



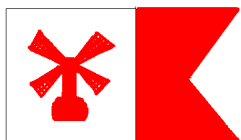
Pin Mill Sailing Club



January 2007 Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner



As I write this the New Year approaches and I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Our social programme has been busy with Shanties and Ditties – a full bar and lots of happy singing, and then over Christmas the Community Council entertained us with Carol Singing on Christmas Eve. It was a family evening for the village and there was not a spare space in the Games Room where Graham and Julia Pink led the singing, an extremely happy evening for all concerned. The Morris Men visited on Boxing Day lunchtime and again, despite the inclement weather, there was a packed house for bacon rolls and carol singing. My thanks go to Val Stone and Andrew Milligan who fried bacon for about 140 people - a hot but cheery lunchtime!

Sadly there was a hiccup with the printing of the Annual Subscription form with the last Newsletter, so I am sure the form will accompany this newsletter and it would be good if we could collect the subscriptions quickly as we like to list our members in the Almanac.

We have been asked to mention the Gala Concert on the 3rd February, 2007 at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook which this year is to support the Harwich Lifeboat. Please see further details in this Newsletter.

There is a full social programme, which commences with the New Year celebrations and on the 13th January, 2007 with our Quiz Night. Burns Night on the 27th January, is celebrated with Jackie and Jo's "Neeps Supper" and a wee dram! On February 10th we have a very interesting talk from Club members Tim Fenton and Penny Jones who, together with their children Anna and Eddie, left the Orwell 18 months ago on their 36' sloop Tamarisk to sail across the Atlantic. One year, twelve thousand miles and 34 islands later they returned to the Peninsula and will be giving us the illustrated story of their sail to the Canary Islands, their two Ocean crossings and five months cruising the Caribbean with two under-tens. Children are particularly welcome to attend.

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Diary



Saturday 27th January
Burns' Night Supper 19.30 – 20.00

Saturday 10th February
Talk on Crossing The Atlantic.
19.30pm. See Commodore's
Corner

Saturday 24th February
Caribbean Night 19.30 – 20.00
See Tear-off slip

Saturday 10th March
Visiting speaker. Watch notice
board and Website for details

Saturday 24th March
New Members Evening
Focus on Club Sailing

Good Friday 6th April
Grindle Dig and Working Party

Saturday 21st April
Fitting Out Supper

The next Newsletter will be in March. Contributions please by February 18th to editor@pmsc.org.uk or by post to:
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Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7EZ

And Finally on February 24th Jackie and Jo will, quite coincidentally, be presenting a Caribbean Evening with food and cocktails. A tear-off slip is included with this Newsletter.

Although this time of year is usually a happy family time for some, this has not been so for all as I am sad to report that Jennie Rogers – our Club neighbour – lost her battle with MS and that Dickie Greenland our last surviving founder member also died just before Christmas. Our sympathies go to both families.

I hope to meet up with you at one of our social events.

**Dilly Ridge
Commodore**

Fight for red diesel lost

It has now been decided by the EU that red diesel will no longer be available to recreational boaters. The special exemption that allowed the UK to charge lower rates of duty on diesel for private pleasure craft will come to an end on the 31st December 2006. The RYA and UK government has fought against this, but to no avail.

The European Union has adopted a Directive that restructures the taxation of energy products, including diesel, in order to reduce perceived distortions of competition between Member States.

At present diesel fuel for use in private pleasure craft is subject to duty at 4.22p per litre and to a reduced rate VAT at 5%. The derogation that allows this reduced duty rate is due to expire on 31st December 2006. Red diesel will still be available for commercial use but will not be available to non-commercial users.

What happens now? Well, the price of fuel will not go up on the 1st of January 2007, but it is expected to go up during the summer, after the Government have decided on the

best way to follow the EU directive. See the Website links for the most up to date information.

**Lee Foster
Rear Commodore**

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**Support for the Harwich
Lifeboat**

On Saturday 3rd February, 2007 The Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, are giving a Gala Concert in support of the Harwich Lifeboat. The concert will be held in the magnificent school chapel at 7.30 pm.

The Mayor of Ipswich is to attend this event; the R.N.L.I. is the chosen charity for his year in office.

For many years lifeboats have been manned for the most part by experienced fisherman. As we all know fishing is in decline. Today crewmembers have to be trained using all the modern high tech. equipment. It costs £ 1,000 to train a volunteer crewmember. Lifeboat crews are on call 24 hours a day and 365 days a year – ready to drop everything and risk their lives to save others. Our volunteers don't get paid for the vital service they provide. The R.N.L.I. is a charity and relies on the generosity of those who support it.

