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# COLDHAM CHRONICLE

**Goldham Hall Sailing Club Est. 1951**  
*'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'*

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## The Coldham Chronicle

Welcome to your 'May' edition of our club Chronicle.

As we go to print, we are saddened to learn that long standing Club member and former Honorary Secretary, Alan Sant, passed away in the company of his family overnight Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May after a long term illness. We extend our condolences and sympathy to Carrie and family. There will be a short period of remembrance and reflection at the Club on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June prior to the days programme.

The weather continued to dominate the first half of the month remaining changeable by the day, weather forecasts were certainly not accurate, on the 15<sup>th</sup> a very heavy 'hail storm' turning the ground white at lunchtime. Best to see the weather on the day and see what your piece of Seaweed outside the back door is doing, the last week of the month temperature soared to the mid 30deg making it uncomfortable, one of the best places being by the river or coast.

Sailing is well underway with a successful Open Regatta over the first weekend of the month, visitors from 3 different sailing clubs joining us for a sporting weekend, thank you to Ben for arranging and all who helped in many ways, taking entries, catering, OOD's and more.

Paddlers are back on the water for Tuesday evening 'wellbeing paddles' and socials, our first evening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> saw 22 on the water, following weeks dominated by the weather forecast.

Our club welcomes new members joining 'Try/ Discover Sailing, Mike Roll held two theory sessions, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June they venture on the water with club helms assisting their sailing journey.

A pair of 'Blue-tits' have nested in the box on the end of the clubhouse, now busy feeding their family, generally going unnoticed.



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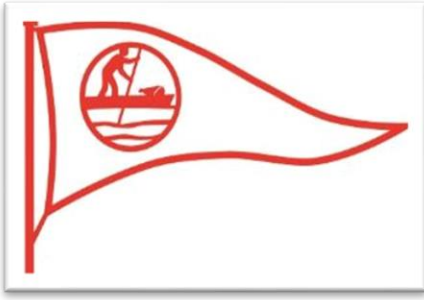
Coldham Hall Sailing Club



Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race



### Notes from the Committee held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May by Teams.

**Club Commodore** David Taitt opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. April 2026 minutes were agreed and signed, matters arising covered.

**Hon. Secretary-** Enquiry received from Top Sail Marine, Insurance Brokers. Current Insurers are satisfactory.

**Treasurer** – Club finances detailed. Majority of subscriptions and fees paid for year. New membership, 4 New Members listed and approved. 14 members paid for yearly tea/coffee, (£30 per year) reminder to be placed in Chronicle.

**Bosun** – Hole on The Carnser roadway has been filled with Tarmac. Dave Taitt & Dave Greenacre to meet to survey clubhouse roof and requirements.

**Race Officer** – Open Regatta very successful with members from 3 clubs attending. Thanks to John Wells and Sandy Watt for being OOD's. Triple B Committee had meeting Sunday and has published Race details and Booking Form on website, asking for Volunteer Marshalls for event. WOBYC Event 20.05.26 advertised to members looking for helms and crews to attend.

**Social Secretary** – Open Regatta, thanks to all who provided food for the two days, cakes and sandwiches etc. One visiting helm donated their prize money to club.

**Partnerships-** No report.

### AOB.

- A. Try Sailing Mike Roll. 12 applicants interested, 8 of which have joined, Mike produced a Helms Spreadsheet, asking for availability of at least 8 club members boats or helms a session.

## Upcoming Events 2026

### June

Thursdays	Try Sail Water sessions
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Club Fun Day & BBQ
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yare Challenge Cup

### July

Thursdays	Try Sail Water sessions
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Regatta
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Triple B
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Social BBQ

### August

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reedham Race
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### September

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Yare Navigation Race
Sat/Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>	CHSC/Waveney OD

### October

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Commodores Day
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Downriver Series starts

### December

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Pudding Race

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 are on the club website.

- B. Electricity Meter, Gary was presenting a fault on Sunday and not accepting credit vouchers. Harry Linder informed and repaired £20 in credit on meter.
- C. First Paddle session of season on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 22 members, 6 being new to club attending. Gary
- D. WOBYC Event Ben, On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Club Email sent asking for Helms and Crew to attend Oulton Broad for interclub sail in Waveney's.
- E. Club Fun Day Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June to invite all members, Sailing and Paddle to club fun day, further details to follow.
- F. Dave Durrant asks for committee meeting to be changed to second Wednesday of month, next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June, by Teams.
- G. CC Marine has been contacted to service club safety boat.

