



PIN MILL SAILING CLUB MARCH 2006 CIRCULAR

Diary

SATURDAY 11 MARCH 19.30 for 20.00

TALK AT THE AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON CRUISING THE ARCTIC – ILLUSTRATED – DON'T MISS OUT!

SATURDAY 25 MARCH 19.30 for 20.00

NEW MEMBERS' EVENING AT THE CLUBHOUSE, WITH ILLUSTRATED TALK BY MALCOLM HARDING – CRUISING TO THE MEDITERRANEAN ON EUROPE'S WATERWAY NETWORK.

FRIDAY 14 APRIL 9.00 – 13.00 APPROX

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- 15.00 to 17.30 APPROX – ANNUAL GRINDLE DIG, FREE PINT AT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR DIGGERS – BACON ROLLS AVAILABLE

SATURDAY 22 APRIL
FITTING OUT SUPPER AT THE CLUBHOUSE – SEE TEAR OFF SLIP WITH THIS CIRCULAR

FOR ADVANCE NOTICE OF BUMPER SAILING/CRUISING EVENTS/ARRANGEMENTS, SEE THIS CIRCULAR – ARTICLES BY JON HUMBY AND RICK KIRKUP.

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Commodore's Corner February 2006

Hopefully the weather will improve soon, so that it's warm enough to start fitting out. Meanwhile there is plenty being put on in the Clubhouse to keep you busy. Prior to Easter on March 11 we have a talk on Cruising the Arctic, and then on March 25 we have New Members' evening, together with a talk from the ever entertaining Malcolm Harding on European waterways to the Mediterranean (and back I presume). Please give both these events your support and even if not a new member, do come along to meet those who have recently joined and make them feel welcome.

Regretfully, I have to announce that Jim Clarke has stood down as our Bar Secretary: his wife Bobbie is about to retire and they want some time to travel and do things they have been planning for years. Jim has followed a line of successful Bar Secretaries but he has been inspirational in things like Guest Beers, Paninis and Olives, not to forget (and who could) his Nuts. I would like to thank him personally and on behalf of you all, for the hard work that he has put in as Bar Secretary and before that as Property Secretary, where he was the driving force behind many improvements. A special mention must be made here of the Humby Foredeck and those patio doors. Happy travel to Jim and Bobbie but hurry back, you will both be missed.

On the Bar front, Simon Everitt who has helped Jim and his predecessor Nigel Mower, has very kindly agreed to step into the breach as Bar Secretary, at least until the end of the year. Many thanks Simon.

The General Committee and the Sub Committees have over the winter, been planning for next summer by taking into account comments, rumours and anything else to try and conclude what you as members, require from their Club. In all my years on the General Committee, I think we now spend more time talking about sailing than anything else, which must be healthy. I hope you will feel when you read Jon Humby's summary of sailing events for the year, that we are providing for everyone. (In this Circular and already on the Website). It would certainly be good to see increased participation in Club sailing events. Similarly a system of letting others know where you are off to for the weekend announced in this Circular by Rick Kirkup, will we hope, encourage in company / ad hoc cruising (of course if you like peace and solitude, then at least you will know where everyone else has gone). So I hope members will read up on this and register.

Good Friday sees not just the annual Grindle Dig, but also a working party at the Clubhouse to check masts, clear gutters and power wash the decking and canopy (amongst others). The working party is from 9:00 until about 13:00, but please contact Rick Kirkup if you are willing to help. Grindle Dig Starts at 15:00 up to 17:30. There will be the customary free pint for all those digging or working, plus bacon rolls.

Fitting out supper is on 22 April. The return slip is attached to this Circular. Please book early to ensure places.

In order to encourage a bit of a membership drive, I have challenged members of the General Committee to propose the highest number of successful membership applications and I have put up a bottle of Champagne to be presented at the AGM. It is only fair that this is extended to all members, so come on, think who might like to join the Club, propose them, get a seconder and leave the rest to the Committee. Only adult members will count, so don't think by getting a family with eight children you can win. My decision will be final, no appeals.

On membership, I know that a few people have been concerned that the Classic Sailing Club based at Pin Mill, appears to be offering its members automatic membership of our Club. Let me assure you this is not the case. The normal application process and General Committee consideration, is still very much in place.

It just remains to wish you a good fitting out season and hope that the events we are organising will tickle your fancy.

JULIAN ACKLAND

As we go to press, I learn of the untimely death of member Keith Greenard of Wades Lane, Chelmondiston. There will be an Obituary in the next Circular.

FREE AND EASY



Members Tim Fenton and Penny Jones of Chelmondiston, with their two children Anna and Eddie, are still sailing in Tamarisk, on the other side of the Atlantic.

