

# Pin Mill Sailing Club

## Circular

January 2005

### JAKE CLEYNDERT 1928 - 2004

Jacob de Jong Cleyndert, who lost his brave battle with cancer on 10 December, was born in Enschede, Holland, on 6 January 1928. His parents were already residing in England at the time, but his mother was keen that he should be born a Dutchman. After two weeks he was brought home to Kew, Surrey. Three years later, he was included in his father's British naturalisation papers and thereafter held dual nationality until, after having served in the British army during National Service, 1946-48, he was invited to do the same in the Dutch army, whereupon he chose to become a true Englishman.

After National Service, he took up an apprenticeship with Baker Perkins Ltd. and went on to gain a place at City & Guilds College, part of Imperial College, London University, to study Mechanical Engineering, obtaining his degree in 1955. He became a Metallurgical Observer in Stewarts & Lloyds at Corby, greatly enjoying the experience of working in the steelworks, and was later Assistant Chief Engineer with the Stewarts & Lloyds Mineral Company. He moved on to be Project Engineer with Tube Investments and then

spent many years as General Works Manager of structural steelworks and other factories covering a wide area of England before agreeing, towards the end of his working life, to assist his son William in running his newly set-up furniture factory in Norfolk.

Sailing had always been a part of his life from his early days at Strand-on-the-Green by the Thames in Chiswick. Jake, together with his father and his sisters, was a founder member of the Strand-on-the-Green Sailing Club (which was represented at his funeral by its Vice-Commodore) and he was made an Honorary Life Member on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a few years ago. Dinghy sailing was naturally the main activity, and it was nothing for the young Cleynderts and their friends to sail dinghies down the Thames to the Pool of London, Gravesend and beyond. Later, he raced a Firefly at Hayling Island and in North Norfolk. During his time at City & Guilds, Jake became Commodore of the Imperial College Sailing Club, which raced Fireflies with considerable success against Cambridge, Oxford and several other university clubs.

In 1978 he built a Cornish Crabber in his garden and set sail for Holland the following year, the first of many passages. He soon realised he needed a more seaworthy boat and eventually found his beloved Kizzy at Tollesbury, bringing her to her home mooring at Pin Mill on a snowy March day in 1985.

At Pin Mill he found his true home, and moved house here in 1988. He joined the PMSC, accepting the much sought-after(!) post of Social Secretary and later that of Flag Officer, becoming Commodore in 1995. He always felt very grateful for the friendship offered by the Club and in turn served it to the best of his ability. In 1994 he persuaded Marjorie Carter to become his permanent crew and together they made some adventurous voyages in 'Kizzy' as well as sharing a very happy home life.

We shall miss his company at the Club suppers and lunches which he enjoyed so much, also his humour and kindness, and wish to express our condolences to his children, grandchildren and all his wider family.

### Diary

**Saturday 22 January**

19.30 for 20.00

Burns' Night Supper at the Clubhouse.

## Next Circular

The next Circular is due out on 1 March. All contributions please by mid February to the Editor 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) For guidance, please phone The Editor 01473 690037.

## Commodore's Corner

May I take this opportunity to wish those of you who weren't around the Clubhouse over the festive season, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

If you weren't, you certainly missed a lot of fun, which was only made possible by a lot of hard work by a lot of people. I will not name names as I am bound to miss someone out by mistake, but you all know who you are. A big thank you for all your efforts, it was a perfect demonstration of what teamwork is all about. There is a collection of photos on the Website of various members and guests enjoying themselves, including the pantomime presented on New Year's eve by our strolling players High Water Mark. But if you have an adult content filter on your web browser you might not be able to view them all!!

I must however single out Jackie Jo and Angela, who seemed to be at the Club all over Christmas, feeding and watering us. The Christmas lunch was to say the least, out of this world (86 people sat down, I think this was different to the number who booked of course). There followed a superb Buffet on New Year's eve.

