



PIN MILL SAILING CLUB MAY 2006 CIRCULAR

Diary

SATURDAY 20 MAY

Three Clubs Race 1 – Host RHYC

SATURDAY 27 TO MONDAY 29 MAY

Spring Bank Holiday Cruise to Walton
Backwaters (Stone Point) – BBQ and
fun and games for all

SATURDAY 3 JUNE

June and Ward Cups racing – A and B
Classes

SATURDAY 17 June

Three Clubs Race 2 – Host PMSC

SATURDAY 1 JULY

PMSC Barge Match

SATURDAY 8 JULY

PMSC Smack Race – the first event of
its kind for smacks and ex working
craft based on Orwell, Stour and
Deben. Racing during the day – BBQ,
entertainment and prizegiving at the
Clubhouse from 17.00.

SATURDAY 15 JULY TO FRIDAY 21 JULY - CLUB CRUISE

Oostende for fine food and beer – Sailing
in company over the week

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST – CLUB CRUISE

An East coast mystery tour – A week's
cruising around our favourite anchorages

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST TO MONDAY 28 AUGUST

August Bank Holiday Cruise –
Brightlingsea

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

PMSC Regatta and RNLI Race – Cruiser
racing from mid morning with Topper
sailing and rowing races during the
afternoon – various events during the day
– prizegiving and entertainment at the
Clubhouse on Saturday evening

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Commodore's Corner

By the time you receive this, the Fitting Out Supper will have taken place as will the first of our regular Bank Holiday Cruises. The Sailing Season will by now be well underway, with some of our members leaving these shores within days for their summer cruises. We wish them all well and look forward to hearing about things later in the year.

It is worth reminding you all of the Nautical Photographic Competition. This is very light hearted, with a superb trophy in memory of Jake. 2006 though, a new twist: please think about an image that would make a good cover for next year's Almanac. We will have a new section in the Competition: the winner will, then be published as the cover for next year's edition. Size (as they say) doesn't matter. It will eventually end up as A5, digital or standard film is ok. But it does need to look good when reprinted in two colour and obviously must have a nautical theme. So make sure you have your cameras with you all the time, for that opportunistic shot.

A number of members dragged themselves away from fitting out on Good Friday, to help at our Clubhouse working party or on the Grindle Dig. I would like to thank you all for supporting the Club in these activities, the Clubhouse is much the better for it. Rick Kirkup and Dilly Ridge give more details later in this Circular.

Very briefly looking back, I believe we have had an enjoyable Winter Season whiling away the time until Spring and Summer and I would like to thank all those who spoke at, organised, delivered and catered for any of the events. The only trouble with success, is that people expect more!

This year as you know, we have a number of new initiatives to get as many members as possible involved in Sailing events, either through Racing, organised cruising or ad hoc

meet ups. Please support these initiatives, I hope this is why you joined the Club?

Happy Sailing for 2006

JULIAN ACKLAND

Sailing News

At last the Sailing Season is here, with the planned Club events coming along thick and fast. I write this brief diary on the back of a highly successful long weekend cruise to the Blackwater and a night on the Stour at Wrabness. Craft attending were: Astraea – Boomerang – Christine Anne (met up at Wrabness) - Jenni Ann – Silver Wain.

Saturday 29 saw four Club craft sailing south down the Wallet with Bradwell marina set as the destination. By 15:00 everybody was safely berthed and enjoying tea and biscuits aboard Jenni Ann. After tea and a few odd jobs on board, some crew enjoyed a walk around Bradwell waterside and Bradwell on Sea (the latter being a 20 min walk from the Marina and well worth a visit to see the very pretty Essex village and a great pub). The crews gathered in the Marina bar / restaurant in the evening (Green Man was too busy) for a meal and wine and to put the world to rights.

Sunday after a late start more tea/coffee with Francis and Fiona and a group decision was made to head back to Wrabness, based mainly upon the forecast that it was going to blow on the Monday. An enjoyable sail was had (although cold) and by early evening, we had each found a spare mooring at Wrabness and spent the evening with Rick and Rosie aboard Astraea.

Monday morning dawned with the forecast from Sunday proved right: wind and rain. We each made our way back to our respective moorings and marinas. Thank you to everyone who made the effort.

THREE CLUBS RACE 1 – MAY 20 – Hosted by the RHYC.