Please support this unique opportunity to raise money for our "local" lifeboat. Tickets are £ 6 obtainable from Mrs. A. Reading at Long Reach, Harkstead, Ipswich IP9 1BN enclosing S.A.E. cheques payable to R.N.L.I.

Hon. Bar Secretary's Annual Report 2006

Well, nothing that has not already been said needs re-iterating. My heart-felt thanks go to the 'Girls' behind the bar, as well as to Bob, Julian, Tim, Jim, Dilly, Val and all the rest who have leapt into the fray behind the bar when called upon.

The bar takings have been up this year, thanks to the well-attended functions. The barge match and regatta both being good for sales, if not for the mental well being of the bar staff!

We have updated the beer racking, which will (hopefully) show its worth both over the Christmas period, but with (by then) added cooling, when the warmer weather is with us again.

Further, all that is needed is for you to keep drinking!

Simon Everitt
Hon. Bar Secretary

Special Offer to Members

For RYA members in 2007 we have launched for the first time Easy Charters offering a 7 day charter for the amazing price of 99 GBP pp. These charters are of the same high quality offered by our parent company Aegean Blue Ltd during the high season. Please take a moment to view this offer at www.easycharters.co.uk

The offer ends soon so please act now to secure your 7 days in the sun on board Aegean Blue to cruise the wonderful Aegean Sea. Regards,
Richard Fairman, Director Aegean Blue Ltd and Easy Charters.

Hon. House Secretary's Annual Report 2006

This year has seen even more events supported by the House committee and various other valuable volunteers. Whilst it is mainly to do with cleaning things and

cooking things it is one of the most important elements in making our club homely. After all the hub of most homes is the kitchen. It is also an opportunity for people to join in, share a bit, learn a bit, and hopefully have some fun.

As usual the Acklands and the Emmets managed many of the BBQs, the most notable of which was the reception for our new Smack, Working boat and Classic yacht race. This was a great success and is set to become one of the most interesting events on our calendar.

Another success was the move to bring back the old style Regatta. Brenda Clay and Romy Blackburn duly provided the burgers on this occasion, and have hopefully sown the seeds for further interesting developments in future years.

Less successful was our attempt to lure racing sailors back to the club after races with the promise of hot dogs and beer. There simply were no racing sailors to be lured.

However Rick's working party and the Grindle dig were greatly enhanced by the serving of morning coffee, and lunch and teatime bacon rolls. This helped to encourage and reward the very hard work that went on that day.

Lastly I would like to thank Lee, Elaine and Liz for being on my sub-committee and everyone who has lent their support. I am standing down as House Secretary at this AGM.

Val Stone
Hon. House Secretary



Hon. Sailing Secretary's Annual Report 2006

All in all it's been a good year for sailing. This time last year your sailing committee sat down to produce a mixed bag of events, hopefully something for everyone to take part in and enjoy.

We were very conscious of a gradual decline in the support of sailing events over the previous few seasons so tried to set a program that would help to halt this trend. I believe in the cruising events we succeeded and laid the foundations for successful trips in the future. With the racing though, perhaps there is still room for improvement, but certainly is not a lost cause.

To touch on the cruising briefly there were five events planned for the season starting with the May day bank holiday trip to Bradwell on the Saturday and Heybridge on the Sunday, unfortunately we were beaten to it with the booking of Heybridge by our near neighbours up the river. So plan B was hatched and after spending the night in Bradwell a sail back to the Stour and a night at Wrabness was agreed instead.

Four craft took part, Jennie Anne – Boomerang – Astrea – and Silver Wain. Sat pm was spent enjoying T and cake aboard board Jennie Anne before moving on to the marina bar for a bite to eat. Sunday as I remember was a quite sail back to the Stour where after anchoring Astrea kindly played the part of host boat and Francis was water taxi in his inflatable.

At the end of May the Spring Bank holiday arrived, this time the destination was Stone Point. After a nice beat from Pye end Silver Wain dropped anchor at the point and welcomed people aboard for drinks that evening. Attending were Boomerang, Magic Callibasse and Havelda. I must just mention that Havelda had anchored in Hamford Water and Jeff and Mary made the trip for a beer using there inflatable. If the trip was not enough, on arriving at Silver Wain, they were then faced with climbing the North face of the Starboard top side of Silver Wain. Again if

this was not a challenge in itself Mary did this while wearing her much adored traditional oilskin top which appeared a little on the tight side and all but restricted any upper body movement. After a glass or two of wine things loosened up and a safe return to Havelda was made later that evening.

