

Yare Valley Sailing Club

60th Anniversary Party

21st June 2008

2008 has been a significant year in the sailing calendar, the centenary year of The Yare and Bure One Design, the Beijing Olympics with Ben Ainsley and his team mates going for gold once again and the 60th anniversary of the Yare Valley Sailing Club.

To celebrate this club event it was decided by the committee in 2007 to hold a midsummer party. It would give the Club an opportunity to get together all those who had helped the Club over the years, renew old acquaintances a real opportunity to say thank you. So Saturday June 21st was booked. The venue was organised, at The Thurne Lion moorings and an evening buffet and entertainment scheduled.

All we needed was a good show of well-dressed boats, plenty of members and guests and good weather. We had the first two with 21 YVSC boats all decked out and available to take members and guests for an afternoon sail, and what a turnout, 95 members and guests. The forecast for the day had not looked very good early in the week with heavy rain forecast for the day, but as we have seen all through the summer the Met office seems to be somewhat pessimistic these days, or is it just our strange East Norfolk climate. The heavy rain on Saturday did not materialise, but light scuddy rain persisted until about 2.30 pm. Then a steady south easterly gave the opportunity for a sail. Several boats took to the river and gave members and guests alike a wonderful time. This was followed by one of our trade mark bank side afternoon tea parties with so many varieties of homemade cakes it would have made many a TV celebrity chef envious.

While this feast was taking place Molly Howe's of the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association judged the best-dressed boat. The coveted prize went to Moonlark (RC 391) owned by Kim and Martin Cowley. Well done to you both.

As if we had not all eaten enough afternoon tea there was a splendid buffet laid on by The Lion and the evening's entertainment from Lumiere Rogue jazz band followed.

Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the consensus was that it had been a great way of celebrating this landmark anniversary.

YVSC currently has 120 members and 66 registered boats of which 24 are members of the RCC

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