This is the first racing event of the calendar, so please join Team Pin Mill and fill in your entry and send without delay to Leigh Baxter c/o The RHYC, Woolverstone. An entry form can be found at the back of this Circular, with race rules/courses etc. available from behind the Clubhouse Bar or download from the PMSC website.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CRUISE 27-29 MAY – Walton Backwaters (Stone Point)

This event should be a lot of fun for all, with games and BBQ's taking place and the club bar kindly donating some beer/wine to help make the weekend rock! So all you late fitter outers, let's be seeing you at the Point!

JUNE AND WARD CUPS – JUNE 3 – A and B classes – Start 10:00 & 10:15 – Club line

An event for the racers amongst you. A day's hard racing with testing courses, culminating with a BBQ and race results at the Clubhouse. BBQ and Bar will be ready and open at high water 17:30 approx, enabling those of you rowing ashore to do so cleanly and quickly.

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You can advertise anything that is in some way connected to sailing or nautical activities generally. All you have to do is either:

- Email your advertisement to steve.clay@pmsc.org.uk, or
- Send your advertisement by post to me at:

**5 Bittern Road
Saxmundham
Suffolk
IP17 1WT**

STEVE CLAY

P.S. There is also the notice-board on the PMSC website, for those with access to the internet.

SALES

1947 14 ton Gauntlet, Ame.

Built by the Berthon Boat Company and designed by Rodney Paul, 41ft LOA, 9ft 6ins beam, fractional bermudan rig. African mahogany planking on Oak frames, alternative frames are doubles, so she is incredibly strong. Engine is a Mercedes OMD 42 h.p. driving a Velvet drive gearbox. An Aquadrive was fitted in 2004, plus new shaft. Lots of upgrading, Icom DSC vhf, Garmin GPS linked to a Yeoman plotter fitted 2004, Raymarine radar fitted 2005. New boom and mainsail fitted 2004, with new Tufnol blocks on main sheet. An electric Maxwell 2200 vertical windlass fitted 2004, 12mm chain Bruce anchor. Fuel tanks cleaned & lines replaced 2004, lazarette & engine room painted 2004.

At present bilge being painted, water tank cleaned and painted and varnished throughout. More details can be seen on the 'my boat details' website (www.myboatdetails.com/ame/), on the PMSC website, or contact me, Ivan Chevous and I can arrange a visit to Ipswich Marina where 'Ame' is berthed.

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Good Friday working party at the Clubhouse

We had fine weather and a splendid turnout for the working party on Good Friday morning. The availability of some 20 willing volunteers enabled a long list of small – and not so small jobs of maintenance, cleaning and tidying to be undertaken before the traditional free drink and (thanks to House Sec. Val Stone), delicious bacon rolls enjoyed at the Bar. As a result, the Clubhouse and surrounding area are now much cleaner, tidier, safer and more secure and ready for the season's activities. The final scheduled jobs - namely re-erecting the mast and the signals drum will be carried out shortly when (respectively) the new stays and the replacement supporting frame are ready.

On behalf of the members of the Club I should like to thank all those who contributed their time and skills, thereby spreading the load and saving money. In particular John Sparkes, Julian Ackland, Paul Webster, Peter Hibben, Mike & Kate Goater, Fred Everitt, Paul Bastick, Romy Blackburn, Val Stone, Dan & Kirsty Pluta, David & Catherine Abbott, Jon Humby, David Barklem, Paul & Pat Hand, Bob Emmett, Malcolm Harding & Jeremy Prosser.

Remember it's your Club, so if you have any suggestions which might improve its appearance or the facilities and/or would like to volunteer to help carry them through, don't be shy, get in touch (my contact details are on the website and in the Almanac) so we can discuss.

As a final thought, we have some external painting jobs and need to replace some bargeboards, so anyone who wants to volunteer their skills would be more than welcome!

RICK KIRKUP, HON PROPERTY SEC

Look Out!



Collision Warn Off Kit

ORC RORC Distress Kit

A faulty hand held Flare left a man critically ill last week when it exploded during a demonstration he was giving, severely damaging his hand and arm, removing a thumb and then embedding part of its casing in his abdomen. Part of the flare reportedly entered his torso and was found protruding from his back.

The accident has led the Energetics Division of Chemring Group plc, who own Pains Wessex Safety Systems, the manufacturers of the flare, to issue a statement recalling all White Collision Warning Mk 7 hand flares. An investigation has commenced in co-operation with the Health and Safety Executive and the Trading Standards to determine exactly what happened when the flare was activated during a demonstration in a field near Slough.