Sunday lunch saw a small gathering enjoy the ritual of cremating some bangers and burgers and crunching sand in an ever-freshening breeze. All but SilverWain departed for the Orwell that afternoon due to a rotten forecast. Later that day we were joined at anchor by John and Linda Davey aboard Celtic Warrior. I sailed back the next day enjoying a brisk NW as I remember. A good test for the new boat and crew.

On to July and the cruise to Oostende. This was sadly affected by the weather and I for one did not have the time available to risk getting stuck over there. Two craft however did, Gravel MD, Tim Whitehand and Malcom and Jackie Harding in Dorabella. Thank you both for flying the flag.

Up to now we had experienced some fantastic weather and it was sure to continue into August, Ha mistake!! The East Coast Mystery tour was due to depart and true to form it blew and rained. Boomerang made a quick dash to Shotley where I was already berthed unhappily chasing deck leaks which I only thought occurred in wooden boats. A night at Shotley SC was spent topping up the wine already consumed aboard Boomerang. 'We only had one glass with our meal', Val and Dilly said, as they wobbled off back to the marina at the end of the evening.

Another day in Shotley was spent sheltering then we eventually managed to exit the lock on Sunday and enjoyed a short but lively sail up to Felixstowe pier then in to Stone point. The following day we set off for Brightlingsea and were followed down the coast by a Val and Dilly, Peter Hinks with Chiron of Hoyle, and also Kirsty and Dan Pluta aboard Mistral. After berthing and paying the harbour dues we made it ashore, found the local Indian restaurant and settled down for the night.

The following morning we set off for Burnham, Silver Wain and Mistral tussling for position up to the spit way, trying to catch Boomerang and Chiron who had sneaked out early due to their draft. On entering the Crouch I believe we all had to negotiate the Wednesday Burnham racing fleet as they came down the river towards us. Burnham Yacht Harbour was our port of call and after tying up and a bite to eat we descended on Boomerang for evening drinks and stories. It was during this evening that the Pin Mill Sloe Gin appreciation society was officially formed. For information on how to join please attend the 2007 cruises.

Silver Wain had to depart very early the following morning for Harwich and enjoyed a sail to be remembered, a fair wind 4/5 + an enormous hangover.

Summing up this cruise. Despite the poor weather at the start of the week I think all that attended had a thoroughly good time and will be repeated again next year.

Racing.

Racing at Pin Mill has for some time been in decline, the three clubs series has helped to arrest this slide recently and the series this year was again closely fought with Team Orwell YC retaining the trophy. Well done to them.

The other individual club races were not too well-supported but the Regatta entries were up on recent years. This year I was hoping to take the regatta back to basics with the re-introduction of rowing / sculling and dinghy races. We joined forces with the local village organisations that provided shore side entertainment on the common.

Unfortunately the strong winds hampered the dinghy events and the would-be entrants made their way into the club instead to the BBQ and bar. The club was full for the prize giving and with 'high water mark' playing helped create a great atmosphere.

Smack race

One event in July that did catch the eye was the 1st PMSC Smack and work boat race. This is an event that is going to grow and

hopefully become as established in years to come as the PMSC barge match. We managed to attract I believe 23 entries this year and provided a magnificent sight for spectators as they made their way down the Orwell and up the Stour and back 14 July 07 is the date for next year and as an added bonus for club members there will be an opportunity to experience and take part in this event either for the weekend or just the day of the race aboard the smack 'Pioneer' which is based in Brighlingsea.

So summing up, on the cruising events although not supported in great numbers, I believe the foundations have been laid this year for many more successful trips in the future. I'm sure anyone who attended this year, if asked, will endorse his or her experiences in a very enthusiastic way.

Racing, the three clubs series will continue next year and should be well supported. I was made very much aware that the club does have an enthusiastic racing fleet emerging and the racing events promoted by your new Sailing Sec, Steve Clay, and committee next year will reflect this.

Thank you,

Jon Humby
Rear Com / Sailing Sec

Jennie Rogers

We were married for 46 happy years. Jennie was first diagnosed with MS in 1968, fortunately she had an early remission and for the next ten years you may not have realised that anything was wrong. Then things gradually got worse, about 1986 she started to use a wheelchair, and for the last 6 years of her life, she was paralysed from the neck down but very much with it and in command of her life...

However these problems did not stop her enjoying a very active life. She achieved more than most able-bodied people

do in a lifetime. She looked after me and brought up 3 lovely children. Although, latterly it was I and a wonderful bunch of carers that looked after her.

As a family we went on camping and sailing holidays, cruised on the broads, sailed across the North Sea in gale force winds with the wheelchair strapped to foredeck and when all this became impossible she went on cruise liners. It was sailing that brought us to Pin Mill twenty-four years ago. Jennie enjoyed sailing but was not that keen on racing and when I found getting back into a capsized dinghy difficult, she thought it was time we gave up dinghies and took up sailing cruisers.

