



# Pin Mill Sailing Club

## Circular

December 2004

### George Turner February 1915 – October 2004

George, a very long standing member of the Club has died aged 89 and his funeral was held on 11 November, at All Souls Church, Kesgrave, Ipswich. The Church was full and the Club was well represented.

Which was very fitting, because after 1950, when the Club moved its H.Q. from the Sailing barge Quest (moored near the Butt & Oyster P. H.) to the former boat shed at the present location, George became life and soul of the party. A dance floor had quickly been laid in the new accommodation and George was the music organiser for dances that took place most Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

So enthusiastic were the dancers that there was soon pressure (by 1955) to consider plans for expansion – eventually achieved in 1961 by adding on to the “boatshed”. From then, certainly through the 1960’s and early 1970’s (when membership was closed at 450), George Turner figured prominently in the Club’s social activities. It is said that AGM’s were the only Club function without music. George’s signature tune became “Tie a Yellow Ribbon ....” and it was played as the congregation

left All Souls at the end of the funeral ceremony.

On the water, George was even keener. He was brought up in Wherstead Road, Ipswich, where the houses on the east side then had gardens stretching down to the Orwell. This was not far from Orwell Yacht Club. He joined the Royal Harwich, but shortly afterwards went on to serve in the War involving North Sea minesweepers and ultimately, a posting to New York connected with moving lend-lease ships across the pond.

George was a serious racer, his last boat being Pirate, a Cutlass. He was in demand as crew. When he retired at 65 from his job as a motor mechanic at Revetts, Ipswich, he became for a time, a paid skipper cruising in France. There is much to George’s activities as a member of our Club, but space does not allow more here. Just to say, thank you and farewell!



### Diary

#### Sunday, 19 December

12.30 for 13.00

\* Christmas Lunch at the Clubhouse.

#### Friday, 24 December

20.00

Carol Singing at the Clubhouse

#### Friday, 31 December

20.00

\* New Year’s Eve Buffet Party

\* (For these events, write your name on a list on the noticeboard or contact Jackie Fookes; tel 01473 328311 if you wish to come)

#### Saturday 1 January

CANCELLED – our Cyclemaster, Bob Emmett advises transfer of this year’s Cycle Ride to EASTER (TBA) BUT DON’T MISS MORRIS MEN LUNCHTIME AT THE CLUBHOUSE

#### Tuesday 11 January

8.15

Coach Trip to London Boat Show – details in last November’s Circular

#### Saturday 15 January

19.30 for 20.00

Illustrated talk at the Clubhouse by Malcolm Harding “Dorabella in Denmark.

## The Editor Writes

### Improving our economy

Last year, thanks to the Club Webmaster Lee Foster, we set up a facility whereby the Circular could be transmitted electronically to members.

When hopefully, you decide to renew your subscription this year, please have a careful think about whether you too could join in and save the Club printing and postage costs. Money which would of course be put to beneficial uses, as we continue to improve our facilities, and to save for a rainy day.

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### New faces in some places

The Club's AGM on 20 November was civilised and over early. The modest rise in subscriptions proposed by our Treasurer of one year, Tim Grove, was accepted without demur.

Julian Ackland is our new Commodore in place of Bryan Cook. Julian is a Warehouse Systems Consultant. He lives in Wendy Close, Chelmondiston. This July was the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pin Mill Sailing Club Barge Match. Julian took over organisation of the Match from the redoubtable Jack Haste, when we had the 30<sup>th</sup> (memo; must ask Jack to do a piece about the first Match). So although Julian doesn't have a boat of his own, he has to do with

boats and is very good at barbeques.

Dilly Ridge moves up from Rear to Vice and Jon Humby will take over as Vice Commodore. He is a long standing Club member and is Operations Manager at MDL Ltd's Woolverstone Marina.

On the fun side of things, successful retiring Property Secretary Jim Clarke has risen to the challenge of the Bar Secretary post. Keen General Committee member Rick Kirkup has kindly volunteered to look after Property and Brad Hurst will be the new Social Secretary. House Secretary is vacant at present.

As additions to the General Committee we welcome enthusiastic, new member Steve Clay, secondly Anthony Cullen, one of the proprietors of The Pin Mill Studio (once Ward's Chandlery, next to the Butt and Oyster) and last but not least keen sailor, Dave Moody.

### Welcome Aboard!

Anthony Cullen, Chelmondiston, boat Klaartje.

Peter Hinks, Wombourne, boat Chiron of Hoyle.

Tim and Christine Sherwen, Colchester, boat Pelican.

Douglas Rosher, Stowmarket, boat a Drascombe Lugger.

Jon Stokes, London, boat Dunikolu.

Colin and Elaine Attwood, Upminster, boat Sandpiper  
Elisabeth Petheram, London.

