



Yare Valley Sailing Club

Commodores Signal

Amendment to sailing programme

Please note, the Thurne weekend rally on 18 September has been moved to the following weekend of 25 September. Sid from The Lion Inn, Thurne will reserve a section of the mooring for us.

2010 Rallies and Cruises

We have had a very busy year and the weekends have just seemed to fly by. Thank you to everyone who has joined us for the rallies and cruises, after all, the club is only as successful as Club Members make it. There will be a sailing update at the AGM.

We enjoyed a north river cruise at the end of May, which started with an enjoyable meet at Brian and Eunice's boathouse in Wroxham. I would like to thank them both for once again making the Club welcome and providing a superb collection of sweets and puddings.

Our summer party took place at Eastwood Whelptons boat yard. It was a beautiful warm, sunny evening, and the large turn out of members and guests made it an enjoyable evening. Thank you to Ann Whelpton for making us very welcome. The Clippesby Trophy took place the next day with 11 boats taking part. Bella, Chariot, Claire, Heron, Lily, Mallard, Merry Widow, Mezereon, Reedling, Vagabond and Wenonah II sailed two laps of Oby Mill to the Anchorage and back. The Clippesby Trophy was won by Bob and Sue Fearn on Wenonah II.

Hauling Out Supper

The Hauling Out Supper will take place at the The Lodge Inn, [was Salhouse Lodge] on Saturday 23 October. The booking form is attached; please return it by Monday 11 October.

The cost of the meal [starter, main course, dessert, coffee & mints and gratuities] is £16.95 per person. However, the Club's committee have agreed to subsidise this cost by £1.95 per person, to help in these tight economic times, bringing the cost down to £15.00 per person.

Accommodation at the hotel is available, please contact directly on 01603 782828.

There will be a raffle during the evening and contributions for the prizes would be appreciated.

The evening will include the presentation of the Club Trophies.

If you can come along by boat to Salhouse Broad for the last sailing rally of the year then I look forward to seeing you.

AGM

The AGM is planned at The Lion Inn at Thurne on Saturday 13 November at 7.30pm. We will have the function room available for meals prior to the AGM Meeting. Please show your support and come along, and in particular perhaps you would consider volunteering for the Committee or stand forward to be Rear Commodore.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of three Club members, Peggy Aldous, Norman Bambra and Ernie See. I am sure I speak on behalf of all Club members when I say 'our thoughts are with their families and loved ones'.

I hope we will see you at some of the remaining weekends.

Regards

Rita Humphreys

OBITUARIES

Peggie Aldous

It is with great sadness that I have to record the death of **Peggie Aldous** (née Quinton) at the age of 94.

Peggie (and note the correct spelling of her Christian name – she was adamant about this) was a long-time member of the Yare Valley Sailing Club. She came from a redoubtable Norwich family that numbers City Freeman and a former General Manager of Barclays Bank amongst its members.

Peggie had a long association with the Broads. In her younger days she was a keen Sea Ranger and, years later, she married Peter Aldous; together they sailed Mezereon until Peter died a few years ago. They lived at Hilly Plantation at the top of Thunder Lane, Thorpe, Norwich, in a large house that overlooks the Wensum valley; they were thus always within sight of a broadland river.



During the sailing season, they spent a great deal of time afloat, often hosting Committee meetings aboard Mezereon or attending Club events. . They were also keen supporters of the Broads Society – Peter was its Membership Secretary for many years and they spent much time recruiting new members.

Peggie was the Hon. Social Secretary for most of the time that I was the Hon. Treasurer, organising Dinners and Socials with good-humoured panache at a variety of Broads's venues. With a good knowledge of local hotels

she was seldom at a loss for a new venue if one was required. She served was frequently elected to the Club's Committee and in 1990 became Commodore after serving as Rear and Vice Commodore in the immediately preceding years.

After Peter died, she ceased sailing and, later, from attending social events. I think it was at this point that she was elected an Honorary Life Member in recognition of her sterling efforts on the Club's behalf.

Growing infirmity eventually persuaded her to give up the house in Thorpe and move to the Larchwood Nursing Home where she died on the 6 August this year.

Truly an exemplary Club member who will be remembered affectionately.

Vic Standley

Norman Bambra

I first met Norman some twenty odd years ago on the bank at Acle Dyke while he was carrying out maintenance on his river cruiser Buzzard. We both moored our boats in the dyke as did a few other members of the YVSC at that time. It soon became apparent that we had a lot in common having passed through the same school in Southeast London and both serviced in the RAF. We quickly became friends and with our respective families would cruise in company flying the YVSC burgee throughout the length and breadth of the Broads. As time and various boat changes came we also cruised the rivers and swash ways of the Suffolk and Essex coasts.

During 1996 Norman steered the YVSC through some turbulent waters holding down both the Commodore and Hon. Secretary positions. An accomplished sailor and awning erector, famous for erections during bank BBQ's.

A devoted husband, father and grand father who absolutely adored his grand daughters.

He would help anyone in need. A very genuine warm hearted person.

Storming Norman's humour, broad's knowledge, passion for sailing and friendship will be sadly missed but I am sure that we who were privileged to know Norman will have ever lasting good memories of a sadly departed friend.

Steve McKay

Ernie See 16 August 1930 – 9 June 2010

Understanding, raconteur, well informed, loyal, gentle man with a strong sense of humour. YVSC Commodore in 1976 and 1986.

Ernie and his family frequently entertained as many Club members as could be crammed into Ann Bonney (RC 108) often extending the space available by rafting up with one or more boats and spreading some sort of cover across adjoining cockpits!

When asked how he managed on his Lysander (17-6") during his early sailing years he suggested that it was a bit like living under the dining room table with 2 adults , 3 children (approx 12,10 and a few months) and two dogs. I don't remember Ann Bonney with a lifting roof - I believe it was nailed down because it leaked. When asked about Ann Bonney's draft you might be cheerfully informed (not an exact quote) "A large crowd at Wayford Bridge on a Bank Holiday" because the water level under the bridge caused her to ground until the tide rose. Ernie was rarely seen without his dogs – latterly border collies who won many prizes in agility competitions. We particularly remember Gelda, a rough coated collie with a very determined disposition.

Ernie was credited with use of Berger one coat non drip paint. Ernie's account of this discovery always seemed to imply that it was an accident of mis-timing.

Before becoming so involved in sailing, Ernie acted as a marshal at Brands Hatch (in the days when he owned a Mini Cooper) and I understand that if you Look very hard and don't blink, you can spot Ernie in the film "Grand Prix".

The Stewart family have always been pleased to claim Ernie (and by extension his family) as a friend. So a few words can barely do justice to such a fine man. We miss him.

Hilary Stewart