do not wish to race but want to sail in company and enjoy the club surroundings.

Anyone reading this, who is not a member, but would like to join as a sailing or social member, or if you want further information then please visit the website www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk, or contact our Secretary:

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