Some of you may have seen the BBC Look East interview with them, when they reached the Canary Islands at the end of last November.

Try www.mailasail.com/webdiary_tamarisk to see details of their progress and adventures. Here's hoping for an interesting lecture evening at the Clubhouse, following their return.

(reporter) MARJORIE CARTER


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AHOY THERE!

The latest batch of new members to sign up are listed below. Let's hope they can come along with the rest of the 2005-2006 intake, to New Members Evening.

Jon and Mary Alexander of Woolverstone, owners of Atahualpa

Simon and Rosemary Brown of Pin Mill

William Cullen of Sleaford. Owner of Doromic

Will and Suzie Patten of Chelmondiston, owners of Estrella

John and Diane Webb of Chelmondiston

Stephen Williams and Caroline Lavelle of Shotley

NEW MEMBERS' EVENING 2006

This will take place in the Clubhouse on Saturday 25 March at 19.30 hours for 20.00.

Old member Malcolm Harding will give an illustrated talk on CRUISING TO THE MEDITERRANEAN ON EUROPE'S WATERWAY NETWORK.

Don't miss the event all are welcome!



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SUPER FUN-PAST AND PRESENT

Burn's Night

This year the Burn's Night Supper provided by Jackie and Jo was as excellent as ever, Margaret Bampton GAVE the "Address to the Haggis" and Kirsty Pluta "The Response", much to the pleasure of the gathering. This was followed by an Eightsome Reel and the Gay Gordons – with lots of participants – I think fuelled by a wee dram or two! It was a very happy spontaneous evening, which was really enjoyed by all who came along.

Sunday is "Bacon Roll" day

There has been a request for Bacon Rolls to be provided once more at the Clubhouse on Sunday lunchtime.

These were stopped because there was some unhappiness that the Bar had to be left unattended, whilst one of our ladies was busy preparing and because it was very difficult to assess the quantities required in advance, resulting in a great deal of wastage at Jackie's or Jo's personal cost.

Considering this again, the General Committee concluded that provided we can find a rota of volunteers to help behind the Bar, (if required), on a Sunday from 12.30 – 2.30 pm and that we provide only bacon baps or sandwiches, (so reducing the wastage factor), then we will try again. At the moment a Sunday rota is being attempted. The paninis will continue to be available at other times when the Bar is open.

DILLY RIDGE

DINNER AND DANCE

11 November 2006

General Committee has changed the venue for the Dinner Dance. This year at last, we return to the Fynn Valley Golf Club with dancing to "Tricks of the Trade" (as recommended by Chris Wyartt). In order to keep the price down, we have had to guarantee at least 60 people. So please mark your calendars with the date. There have been a number of good recommendations about the food at Fynn Valley these days – so don't miss out!

DILLY RIDGE

BE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS!

Did you know?

- A single litre of fuel can contaminate over a million litres of water.
- The most oil pollution in our rivers and oceans comes from ever present sources like refuelling, engine emissions and oil leaks.
- The Worlds' oceans support an estimated 10 million species but only 3% have been identified to date.
- In the UK we have the second largest fish in the world, the Basking Shark.
- Annually, the UK hosts over five million migratory water birds.
- Topside and antifouling paints including used brushes, rollers and trays, are now classified as hazardous waste.

Do you know of any more interesting such facts, if so let Ed. have them for the next Circular – bumper prize for the most odd.

JOHN HUMBY

**AD HOC CRUISING GET-
TOGETHERS**



Your Sailing Committee has been giving early thought to the opportunities to get more PMSC members on the water during the 2006 season and has come up with a variety of options for cruising in company. To complement scheduled ‘organized’ events, we thought you might like to have the opportunity to link up with other Club members on more ‘ad hoc’ get-togethers.

Given the unpredictability of the weather (not to mention the composition of your crew!) it’s often easier to leave to the last minute the decision about where to go on a particular sailing weekend. The downside is that you may always end up at the same limited range of destinations and you are almost certainly missing an opportunity to socialise with other Club members, plus the benefit from others’ knowledge of anchorages, pubs and other facilities.

What we would like to do therefore, is set up a network of all skippers/boats who sail locally and a simple mechanism for people to let others know where they are heading, on a particular weekend. The purpose could be to get together for a barbecue or a trip ashore, to gain familiarity with the destination, or just for some company en route, in case the ‘donkey’ fails again!

Do please therefore join in – there’s no commitment and you just register through the website at pmsc.org.uk from the *sailing & social* page – at worst you will receive some emails saying where other Club members are sailing to. At best you will have some more enjoyment on the water in the coming season. When the time comes, you can send a short email before the event to cruising@pmsc.org.uk to say simply – (for example) - that “<Boat name> is going to the Deben on Saturday ... June, probably mooring overnight at the Rocks or Waldringfield ...”. That message would go to all the people on the network and anyone interested, could then liaise accordingly.

