

# Pin Mill Sailing Club

## Circular

June 2005

### Commodore's Corner

Firstly I must start with an apology to our Property Secretary. Somehow when we proof-read the Almanac, the fact that last year's Property Committee had not been updated was completely missed, so sorry Rick, but they do say that every publication has at least one mistake (He's good at Minutes too. Ed.). Please, this is not the start of a competition to see who can spot any others, so if there are other mistakes, will try to do better next year.

The rare event of Mr and Mrs Commode going sailing, took place during the Spring Bank Holiday. Leaving one car at Orford and another at Aldeburgh we joined Rick and Rosie on Astea, enjoyed a very welcome coffee with Richard and Anne Brown, then sailed down to Orford round Havergate Island, where we moored up together with Francis and Fiona Beaumont, for a splendid Lunch. Then back to Orford to collect the cars and home. Many thanks to Rick and Rosie for taking us out, we enjoyed the day tremendously. I hope the others of you who joined the Cruise at various points all had as good a time. One could get the impression that all there is to sailing is eating and drinking, but a lot of work did seem to be going on around despite the Acklands, although I can imagine that the return on Monday was not so much fun.

You missed out on a nag last Circular, but not this time. Please ensure that when you take visitors to the Clubhouse they are signed in: this includes wives, partners, children, i.e all who are not members in their own right. Not only is the Visitors Book essential to the Club, it is also a legal requirement and could well come to the fore under the new licensing legislation that is about to come into force.

### Diary

#### Saturday 2 July

Barge Match. See published Programme for details.

#### Saturday 9 July

Club cruise to London. See this Circular and tear off slip for details.

10.00

Three Clubs' Series – Race 2.

Hosts O.Y.C.

#### Saturday 13 August

Ladies Race (tba).

#### Saturday 27 August to Monday 29 August

Summer Bank Holiday Cruise, Brightlingsea (tba).

#### Saturday 3 September

Pin Mill Regatta (open).

#### Sunday 4 September

10.00

RNLI Race (open).

### Diary cont overleaf

Elsewhere in this Circular you will find more details of our Cruise to London on/around July 9. Please send in the tear off slip if you are interested.

May I wish you a good season and that whatever your plans, be it racing, cruising locally, or to far flung places, may they be successful.

**Julian Ackland  
Commodore**

## Letter to the Commodore

There has been a great deal of concern in recent months over Mistle Quay's sudden habit of turning boats away and refusing mooring. Barges have been charged for the privilege of mooring.

We have taken legal advice and it appears that the public have had uninterrupted, uncharged use of the quay for the purpose of tidal stranding, overnighing, provisioning, embarkation, disembarkation and short-term repair. We are further advised that the public have acquired, by an implied dedication, a right of access to the sea over the quay.

We are advised that Mistle Quay has no right to refuse moorage at the quay or reasonable access over the quay. Further, they have no right to charge for such access.

We would be grateful if you could communicate this to your members and encourage them to continue to use the quay in the coming years. Members should refuse to move if asked to leave and should refuse to pay any dues. This is important to protect our dedication of rights of access to the sea over the quay and the right to moor.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Bateman  
Commodore  
Stour Sailing Club.

## 2005 is PMSC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

The next circular is supposed to be with you by 1 August. Can we make it a bumper one in recognition of our Anniversary. All contributions please to The Editor, 8 Rowanhayes Close, Ipswich, IP2 9SX tel 01473 690037 or email [el.gordo@terrytowers.com](mailto:el.gordo@terrytowers.com)

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**Let's be 'avin' yer** articles, poems, limericks, letters, tear off slips etc. etc., **by late July please.**

## Diary Cont ...

### Saturday 24 September

Three Clubs Series – Race 3  
Hosts RHYC

### Saturday 1 October

Laying-up Supper.

### Sunday 9 October

Time Trial ends.

### Saturday 15 October

Photographic Competition

### Saturday 22 October

Trafalgar Day Celebrations at Pin Mill with Dinner in the Clubhouse afterwards.

## A Reminder

Another sailing season has begun – with new opportunities for taking the winning picture in the NAUTICAL PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION! Don't forget to take your camera on board, make sure it's with you to catch the perfect moment of an Orwell sunset or the drama of the Barge Match, or the fleeting images of summer voyages. October 15 is the date of the Competition – write it in your diary now!

**Marjorie Carter**

## Sailing, bye!

Hopefully by the time you read this, PMSC will have taken top honours in the first of the season's 3CRS races. We are hosting the first race on June 11 and many thanks to Francis Madden for once again providing Zaluanda as the Committee Boat and looking after the team. Lets hope a whole bunch of you turned out and did the Club proud; if not coming high up the order, at least getting in the way of anyone not sporting the right burgee!