Bob and Jacqui Martin, Harkstead, boat Countess Nell (Welcome back!)

David and Jean Bagnall, Toppesfield, boat Gemma.

David and Pat Wood, Upminster, boat Gemma.

Ian Selby and Jean Hayden, Ipswich, Boat Marie Louise  
Mr and Mrs I Chevous, Chelmondiston, boat Ame.

## Diary Cont ...

### Saturday 22 January

19.30 for 20.00

Burns Night Supper at the Clubhouse – see tear off slip attached to this Circular.

### Saturday 5 February

19.30 for 20.00

Our Quizmaster Fred Everitt entertains at the Clubhouse with his inimitable Quiz.

### QYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ!

The next Circular will be with you, we hope, in mid January 2005 – but a step away!

All contributions please, to the Editors at 8 Rowanhayes Close, Ipswich IP2 9SX (Snail Mail), Fax 01473 604072 or email [el.gordo@terrytowers.com](mailto:el.gordo@terrytowers.com) and to **PRODUCTION DEPT** email [mkwordprocessing@aol.com](mailto:mkwordprocessing@aol.com)  
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**Gordon Terry  
Editor**

## What does the new Commodore say?

Let's get Sailing really going! Make greater of our Clubhouse, strengthen the membership and do everything to encourage young people.

What do you think?

Any comments please, to The Editor (see contact details at foot of Diary Column)

## Commodore's Corner

Firstly I want to thank you all for the honour bestowed by my election as your Commodore for (possibly) the next two years. As many will know, I am a social member, but I can assure you that I intend to do all in my power to represent the Club's Sailing interests. I am delighted to be supported in this by Dilly Ridge as Vice Commodore and John Humby as Rear. Together with an enthusiastic team of Officers and Committee members, we look forward to continuing the Club's traditions.

I must take this opportunity of thanking Bryan Cook and of course Christine for all the hard work they have put into the Club during Bryan's period as Commodore over the last two years. It is certainly going to be a very hard act to follow! Thank you Bryan and Christine

The Officers will be putting together sub-Committees over the next few weeks. I am keen that we get as representative a group of people as possible, so please consider volunteering.

As we move into the festive season there are a number of events that I would like to draw to your attention.

Firstly, attached is next year's membership renewal form. This of course reflects the new subscription rates that were agreed at our AGM. We feel they are necessary as we can see costs continuing to rise and a number of maintenance projects. The Committee is very keen that we get the subs in as early as possible, not only because of the financial implication, but it

makes the work of the Assistant Secretary Romy and Treasurer Tim so much easier if they do not have to chase people. It also means we can produce the Almanac earlier as well. So please fill in the form now and send your cheque, don't put it in the cupboard for manana.

We have recently enjoyed the Shanties and Ditties evening (4 December), an event even a disco boy like me has been known to support, but I try to keep it secret!

Jackie and Jo have then arranged a Christmas lunch for us on December 19, (booking form on the Clubhouse Notice board). I wouldn't leave it too long before you put your name down, as places are limited

We then run into Christmas with the Club hosting two events that are part of Pin Mill tradition. On Christmas Eve we have the Village Carol singing, which if anything like last year, will pack the Clubhouse. Starts at 7:30

On Boxing Day we host the East Suffolk Morris Men as they dance at Pin Mill at about 13:00 and then into the Clubhouse for some very professional, traditional Carols.

We round off with our New Years Eve Party, including a Buffet provided by Jackie and Jo (form on the notice board) with Auld Lang Syne and Fireworks at Midnight.

And if that not enough to justify paying your subs we have the trip to the Boat Show on 11 Jan, organised by Rick Kirkup.

May I wish you and yours a happy and prosperous festive season.

**Julian Ackland**

## Commodore's Annual Report 2004

I'm very pleased to see you all here tonight.

First of all, it is my sad duty to report the members who have died since last year's AGM. Martin Baskerville, a member for some years and a keen racing man. David Ridge, a former Property Secretary, House Secretary and Rear Commodore. David was prominent in the Club for his sense of humour, enthusiasm and hard work and is much missed, Max Pennington and Capt Vic Sutton. I'm sure you will remember the tragic accident in April at Levington Marina. I'd like to say it was good to see Max's widow Jan, at the Dinner Dance last week.

Lastly, a very long-standing member George Turner, died this month. George was a talented sailor and did a lot for the Club over the years and was best remembered for organising dances in times gone by. Many of us will remember his theme tune, "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree" - fittingly played as we left the Church after his funeral last week.

Interest in Club Races has not been overwhelming over recent years and in view of this, our Sailing Secretary last year got together with the Royal Harwich and the Orwell Yacht Club to hold three annual races. The 'Evening Star' donated a trophy and as you probably remember, Pin Mill Sailing Club was the proud winner. Despite a good showing of Pin Mill boats this year, the Orwell Yacht Club beat us by only 1½ points and they now hold the Cup. Well done to

them and also to our members, who made a wonderful contribution and I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts.

