

# **YVSC FIRST NORTH RIVERS CRUISE JUNE 2008**

## **Sunday**

The morning after the 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations we awoke to shouts as a holiday cruiser was bouncing down the side of our boats.

The morning was bright but cloudy, the wind strong and building in strength. We left the dyke and attempted to sail on the jib but a huge gust came through and nearly capsized Bella so we soon gave up on that idea!

We lowered masts and passed through Potter Bridge with the tide and gale force winds behind us, which made this manoeuvre quite scary, we then raised masts and motored to Deep go Dyke.

Lilly attempted to sail on Hickling but was overwhelmed by the conditions on the Broad and soon dropped sails and motored across to the pleasure boat to drop off John and Sandy.

We barbecued in the evening and socialised amongst the fleet.

## **Monday**

Awoke at 4 am to see the sun rising at the front of the fleet and the moon at the rear.

The wind was still gusting hard but started to die away by 8 o'clock.

Steve left for Horsey at 8:30 to pick up the first off his crew for the week.

We sailed on Hickling for a while, Ripple ran aground and Steve asked if they were marking a new channel!

We set off for Horsey with the wind on the nose Buccaneer tacked down Meadow Dyke, if the club had a persistence award Jeff & Gill would have won it!

We went into Horsey moorings and Derek the warden was there to collect fees in a shot!

Later in the afternoon we had tea and socialised on the bank.

Some went to the Nelson for meals, we went later for drinks, came back and sat on the viewing point at 23:30 it was a lovely evening and surprisingly the birds were still singing.

## **Tuesday**

Ralph had Stan and Derek aboard Jentradine, just refurbished they were doing adjustments, as this was the first time she had been sailed by Ralph.

We milled around Horsey for one and a half hours then sailed down meadow dyke and on to Somerton. The wind was not favourable for this but many managed to sail as far as Martham Broad.

We arrived at Somerton had afternoon tea, then Ralph and Jenny turned up with a case of beer etc, to celebrate Jentradine's first sail this lifted spirits.

Many of us went to the Lion for our evening meal and found this to be good.

We walked back to the mooring and accepted the offer of drinks aboard the commodore's boat and stayed until early next morning!!!!

## **Wednesday**

Awoke to a pleasant morning and set off on our long trip to Barton passed through Potter Heigham bridge and onward, some stopped off at Ludham for a walk and provisions. Then carried on battling against the strong gusting winds; we lowered the mast for Ludham Bridge and motored up to Barton Broad where a good sail was had in the strong breeze.

We moored at Paddy's lane and had afternoon tea, put covers on our boats then went up to Paul's for a barbecue, which was most enjoyable. Paul provided champagne and puddings great effort Paul; many were tired after the long days cruising and an early night was had by all.

## **Thursday**

It was a lovely sunny morning; we had breakfast on Barton Broad then sailed for a few hours. We then went to Gays staithe for a relaxed lunch after which we set off for Sutton Staithe some even managed to sail all the way.

We had afternoon tea on the staithe and later that evening we dined in the hotel; the meal was of a reasonable standard.

It rained hard as we left and continued right throughout the night.

## **Friday**

We sailed on Barton broad for a while then Steve had to leave the cruise so Peter took over as commodore. We left Barton at 11.00 and motored down to How Hill and had lunch after which we carried on to our final mooring of the cruise, Fleet Dyke where tea and hospitality was provided by Ripple's crew. Some tried to barbeque but had to abandon this half way through as it rained.

Mark, Sharron & Bella June 2008