The Spring bank holiday weekend (May 28) was our first cruise and 3 boats made a sterling effort in force 6 winds to beetle up to Aldeburgh for a jolly nice evening of grub and shanties at the club there.

Not that I'm a name dropper, but Rick and Rosie Kirkup in Astraea, Richard and Anne Brown in Christine Ann, and Roger Evans in Magic Calabasse, were the cavalier adventurers who braved the elements and made it. Your marginally less cavalier Hon Sailing Sec felt his trusty four wheeled chariot would be a more sensible means of transport and you'll be relieved to hear that I and parents arrived safe, sound and dry, in time for the aforementioned grub.

Now, what's in store for the next few months? Well, the Summer long cruise will be the one to get in your calendar, if its not already there. The response about date and venue was pretty much for July 9 so that's when it will start. This of course, is the same day as the second 3CRS race but it could add to the excitement: the cut and thrust of a short race followed by a leisurely stroll down to the Thames estuary. Our Vice Commodore will definitely be travelling and has suggested the Wednesday of that week (the 13) as the day for the dinner at the RAC Club. This could give those wanting to stop off in Chatham the opportunity and still make it to St Kat's in time. As happened last year, anyone not able to come by boat is very welcome to venture down to the big smoke some other way and join in the fun. And you'll be fed up with me saying this but, DO let me or Dilly know as soon as possible, because we need to make some bookings with St Kat's.

Now then, on 1 July at the Clubhouse at 8pm, we are holding a briefing meeting for all those who will go by boat to St. Katherine's Haven. Perhaps we can firm up on activities for when we get there. Otherwise, any queries/suggestions ring me or Dilly Ridge.

Then we're into August and the Ladies Race. Hoping for a bumper turnout this year and any lady sailors I know will be individually persuaded to join in. However if I don't know you and you can fulfil at least the criterion of being a lady, then beg, cajole or borrow (can't suggest you steal!) a boat. Winning is not the only point here. This is our one remaining Club race and if no one turns up, it may go the way of all the others.

Finally don't forget there's the ongoing cruising log and time trial events, both with silverware to be won.

Hope your season has gone well so far and I look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

**Laurie Thomas**  
**Hon Sailing Sec**

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## **PMSC Library**

Ted and Nina Jillings have presented to the Library 'A Slice of Suffolk' by Bob Roberts and 'Suffolk Invasion' by Frank Hussey. This last is a detailed account of the Dutch Invasion of 1667. A Dutch force landed on the Felixstowe shore and a party marched along the edge of the sea to attack Languard Fort. Musket shots were exchanged with the fort defenders, but the Dutch probably realising that they could not readily take Languard, retired back to their ships. Languard fort seen from the water looks relatively small but when visited (it is now open to the public), is found to be considerably larger than the appearance suggests.

Also, attention should be drawn to Sir Patrick Sinclair's continuing battle over mooring rights. Articles written by him appear in issues of 'Sailing Today'. The latest sets out the necessary documentation needed for defence of traditional rights.

**Tony Cowley**  
**Library Master**



## ALVIN STOREY 1944 – 2005

Alvin of Wendy Close, Chelmondiston, died on Sunday 5 June, after a severe illness that suddenly developed during February. His funeral will be at Ipswich Crematorium, West Chapel, at 11am on Wednesday 22 June. No flowers please (except family), but donations may be made to the RNLI via Co-op Funeral Service, 10 Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich, IP4 1HW.

A tall, stern looking, impressive man, he was brought up at East Ham. He started working life as an apprentice at E.J. and W. Goldsmith, of Grays, the steel barge builders. There followed a long spell in the Merchant Navy, during which Alvin saw many parts of the World. Eventually coming ashore, he found work at Ipswich Sugar Beet Factory, where for many years he was in charge of the steam boiler system. Latterly, he enjoyed a short retirement.

At first a member of Orwell Yacht Club and then Stoke Sailing Club (where he reached the position of Vice Commodore), Alvin moved out to Chelmondiston some 20 years ago. He then joined PMSC.

He was a well known figure on the River Orwell, having successively owned a Dragon, a 6 metre steel boat (which on one occasion slipped beneath the waves whilst he was in a pub at Felixstowe Ferry), Lord Jim a 24 feet sailing boat (see below!), Casti a Folkboat, a Waldringfield One Design, Novat a Javelin 31 and most recently, a Squib.

On one attempted crossing of the North Sea, Alvin and his crew member encountered such very severe weather that they drifted for two days, just managing to keep afloat before being rescued by a Dutch Navy ship. The method of rescue was to use the ship's derrick to lift Lord Jim, together with Alvin and companion, onto the deck. They were all taken to Holland for, respectively, repair and a rest, whereafter they sailed back home.

This episode must have required determination and nerves of steel. Despite his tough exterior, Alvin's family and friends valued his caring nature: his gentle, quiet concern. He was a character who will be missed.

