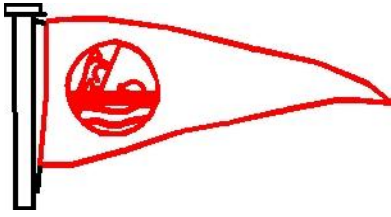


THE COLDHAM CHRONICLE SEPTEMBER 2017



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

Remembering June Ward...

In the last chronicle as you will recall our club president, Maurice Ward reminisced about the times when he and June raced with the club from 1950s to 1989. And then went on to tell us about their many happy years of cruising. Sadly June passed away in July and many club members were able to attend her funeral. I am glad to report that Maurice is in good spirits and we look forward to seeing him soon at our club events

Try Sailing

Our Thursday evening sessions were a great success and we are delighted to have gained a goodly number of really enthusiastic new members; some of whom have now begun to race regularly with us on Sundays whilst others have participated in some more social sailing. Thanks again to all members and their boats for being available to sail for these evenings and very special thanks to Ian Shepherd who again organised the course and to Ian Barker for running the classroom sessions.

Hardley Mill Cruise

This year again we had a wonderful day in July on the river to Hardley Mill and back. With a barbeque provided by the mill folk it was a very well attended and memorable day.



Sunday Morning Racing

This is all going very well this season. We are now able to muster a regular turnout of around 15 boats for allcomers So much so that we are having to split races with dinghies going first followed by a separate start for the halfdeckers. This makes for a less congested and safer start line. But don't forget folks that the Racing Rules apply to all boats racing in all races, not just your particular race. So please be aware of the club's standard Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing. Know your rights and obligations in relation to all other boats. With newer members now racing maybe we could do with some Race rules clinics - older members might need a refresher too!

Thanks to those members who have volunteered to fill the OOD gaps for the rest of the season. This is vital not only for the running of the races from within the box but also for dealing with emergencies. This was apparent when a wayfarer with underfloor buoyancy (but no masthead buoyancy) capsized and the mast was well and truly stuck in the river bed. The safety boat team on that day were quite challenged to retrieve the boat which unfortunately, owing to the wind and river conditions, suffered a broken mast.



Club Regatta

We had a good turn out for the annual Club Regatta in mid- July. Another fabulous day of club sailing including a downriver cruiser race and a novice race. The full results are on the club website and well-done to all trophy winners. Overall winners were Kim and Jackie Mayfield in One for the Road. Particular congratulations to the participants in the novice race. A short course in front of the club house made for interesting spectating and close racing amongst six boats. Eventually Tina Pye (with Ian Barker crewing) pulled away for a convincing victory. Thanks also to Duncan (the Wise) Ellis for his generous liquid contribution and to all the cake makers.

Social Sailing.

With the Introductory sailing sessions having finished, it is great to see some of the new members getting in to our regular racing. However we are aware that some members want to do and indeed do their sailing at a gentler pace. There are two well fitted club Wayfarers available for members use subject to passing our competency test and a modest charge. Also there is a third Wayfarer, Tyrek, with her distinct and stylish blue and white striped sails. The boat belongs to the club but is maintained and used by a small syndicate. Joining the syndicate costs about £100 for a whole year with syndicate members organising their own social sailing and racing on the days that suit them. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the Commodore, Jonathan Bolton, in the first instance.

It is becoming apparent in many sailing clubs that leisure sailing is on the increase. Here a quote for a letter appearing on PBO magazine recently from the Vice Commodore of an expanding Essex club.

“Seeking to rejuvenate our membership the club organised a very popular series of fun sails. We put a massive effort into the RYA Push the Boat Out. Our members took out more than 130 people sailing: this was all about the simple enjoyment of sailing. Our membership has grown and our sailing tuition programme has a waiting list stretching into 2018. There is a new dynamic about the club, and the fun element has driven this transformation.”

That may have well been written about Coldham Hall and I really hope we can sustain our momentum. However, to do so we have to be aware of what all groups of members are looking for. So tell the club officers and committee what sort of sailing you want to do and we will see if we can help. If you have any particular suggestions email the Commodore.



Well Done Willum

Willum Johnston (14) took part in the National Schools sailing championships at Grafham Water in July. The week-long event was very hectic with loads of boats and many youngsters competing from all over the country. Willum achieved fourth overall in his class of 40 - Well done Willum! Those of us who have sailed with him in club races will know how well he handles his laser 2: so our current club champions best watch out in future.



Club Communications Project

With our expanding membership and a need to keep members well informed, the committee is embarking on a project to improve the ways in which we do this. Our Treasurer, David Woolston, has put a lot of work in over many years to organise the club website. We will now be bringing together a lot of additional information into a members only area and **online handbook** as well as updating and refreshing the other content.

Current Rear Commodore, Sam Brown is leading on this with help from Katie Mortlock and Duncan Mortlock. It is a big job and if any other club members feel they have skills to offer and want to join this team for the project, please contact Sam (sambrown.consultancy@hotmail.com)

Also we do have vacancies on the main committee at the moment. I send a plea to newer members in particular. Don't be backward in coming forwards. The club progresses with new faces, energy and enthusiasm on the committee.

Future Events

YNR (Yare Navigation Race) Saturday 16 September. For classic Broads Sailing Cruisers and run from Coldham Hall to Breydon Water. With many members actually competing and many others helping to run the event, it's a tremendous day for the club as a whole. You will have already received Gary Corbett's email of who is doing what where on the day. But all members are welcome to come along to watch the spectacle, either at the club or elsewhere along the river for example from Cantley or Reedham.

Triple B Buckenham Sailing Club are running their river Yare passage race to Breydon and back on Saturday 30 September. The Triple B is open to dinghies and day boats as well as cruisers. Some of our club members will be competing and hopefully Mill Chic will be defending her Yeoman title. It's a good event and acts as a fundraiser for Waveney Stardust

Ramuz Trophy At Coldham Hall on Saturday 14 October, we are hosting the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association (NSBA) interclub championship. Teams from clubs across the Broads will compete for the Ramuz trophy in Yeomans. It promises to be a busy and exciting day.

David Hickman and Debbi Jaffi will be sailing for the club and we wish them every success against the hotshots from other Broadland clubs. We are in the final planning stages for this event so watch out for further information and requests for help on the day.

Commodore's Day Sunday 29 October It falls to the current commodore to organise a day of sailing to mark the break between out summer season and the start of our winter series. A few novel ideas are around at the moment but the main objective will be to get as many members down to the club as possible on that day and out in boats of one sort or another. So again watch out for more details. There will almost certainly be a lunchtime barbecue running so no excuse for not coming along if only for fine food and a mardle.

And Finally The season is far from over and there is lots of sailing to be had during the rest of the year. Perhaps not such long days now and perhaps another layer or two needed to keep warm but still plenty of time to sail.

Don't forget the Facebook group open to all members to join. If you are looking to crew in a boat or a helm trying to find a crew, particularly at short notice, the Facebook group is a way to get a message to many of the other club members who are in that group..

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If you are interested in joining the club or if you want further information then please visit the website www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk, or contact our Secretary