



THE COLDHAM CHRONICLE NOVEMBER 2017

Welcome to the last edition of the chronicle for 2017. There a lots to cover as we reach the end of the sailing year as well as our Annual General Meeting.

AGM time Wednesday 7 December Bramerton Village Hall 7.30pm

“Ask not what your club does for you but what can you do for your club”

The agenda has already been send by email. This is a unique event each year when the officers and committee of the club present reviews of club activities and finances to the membership as a whole and members have a chance to elect the club leadership team for the forthcoming year and discuss how they would like to see the club developing.

The relevant reports will be presented on the night. But it is the election of officers and committee members for next year which is especially important. Every year we like to get new faces on the committee to get new ideas, skills and energies. Although we do see new people coming into the club each year, it is fair to say that getting members onto the committee is a challenge.

During my last twelve months as Commodore I have been very fortunate indeed in having a very supportive group of fellow club officers and ordinary committee members and, in addition, we have made a particular effort to spread the workload by making use of dedicated sub committees. Collectively we have achieved a lot but only because of these high levels of support and dedication, without which the club would function as well as it does.

The message to all members is : “please come along and participate in the meeting and don’t be backwards in coming forwards ”. If you need more information of what the various club officer and committee members roles involve, these job descriptions are readily available.

Sailing is all in Vane

At the end of our summer sailing sequence, we had a delightful Commodores Day with enjoyable, albeit gusty, sailing and a wonderful spread afterwards in the clubhouse. It was wer especially pleasing that our club president, Maurice Ward, was able to join us. Indeed the real highlight of the day was the formal presentation by Maurice to the club of a bespoke windvane

featuring the converted Airborne Lifeboat Pegasus, as sailed by Maurice and his late wife, June at Coldham for many years. Thanks to our Club Bosun, David Czapp for designing and creating the wind vane. It will be comforting to see Pegasus and her crew helping to point us in the right direction in the future.



This Year's Yare Navigation Race

This year's event will be remembered most for the frustrating lack of wind and consequent lower number of the 43 competing boats which managed to finish. However a good weekend was had by all competitors and yet again the meticulous preparation of our YNR sub-committee, led by Ian Barker, as well as the Tavern team was much appreciated by the many who visited Coldham Hall for the event.



Ramuz Trophy

In mid-October Coldham hosted the Ramuz Trophy event for the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association. This keenly contested event amongst the Broadland clubs, was blessed with fine weather and a fine fleet of Yeomans kindly loaned by our club members for the day. Our own team of David Hickman and Debbi Jaffey did us proud with a first and a third in their two heats, getting through to the final and finishing in fifth place overall. A good day for the club and enormous thanks to all who helped make the event go so well. There is a full report of the event in the Autumn newsletter on the NSBA Website- www.thegreenbook.org.uk

Sunday Winter Sailing

Undaunted by the colder and sometimes wetter weather the hardy folk of the winter series battle on. Many will have seen the impressive shots posted on Facebook. The winter series sailors have not yet needed to chip the ice from the rigging but all credit to them for taking on the downriver courses with obvious enthusiasm whatever the weather.



RYA Conference

A group of committee members attended the RYA Eastern Region at the end of October. We all had a valuable day, returning full of ideas on how we could improve things for our club. Some of these thoughts will form the basis of our open forum discussion at the AGM and if there is sufficient member interest it could indeed be very useful to run a dedicated club development workshop at a later date. We are not alone at Coldham Hall in having to constantly attract and retain new members, often in competition with other sporting and leisure activities. Most other clubs in the region have the same issues. We already have in the pipeline some changes to how we communicate within the club and to improving our on-line presence. There may be other things we can do by offering better training for less experienced members and a wider selection of club boats for members to use and more social sailing outside of the racing programme.

And Finally

a few more dates for your diary

This coming **Friday 2 December** racing legend, Michael McNamara, will give us a talk at Bramerton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Contact Ben Adams Race Officer for more details.

And watch out for more info about:

Sunday 18 December ... Festive Fun on the water for the Pudding Races.

Saturday 20 January 2018... Prizegiving dinner at Coldham Hall Tavern, details out later.

Friday 16 February 2018 (provisional date)....Pit your wits against the Norwich Frostbites at the annual quiz, to be held this time at their clubhouse.

Saturday and Sunday 3/4 March 2018 RYA Dinghy show at Alexandra Palace. A good day out for the serious and not so serious sailor

Spring Working Parties, dates to be announced.

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