RICK KIRKUP

CRUISING AND RACING 2006



Welcome to the first sailing column for this year. Before giving you a brief insight into the events the Sailing Committee has proposed for the coming season, I would like to introduce the team behind the ideas.

Firstly there is me, Rear Commodore Jon Humby, acting as Sailing Secretary. I am very ably assisted by Val Stone, Kirsty Pluta, Steve Clay, Rick Kirkup and Ian Saunders, who between them, have considerable experience in club cruising and racing. Please feel free to approach any one of us for information regarding any of the sailing events, or just to give us some feedback on any event you take part in during the season, however good or indifferent your experience.

Immediately following, you will find the programme of events planned. We have tried this year to create a fair balance

between cruising and racing, with approx six events of each taking place, along with the season long time trials, annual Regatta Day and a new Smack / Bawley and working craft race day. Hopefully there is something in the programme that will appeal to you or one of your family, (young or old). The emphasis being simply to join in, have fun and meet fellow members and if a member of team Pin Mill in the 3 Club series, to WIN.

We start the season with a gentle shake down sail, including lunch at Harwich and perhaps a night at Shotley point or Erwarnton Ness. May Bank Holiday weekend will be a passage to Bradwell and Heybridge Basin. For the Spring Bank Holiday destination, Stone point (Walton), a challenge has been issued to the Orwell YC for a restricted overs cricket match.

During May we also have the first race of the 3 Clubs series, more of which you can read about in the flyer attached to this Circular. June sees the re-emergence of the June and Ward Cups – a warm up event before the home leg of the 3 Clubs series race two.

July features an opportunity to take part/crew or simply follow a fleet of classic craft, taking part in the inaugural PMSC Smack and working craft race day. This will be a great opportunity to snap away for the end of year Club photo competition. On 15 July we will hopefully see a number of craft setting off for Oostende, maybe for a long weekend or perhaps the start of a foreign cruise? Water or land (Ed.).

August arrives at last, with a chance to join in an East Coast Mystery Tour, taking in some of our best beaches, anchorages and watering holes. By popular demand, a trip

back to Brightlingsea is planned for the end of month Bank Holiday.

September is a time for racing, starting with the Regatta, which this year will see a return of the traditional rowing / sculling races and a chance to sail some Toppers during the afternoon - after the cruiser racing. The middle of September sees the Autumn race take place, again another warm up for when we go to the Orwell YC at the end of the month and do battle to lift the 3 Clubs trophy for the second time!

Well that's it : if you wish to hear me outline the events in person, I shall be at the New Members Evening in March, to give a short talk. If not, watch out for further event details which will be published in subsequent Circulars and posters around the Clubhouse.

JON HUMBY



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PIN MILL SAILING CLUB – CRUISING and RACING EVENTS 2006

APRIL

15th – **Shake down sail and lunch at Harwich** (Ha'penny Pier) or Shotley Point Marina. HW 13:46

29th Time trials begin – A and B class.

29th – 1st May – **May Bank Holiday weekend cruise** – Bradwell Marina and Heybridge Basin. HW 13:38. A passage to the Green Man at Bradwell on the Saturday then lock in to Heybridge the following day.

MAY

20th - **Three Clubs race 1**- Host club – Royal Harwich YC. HW 17:53

27th – 29th – **Spring Bank Holiday Cruise** – Walton Backwaters (Stone Point) for BBQ and fun and games for all.

JUNE

3rd - **Racing for the June and Ward Cups** – A and B classes. HW 17:26. BBQ and Prize giving in the Clubhouse at 18.00

17th - **Three Clubs race 2** – Host club PMSC. HW 16:44

JULY

1st - **PMSC Barge Match**

8th - **Smack Race** – HW 10:08. This will be for first event of its kind for Smacks and ex working craft based upon the Orwell and Stour and Deben Rivers. Racing will take place during the day, culminating with a BBQ / Entertainment and Prize giving at the Clubhouse from 17:00

15th - **July Club Cruise** – Oostende for fine food and beer. Hopefully a flotilla of Club Yachts, sailing together for the week in company, an ideal opportunity for those who don't fancy the North Sea crossing on their own.

AUGUST

12th – **August Club Cruise** – An East Coast Mystery Ttour. A week's cruising around some of our favourite anchorages

26th – 28th - **August Bank Holiday cruise** – Brightlingsea. HW 16:56 Sat.

SEPTEMBER

2 - 3rd – **PMSC Regatta & RNLI race**. HW Sat – 19:04. Cruiser racing from mid morning, with Topper sailing and rowing races during the afternoon. Also various shore side events taking place on the Pin Mill Common throughout the day. Prize giving and entertainment at the Clubhouse on Saturday evening.