**CHSC OPEN REGATTA**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

The first weekend of May the club held it's annual Open Regatta, this year with guest from Frostbites, WOBYC, Northern Rivers and the Punt Club as well as three junior entrants Josh Dunning, Elliot Dye and William Appleton.

Officers of the Day were John Wells and Sandy Watt, joined on Saturday by Sandy's Grandson, John's Great Grandson, Kye and Judith.

On Sunday Ian Barker joined the team. Penny Joy taking entries and calculating results and prize monies.



Sunday OOD's, Ian, John & Sandy

For both days a long two Buoy circuit was set with a Downriver Start to Starboard Buoy 1, generally a close haul with some tacking to try judge a time to tack up to the turn, generally a beat back past the box to Buoy 3 well up river for a Port turn, helms selecting different parts of the river trying to find any additional breeze. The OOD's managing the series of races with Start times for some being 5 minute gun for the next race, keeping them on their toes.

**Sandy reports..** Saturday's forecast wind 6mph with (not many) 18mph SSW gusts, High water 1919hrs. Sunday, similar, wind 13mph gusting 25mph Southerly, Low 0830hrs, High 1439



On Saturday afternoon the Officers initially disagreed with Flags and the starting Hooter, One thought 10, 5, Go and Flags at 5, 4, 1, Go or maybe 10, 5, Go for Flags and Horn, fortunately the Commodore was on the water and and 'politely' asked where the Ten Minute Flags was , all resolved. And things went smoothly then on.

Kye did a great job with the finishing Bell, Judith and Sandy timers. John advised the helms he would call and sound the claxon if anyone was over, it was up to the helms to decide if it was them and return to cross the line, maybe a problem on the first start, everyone seemed to keep clear of the line there after.



The winds were light for both days and sometimes the tide against wind there were some slow moving boats, at one time the Punt was stationary on the start line. John was ready to move the upriver boat closer, just as a breeze picked up and boats started moving.



In the final races it was hectic in the box on the finish, the combined Allcomers and the Cruiser finishing at the same time, the under 18's on the downriver leg, of course all happening at once, Kye keeping busy and alert with the Bell.

Sunday, Sandy and John were joined by Ian Barker in the box and safety boat, the first two starts were close with the added obstacle of a motor cruiser coming towards them at close quarters. The box was kept entertained by a Labrador jumping in the river after it's toy, Sandy did get a bit ahead on the last race sounding the starting horn a minute early

giving some confusion on the water...sorry.





Two full days of sailing, congratulation to all entrants, full results can be found on the clubs web page, winners

Trophy	Winner
Merlin Challenge Cup, Cruiser	Roger Wilson
E.J. Redding Challenge, Combined Allcomers	Pete Matthews.
Peter Daynes Cup. Local Boats	David Woolston.
Jack Points Trophy,	Ben Adams
Yacht Rophy Allcomers Series	Pete Matthews
Youngman Bowl. Yeoman Series,	David Taitt
Silver Challenge Cup. Norfolk OD Series	David Mackley
Wayfarer Trophy	Not raced
Solid Silver Challenger Cup Combined Allcomers,	Wilam Johnson
Broom Challenge Juniors	Josh Dunning
English Pewter Tankard.	Not Raced.
Harry Last Memorial Trophy.	David Mackley
Enterprise Cup	Not Raced

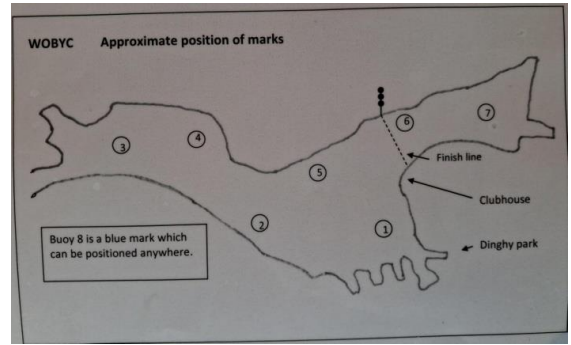




# An evening at Oulton Broad (WOBYC) with Waveney One Design's. (WOD)

WOD's; Length 20ft, beam 6ft 2in, draft 2ft 11in, sail area 290sqft, gunter rig, Designer W S Parke

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the club received our yearly invitation to visit and race in a team event in Waveney at WOBYC, 6 Coldham members, four sailing and two observers attended for a lovely welcome by our hosts, four Waveney's were available two crewed by Nigel & Martin, and Ben & Stuart competing against Waveney crews including, Veronica, Ben, Graham, Tony and Simon, 4 Waveney's, 8, 13, 10 & 20 were ready and rigged.