It was Jennie who found our first cruiser a 20ft Corribee. The previous owner had bought a kit and lost interest in it at a very early stage. Jennie did all the interior work, including berth cushions and gluing the lining. She nearly became unstuck doing it. She was overcome with fumes whilst doing one of the quarter berths and I had to pull her out and revive her. However we completed the Corribee in twelve weeks. Then we had to find somewhere to sail her, it was Jennie who eventually managed to find a mooring with Kings Boat yard.

Jennie's favourite boat was "Vlore" a 30ft Santander Sloop. We sailed her up and down the east coast and across to Holland on several occasions. Eventually she had to give up sailing due to the worsening Multiple Sclerosis. Whilst she had MS she worked as a school technician, trained as an infant teacher, and taught for 6 years, latterly from a wheelchair. Teaching was the highlight of her life.

We moved house 9 times, mainly because of my work. Every time we moved she created a new home for us and made new friends. This resulted in an ever-increasing number of wonderful people who regularly travelled hundreds of miles to visit Jennie and sent her letters and post cards when they went on holiday. She really appreciated this

She constantly battled against illness and increasing disability and as new problems

occurred, she found ways round them. She always considered others before herself and tried to be as little bother as possible, even if it meant her going with out or not letting on she was in discomfort or pain.

Jennie was extremely great full to all those who helped her and made her life enjoyable. To me Jennie was a wonderful loving wife and friend, no man could ask for better.

Bryan Rogers
Pin Mill

R T Greenland DSO
1915 – 2006
The last of the Founder
Members

This morning I learnt from his wife, Audrey, that my friend and neighbour Dicky Greenland had died peacefully last night.

After a series of strokes, not his first, he had finally succumbed at 11.30 pm. His daughter Penny (Dame Penny Greenland) later told me that as he was born on 6.6.1915 it was appropriate that he should leave us on 12.12.06.

Dicky sailed boats from Pin Mill from the moment he left Ipswich School and has told me of the friendly welcome he and his friends were given in Alma Cottage by Miss Powell (see Arthur Ransome's 'They didn't mean to go to sea') where they were entertained to tea and crumpets in the late winter after fitting out on the saltings with the strict instructions 'Take off your mucky boots'.

He and his crew sailed 'Henriette' (a picture of her is in the games room) all over the North Sea for several years and founded the Pin Mill Sailing Club in 1935. Until they made their headquarters in the Thames Barge 'The Quest' they held their meetings in the Butt and Oyster, and when we celebrated our Golden Jubilee in 1985 Dicky competed in the Regatta in his Trident 'Little Talisker'

crewed by two other founder members of the club. 'Little Talisker' was served by a 'deflatable' dinghy christened 'Saggy Aggy'.

Towards the end of his sailing days, he was then in his late seventies, he initiated a final end of the season event which he called 'The last of the Summer Gin'. The object, of course, was to clear out the Gin locker. After one or two years this developed into an annual happening lasting not for just one weekend but for several days during which his crew brought down their own contributions. Since he sold 'Tally' the celebrations carried on Wednesday lunchtime at various venues. Two years ago there were eight of us. Now with his death there are just two.

His wartime exploits have been recorded here before but my favourite story from my son Matthew, who sailed with Dicky in 1982 on a delivery trip to Turkey, was his asking the owner if they may take a small diversion to Palermo where he, commanding a flotilla of two-men submarines, had blown up a couple of troop transporters. They arrived shortly after dawn and he, surveying the town for the first time in forty years, said 'Christ what a tip! I should have blown up the entire town. Let's get the hell out of here'. And they did.

Penny told me today that his last hours were beset by a raging thirst and he was only allowed a spoonful of juice. Almost his last words were 'Lord, I'm dying for a pint of Adnams!'. This was a man after my own heart!

**John Moyse
13.12.06**

Pin Mill Sailing Club – Subscriptions
1 January 2007

Club subscriptions for 2007 are due on 1 January at the following rates:

Household Membership (all living at one address)	£70.00
Single Full Membership	£40.00
Junior Membership (over 18 – 21)	£20.00
Cadet Membership (over 12)	£10.00

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My/Our e-mail address is: _____

I/we understand that Pin Mill sailing club details are held on our computer database for the sole use of Club records and to facilitate the exchange of information between the Club's officers and its members. The information will not be used for commercial purposes or be passed to any other society or organisation. By signing below I/We accept that our personal details will be held on a computer.

Signature _____

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