The Club's Annual Regatta, with strong winds, was an exciting event and I hope much enjoyed by participants. Was it due to the winds being even stronger the next day that we had only three entries for the RNLI Pennant Race, I wonder? Or perhaps because most of the previous day's competitors were still recovering? Thank you to Laurie Thomas and his Committee for the well-organised events.

The reduction in our Club races resulted in many cups not being presented this year. Perhaps we should think up other reasons for them to be awarded. It would be a great shame not to make use of the wonderful cups this Club possesses.

With regard to the Club's cruising, despite inclement weather on each occasion they were enjoyed by those who took part.

It was decided this year to try a different destination for the Summer Cruise in July. Goes in South Holland had been our goal for many years and was very popular, especially as the Harbourmaster, Cornelius van der Vliet, had always been so helpful. However, numbers were dropping so the Committee agreed to try somewhere different: St Katherine's Dock, London, was chosen. This seemed to inspire quite a lot of members and much to our pleasure, fourteen boats wanted to make the trip. Good weather was not on our side, but

eventually most arrived and had a very enjoyable time.

The Annual Barge Match was well-supported – the amazing sight of these dignified old ladies fighting the elements and each other for the best position, never fails to impress. Thanks are due to Julian Ackland and his team for all the hard work they do to make this event a big success.

One of the Club's recent innovations – the Humby Foredeck - has proved very popular this summer, especially with the folding doors wide open. So I would like to thank outgoing Property Secretary Jim Clarke and his Committee, for making such a marvellous job of it.

I consider myself very lucky to have had such good providers of meals during my term as Commodore. For the first year, Jackie Harding created some wonderful suppers and then Jackie Fookes and Jo Hazlewood took over. They have cooked brilliant suppers and Sunday lunches. Of course, Jackie and Jo are much appreciated in the Bar and we now have the welcome addition of Angela Brooke. I would like to say thank you to them and to some willing volunteers (especially Simon Everitt), for doing so much to make the home of Pin Mill Sailing Club the happy place it is. Jackie and Jo have also been so helpful in coming up with some good ideas for social evenings – Burns' Night comes to mind: it was a super evening and I hope they do it again! We certainly appreciate them both.

Social evenings have mostly been well-attended. 86 people were at the Dinner Dance last Saturday.

Club membership stays at a similar level – 410, with 9 more applications this month.

Nigel Mower is retiring as Bar Secretary. My thanks to him – he will be a hard act to follow.

Jim Clarke is retiring as Property Secretary and has most certainly done a wonderful job – my thanks to him also.

Gordon Terry has been Club Secretary for eight years and continues to do a difficult job well. Sharon Dent and Jon Humby have helped him with the production of the Circular. Thank you.

We are most grateful to Tim Grove, who is proving to be a very efficient Treasurer. Also to Ian Saunders who is coping very well with his position of Moorings Secretary.

Our thanks also go to retiring Committee members, Fiona Wylie and Sharon Dent for all their help.

Our web site goes from strength to strength and thanks should go to Committee member Lee Foster for all his hard work on the web site and of course, with Club merchandise.

I've had wonderful assistance, help and advice from our Committee (and a few members!) – my thanks to them all. Also to my P.A. Christine Cook, who has put me straight and will no doubt continue to do so!

Finally, I've enjoyed the privilege of being Commodore for the last two years and I now intend to enjoy being an ordinary member in the years to come.

**Brian Cook**

## Hon Treasurer's Annual Report 2004

As you can see from the accounts, we had a fairly good year, both increasing our income and reducing our costs.

Our increase came mainly from Sara Hopkinson increasingly hiring the Clubhouse for her sailing courses and from an improvement in turnover and profitability at the Bar. I would like to thank Jackie, Jo and Angela for running the theme nights and lunches that have brought more people to the Clubhouse and Nigel and the Bar Committee for running such a 'tight ship'.

We have managed to decrease our printing and postage costs this year. Many thanks to Sharon Dent for helping with typing and layout and to John Humby for help with the production of the Circular. If anyone could further

assist with the Circular I am sure that Gordon would be pleased to hear from you. The number of people receiving it electronically has significantly reduced printing and postage costs and I would urge all computer owners to register at [www.pmsc.org.uk](http://www.pmsc.org.uk)

We will vote on the proposed increase in subscriptions later. However I would like to point out now that improvements will be very difficult to maintain and a number of our costs are set to rise in the coming year. Together

with our decrease in funds after recent improvement, I really must recommend that you adopt the proposal for a small increase.

Finally, I would like to thank our previous Treasurer Andrew Bagnall, without whose help I doubt if I would ever have got the accounts to balance!

**Tim Grove**