Oulton Broad has the choice of seven deployed marks (buoys) for the OOD to set a course. The westerly wind was strong and a decision made to wait for it to ease before setting off. The OOD set a 3 buoy course, from the start line a close haul across the broad past the clubhouse, a couple of tacks to round buoy 5 to port, a close reach to buoy one to port followed by a run to buoy six then back over the line, all got underway well, the wind eased and course shortened. Back to shore boats changed over then out for a second race, at the start the wind on the water at buoy 5 looked a challenge to make, fortunately the breeze picked up, all boats finishing close together.



Results calculated local boats first and second, Coldham challenged well. In the clubhouse a lovely tasty buffet provided by the hosts with a good time for a chat.

CHSC thanks Waveney Class Captain Geoff Little, boat owners for the loan of their craft and all for the wonderful hospitality, thank you all. We look forward to seeing at Coldham in September.



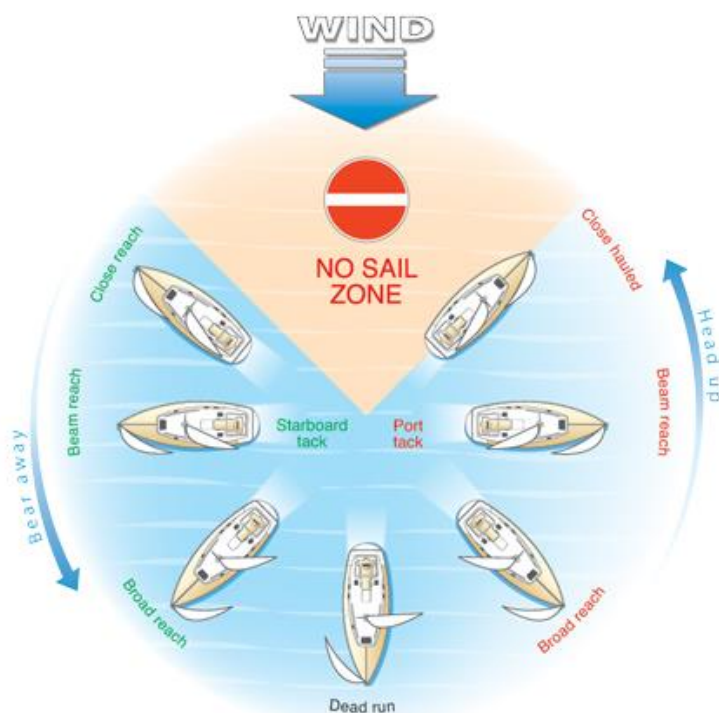
## Try Sailing, Theory sessions Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Mike welcomed new members to the clubs Try Sailing, an opportunity to learn with members the essentials of getting into and some getting back to sailing, the first two weeks are land based spent in the clubhouse following introductions including safety Mike explained how dinghies are rigged and prepared for launching and sailing and return, moving outside there was a practical experience with the club's wayfarer, step by step guide on preparation, the club boat was launched and tips on setting the boat to windward for rigging, there was also times for practice on Knots. Week 2, a run through of preparation, buoyancy aids on, then outside to practice rigging and a dry capsizes with a club boat, an overview of the club's safety boat, how it would assist in a capsize and helping out with weekly sailing, both weeks the members were provided 'homework' on learning to sail, helpful videos to watch.



## A little help for us all with sailing terminology

By understanding the different points of sail, you can adjust your sails to control and optimise your boats speed. You can also steer your boat to make the most of the wind and move more efficiently through the water.



**No Sail zone:** This is the direction that you can't sail in. Your sails will start to flap, and your boat will come to a stop.

1. **Close hauled:** This is as close to the wind as you can go. You'll need to make sure your sails are pulled in nice and tight.

2. **Close reach:** Not quite as tricky as close hauled, with close reach you'll need to let your sails move about a bit.