The injured man who was in a critical condition in Wexham Park Hospital in Slough, has reportedly had plastic surgery operations to re-attach his thumb and suffered severe internal injuries with considerable blood loss.

Mike Helme, managing director of the Energetics Division of the Chemring Group told Yachting World: "There were in the region of 2000 flares in the two batches covered by the recall."

The details of the recall are as follows: the flare is a Pains Wessex Collision Warning Mk 7 Hand Flare. The product number is 52651, lot numbers 2045 and 2046 with an expiry date of 12/08, that's December 2008. This information should be ink-jetted onto the tubes of flares.

The flares are normally sold on their own and

are also contained as part of the widely sold Collision Warn Off Kit and the ORC/RORC Distress Kit.

Pains Wessex warn that anyone in possession these flares should be aware that they could malfunction and that they should return any such product to the place from which they bought them. They can take them to their nearest chandlery or phone 44 (0) 2392 623962. They can also email recall@pwss.com for more information.

Mike Helme said that it had taken time to establish the batch number information for the flare, hence the delay in the recall.

REPORTER, LEE FOSTER

Good Friday - Grindle Dig

From about 3.30 p.m. we followed the tide down, happily clearing pockets of mud from the edge of The Grindle. Our group grew to about 20 people as things went on, with some of the children having a jolly good time as there was a good reason for digging up the mud! A number of new members joined the activity – a wonderful initiation to Pin Mill.

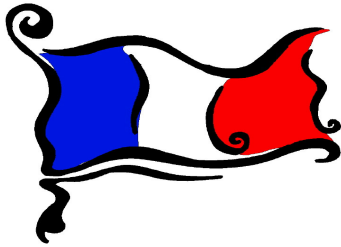
It could possibly be the last occasion we do this, as the Pin Mill Bay Management Company should be taking on responsibility for The Hard later on this year.

We had a wonderful day with lots of sunshine and good humour and I have no doubt that a number suffered aching backs the following day. We were duly sustained by beer and bacon rolls (thank you very much Val – they were delicious!).

A big thank you to all who turned up to help – see the website for photos!

DILLY RIDGE

Emigration



If you've missed Club members Dan and Rosemary Pagnillo from the Clubhouse recently, it's because fairly shortly following their retirements, Belstead Road, Ipswich has been exchanged for an address on the northwestern edge of "Dordogneshire", in La Belle France. Namely Le Bourg 24410, Chenaud (tel. 0553910897).

They intend to restore a five bed pavillon on a former smallholding in the triangle of countryside between Aubeterre sur Dronne (well worth a detour), St Aulaye and Chalais, close to the administrative boundary between Dordogne and Charente. They are on the other side of the village street from an open all hours community centre, with well-appointed bar, games, tasty menu and salle des fetes : beats PMSC Clubhouse.

Libourne and Bordeaux are 65 km or so to the southwest. La Dordogne can be fairly easily covered via the (almost finished) A89 and the relatively new A20 through Brive. Or one could try a cross country excursion to the Atlantic coast, making use of the Gironde car ferry at Blaye. Dan will moor Lympad on the Gironde. Dan and Rosemary say, if you are going down that way, give them a ring in case you can meet up. Take a good map, as Chenaud seems to be signed only from St Aulaye centre.

GORDON TERRY

Keith Greenard

Sadly, in early March, Keith lost his battle against cancer.

Having retired early at the age of 50, Keith joined PMSC when he and Sandy moved to Colton Cottage, Wades Lane, Chelmondiston, 13 years ago. He proved to be an energetic and supportive member. He progressed from a Committee place to the post of Hon. Social Secretary. He initiated the Club Website and encouraged the sales of Club merchandise.

In his professional career, he was both College Counsellor and Student Liaison Officer at Havering College in Essex. He successfully combined work with pleasure by taking staff and students on walking and sailing trips to Suffolk, the Peak District and Snowdonia.

Keith was always there with kindness and enthusiasm for friends, neighbours and Sailing Club members, cheerfully providing a helping hand whenever needed. He was excellent at organisation, using this talent for the annual Dinner Dance and setting up the trip to the London Boat Show each year.

Also, as part of our local Bridge group, his good humour and friendship will be sadly missed.

Having recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, our thoughts are with Sandy and with his sons Tim and Simon, his wider family and his friends.

DILLY RIDGE