16th - **Autumn Race** – A and B classes – HW 19:49. Hot Dogs and Ale in the Clubhouse from 16:00

30th - **Three clubs race 3** – Host club – Orwell YC. HW 17:19

OCTOBER

1st – **Time trials end**

THE FAMOUS IPSWICH KNOT MAN

On 4 February 2006 Des Pawson, of Wherstead Road, Ipswich, attended the Clubhouse and gave us an absorbing talk, which included a live demonstration of rope-making. He began by passing round many samples of rope made from all kinds of traditional materials. These came from all around the World and Des was able to tell us about the strengths and weaknesses of each as well as how its availability to shipbuilders had affected the course of history.

Then the live demonstration : the Games Room became for a time a rope walk, equipped with an ingenious machine which Des had brought along. Strands were stretched from hooks on the machine, to another hook tied around the waist of an anchor man (me). Then a 'top' – a wooden device shaped rather like a large bullet, was inserted between the strands. When the handle on the machine was turned, the hooks twisted the strands. The 'top' was pushed along to the end and then removed. A counter twist was put into the rope, by turning the handle the other way – hey presto. PMSC rope!

After an interval, Des gave a short talk. He demonstrated with a reef knot how knots can be tied in two versions which are mirror images of each other. Both versions of the reef knot have the short ends on the same side, unlike the thief knot, which looks similar, but has the short ends on opposite sides. Bowlines vary too : in the UK, most of us tie this with the free end hanging inside the loop, but the Dutch do it differently, with the short end hanging outside. Des gave some examples of how tiny differences in the technique of knot tying, have been useful in criminal investigations.

Having taken us round the World in the first part of his talk and then entertained us with his knowledge about knot-tying in the second half, Des finished by telling us some stories : too many to recount here, so I'll just mention the last – the tale of Matthew Walker's knot.

It seems that the inventor of this one, who was possibly a master rigger in one of the British Naval dockyards, was sentenced to death by a judge who in earlier life, had himself been a sailor. Motivated by common fellowship of the sea, the judge offered the sailor a full pardon, if he could show a knot that he (the judge) could neither tie nor untie. Matthew Walker called for ten fathoms of rope. Having retired to the privacy of his cell and unlaidd the rope halfway, he tied the separate strands into a knot in the centre and then laid up the rope again to the end. This ingenious ploy defeated the judge's attempts to tie or untie. So, Matthew Walker secured his pardon and the World gained a knot that is both useful and aesthetically pleasing.

Our thanks go to Des for a very informative and most interesting talk.

STEVE CLAY

**HON BARGE SECRETARY'S
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

I have very little to say you will be pleased to hear. This year was the third occasion we decided the Passage Match should start at a sensible time in the morning, rather than wait for the tide to be right at about 16:00, leaving the barge crews hanging around all day with a long night's sail ahead. Once again this was the right decision, although only four vessels took part. Two finished that night with a third putting into the Colne and finishing next day. Particular thanks to Rick Kirkup for turning out as Committee boat : hope we left her clean Rosie!

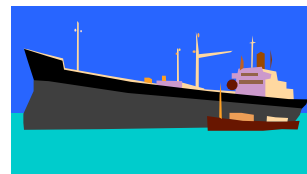
Our own match attracted a final turnout of 15 barges, the highest for quite a few years. An unfortunate incident towards the end marred the day for two of the crews, but all seemed to be smoothed over if not forgotten, by the end of the usual excellent evening.

We have never been the subject of a cookery programme before. Next January Suffolk's Coastal Kitchen will be broadcast, featuring the Barge Match, for a least 15 minutes (I am told). I look forward to seeing if Mick Lungley's Can Of P—s remark has been left in (It wasn't – Ed.).

I say it each year, but the job is made easier by the support and help of many people : The Flag Officers and Committee, the Bar Committee (with a special mention to Jackie and Jo, and Angela). The Barge Committee itself, Mick Lungley (of course), Harwich Haven Authority, Ipswich Port Authority, Gus and Sarah Curtis and naturally the other great attraction, the reception provided by Pat Dunnnett and her Galley Slaves, who work away all day (and before) preparing an

unrivalled feast all for about £2.00 per head. The professional catering crew that actually do the work for the Celebrity Chef in Coastal Kitchen, commented that they would never consider attempting anything on such a grand scale!

JULIAN ACKLAND



Editor's note:- apologies for somehow omitting this report from the bumper Christmas 2005 edition of the Circular (spot the deliberate (?) mistake even now – answers on a postcard, with prize for first received).

PIN MILL SAILING CLUB

FITTING OUT SUPPER 2006

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

£12.00 per head

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING

MENU



POTTED SALMON WITH LEMON AND DILL



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