3. **Beam reach:** This is the fastest and easiest point of sail. The wind will be on the side of your boat (beam) and you'll sail with your sails out halfway.

4. **Broad reach:** On a broad reach you'll be heading a bit further downwind, so you'll have to let your sails out a bit more.

5. **Training run:** Here, the wind will be slightly to one side of your stern making it a bit easier to steer than in a dead run.

6. **Dead Run:** With the wind directly behind you this is the trickiest point of sail to steer as it can be quite unstable. On a run your sails can be let out on the opposite side of the boat to catch the wind, sailing goosewinged, or with a big sail called a spinnaker.

Remember, practice is key, so get out there and have fun!



### Club Wayfaer’s with clean ‘Bottoms’

Paul Parker took the opportunity to turn both club boats on their sides and give their bottoms a good clean and polish. Result – both are now sliding through the water.



### Clubhouse Roof.

Members will be aware of the repairs that are required to the clubhouse roof. We were fortunate to be offered sufficient industrial gauge steel sheeting to replace the worn fabric sheet. With the onset of the fine warm (Hot) weather work is now underway with the back section of the roof nearly complete. Scaffolding has been arranged for the front which will hopefully mean the rest of the roof can be completed in June.



### Yare Navigation Race, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

2026 is the 50<sup>th</sup> ‘Golden’ Anniversary of our clubs prestigious Yare Navigation Race (YNR).

This race specifically for Traditional River Sailing Cruisers from across the Northern and Southern Broads is raced from Coldham Hall Sailing Club to a Mark (Buoy) set on Breydon Water and return.

If you able to help us Marshal the course, this includes Race Starters, finish recorders at the club, and time keepers at Reedham Quay, please contact Gary, email [corbett01@btconnect.com](mailto:corbett01@btconnect.com)



## Sailing Section

### OOD Duties - June

DATE	ALLCOMERS EVENT	River Cruiser Class	OOD	SECOND OFFICER	THIRD OFFICER
7 <sup>th</sup>	Local (6) 2pm Downriver (2)		W Taitt	D Taitt	A Newton
14 <sup>th</sup>	Downriver (4)		K Mayfield	J Mayfield	Jon Mayfield
20 <sup>th</sup>	CHSC Cruise		B Adams		
21 <sup>st</sup>	Local (7) 2pm Downriver (3)	RCC (3)	C Catchpole	T Silcox	T Frost
28 <sup>th</sup>	Downriver (5)	YSC/CHSC Challenge Cup	Paul Parker	G Westwood	S Archer-Rand

Please check Officer of the Day duties on the club website, if you need to swap please inform our Race Officer Ben.

### Sunday sailing

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Local 4

**OOD's Nigel, Jenni and Jane. Wind 17mph gusting 31 NNE. High Coldham 0822hrs, ebbing tide.**

A 3 buoy course was set, number 3, Upriver to Port, number 2 by the club moorings to Port, 1 downriver by Wheatfen to Starboard. With the wind coming from the north an upriver start in to the wind was chosen, a fleet of 11 boats, 8 Yeomans, two Wayfarers and welcoming Phil & Jean in their Kinsman, for safety two starts with 6 boats on the first line and remaining 5 setting off 5 minutes later.

With the strong breeze all boats got away to a lively start close hauled, tacking across the river to buoy 3, plenty of Starboard calls, with the tide ebbing helms had to carefully judge the distance to the buoy to avoid being blown against it, ensuring they went well clear before back across the river. A run back down the river some choosing each side of the river to ensure passing buoy 2 set outside the clubhouse, down to buoy one to starboard, over 3 laps. All were pleased to moor up for a coffee break then back on the water, full results on the website.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> May, Downriver 2,

**OOD's Ben & Judith. Low water 0749hrs High 1409hrs, Forecast light 9mph westerly with 19 gusts (maybe)... Course to the first turn prior to Buckenham**

Two Cruisers, Morning Calm and Anna contesting Cruiser 1 Race, both getting away on the 1020am start, Morning Calm taking the bell.

Nine local boats came to the line for 1030 start, 8 Yeomans and David Nunn trialing his one off dinghy 'Siren', easily noticeable with two jib sails furled.

Arriving winds for very light with little movement on the water, initially the OOD thought to do a short start upriver into the wind, correctly deciding for a downriver start, the outgoing tide may have caused trouble getting back over the line. All boats on the water the breeze picked up looking for a reasonable start, at the last countdown minute approached the breeze dropped making it a slow start, once round the startline corner once you found the breeze a broad reach moving to a run downriver, two boats got a good start midway downriver and on the return the fleet staying close together with positions changing right back to the finish.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> May Downriver 3. Picnic 1.

**OOD's Ian, Stephen and David Nunn. Low water Coldham1330. Cantley 1230hrs Wind from Met. Office 9mph SSE, Gusting 6?**



Did you notice met Office predicted gusts of 6mph, less than wind speed?

The Picnic races count towards the downriver series but over two legs, outward race then stop, lunch, regroup and 2<sup>nd</sup> start, best of the two parts wins along with Picnic 1 Trophy awarded.

On arriving at the club there was a gentle South Easterly, with no gusts, Cantley seemed a long way with little chance of getting there or back, come

start time the breeze picked up, the six Yeoman's and two Club Wayfarers getting away downriver generally on a close haul with plenty of tracking, once out of Train Reach conditions improved stretching the field, now with an occasional beam reach making a good timely sail to Cantley, David Nunns ready with his clock. All moored up for a bite and drink, the OOD's going with the consensus of a 1.15pm start for the second leg, all crews aware it would be a run most of the way home with a good breeze on the water. The fleet generally remained together throughout, the two Wayfarer's comfortably opening the gap getting back first and second, Club 1, Paul & Gill taking both legs winning the race. Timings between all 6 Yeoman's getting back was less than 2 minutes. A good sail considering the forecast. Full results on website.



## Canoe and Paddle Board Section



### Paddle News – May 2026

#### Social Paddle Tuesday's

Leaving the club at 6pm prompt, direction decided on the day, judging tides and wind. All welcome.

The first four Tuesday evening social paddles have been dominated by the weather, especially the forecast; our group has paddled every week.

**Week one on 5<sup>th</sup> May** was a warm evening attracting 22 paddlers, with 7 new paddlers joining the group, with an ebbing tide a gentle paddle into Bargate, along the clear dykes before returning leisurely downriver to the club, an opportunity to paddle up the creeks before the lilies and weed take over making it difficult for SUP's. Our first 'debrief' at The Ferry where we were warmly welcomed back. Reservations were made for our following weeks,

**12<sup>th</sup> May** the forecast didn't look good, rain expected and chilly breeze, arriving at the club conditions were light and remained dry, paddling to Rockland long dyke entrance and return, the journey downriver was smooth, the breeze picked up for a lumpy journey back (sorry).

**19<sup>th</sup> May** the forecast was dismal putting a lot off, cold, rain, not pleasant, the eight attending pleasantly surprised, yes chilly requiring a top layer, but dry throughout, a shorter second trip into Bargate, we noticed the lilies growing to the surface, still passable.

**Bank holiday Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**, 23 paddlers with an incoming tide and SSE breeze, our longest outing this season so far, we headed downriver into Rockland Long Dyke to the Broad, some going round the Broad, out on the short dyke into the wind making it harder, turning back on to the river with wind and tide in our favour headed home joining back together. Total distance 7.34 kilometers, in old money 4 1/2 miles in 2hours. Over 300 calories burnt A good workout.

## Club Notices

### Club Car Park.



Please keep the area close to the pedestrian gate clear for anyone less able to park their cars.

Also please park clear of the path area at the rear of the dinghy park extension behind the club house. This is emergency vehicle access to the neighboring properties in the event of an emergency.

### Swimming at Coldham Hall Sailing Club

In the wake of a number of water tragedies over the bank holiday week around the country and particularly upriver at Surlingham Ferry this last weekend please be reminded that swimming from Club Premises is prohibited.

The area of club moorings contains underwater obstructions which coupled with cold water shock and weed entanglement create a danger to swimmers in this area.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by abiding by the club bylaws.



### Welcome guests at the Clubhouse



Update, our resident family of Blue-tits have safely fledged.

## And Finally----Gary's local weather forecast tip.

Hang a piece of Seaweed by your door,  
If it's wet it's raining,  
If dry a sunny day,  
Swaying, it's breezy  
And if you can't see it, foggy.

Q. Why was the beach so wet? A. Because the Sea-weed.

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.