On this note I must have a little nag, please make sure you put your name down as early as possible for these events. It is not fair on Jackie and Jo to call them a few hours before, asking for extra places. Similarly if you have put your name down and can't make it for any reason, by all means let someone else have your places but please ensure that the ladies are paid! They cater for a number and work their price out on that basis, keeping it as low as possible. One or two missing can mean a loss to them. (End of nag.)

By the time you read this, the Boat show trip organised by Rick Kirkup (thanks Rick) will have taken place. I trust that those who went have left themselves enough cash for the rest of the year. Malcolm Harding will also have delivered his talk "Dorabella in Denmark" which I expect will have been as entertaining as ever. So we have Burns Night on 22 January and Fred's quiz night on 5 February to look forward to. Jackie and Jo's Italian Night is on 19 February, see Diary and tear off slip herewith. Please support all our social events, the more support, the more we can put on. As long as we can overcome a few technical difficulties, which I won't bore you with, we also hope to have a showing of Ha'ppeney Breeze, more on this in the next Circular.

I am sure many of you will now be planning your fitting out and sailing for 2005. We will look to get the Almanac out as soon as possible. To assist with this but please visit our Website for all the latest up to date information - normally published within hours of dates being fixed.

**Julian Ackland**

## Diary Cont ...

### Saturday 5 February

19.30 for 20.00

Quiz at the Clubhouse, starring Fred Everitt.

### Saturday 19 February

19.30 for 20.00

Jackie and Jo's Italian night at the Clubhouse – see tear off slip attached to this Circular.

### Saturday 12 March

19.30 for 20.00

Social event at the Clubhouse – TBA see noticeboard for details.

### Saturday 26 March

19.30 for 20.00

New members' evening at the Clubhouse.

### Saturday 16 April

19.30 for 20.00

Fitting out supper.

## Sailing, Bye!

A Happy New Year to all our readers!! And in anticipation, I hope an excellent sailing season lies ahead for everyone. Especially me of course, after last year's catalogue of mishaps, which generally brought knowing smiles and nods from old timers (no offers of a tin of the Club's finest mild though!)

Now this time last year, I was writing that support for Club events had declined and I asked for any suggestions, comments, ideas, opinions from you, the members. None came and I'm sure everyone did their own thing and had a jolly good time doing it. However, don't hesitate to let

me know if you do have anything.

Just to recap on events of 2004. We were always playing catch up in the 3 Clubs series, Orwell getting off to a good start in race 1. It was a close thing in the end, PMSC coming second by only 1½ points. PMSC averaged six boats per race last year. Can we do better this year?

Sadly the Ladies Race didn't happen and I think a more direct approach to potential entrants will be needed. Comments please on a post card!

The very successful St Katherine's cruise came in between two less successful local cruises. Readers will remember the first, to the Ramsholt Arms. I lost my tender. (lots of knowing smiles!!). And the last cruise to Wrabness, I lost my tender engine. (more bl\*\*\*y knowing smiles!!). Suggestions for cruising locations for the coming season will be gratefully received.

The Regatta went well, helped by good sailing weather and support from members with the organisation and running of it. By the way, anyone interested in helping with any sailing events please contact me. Opportunities for the 2005 season will probably be helping on the Committee Boat in the first 3CRS race and the Regatta, and Race Officer for the Ladies Race. No experience required, just enthusiasm.

One idea from the Committee is to highlight sailing activities that PMSC members take part in outside the Club. If you have any reports, stories, news like

that, then why not email me the information and I can add it to the next Circular.

Dates for the coming season will be in the next edition and I hope as many as can will support the Club's activities and make it a good year not just for individuals but for PMSC. Best wishes.

**Laurie Thomas**  
**Hon Sailing Secretary**

### **Hon House Secretary's Annual Report 2004**

Sadly, this year we have been unable to fill the position of House Secretary but Jackie Harding, at the end of her term office last year, left us with a refurbished Galley well stocked with crockery, pots and pans.

All this has been well used by Jackie Fookes and Jo Hazlewood who have looked after us very well. During the year they have provided the New Year's Eve Supper, a Salsa Night, French Café Evening, Mothering Sunday Lunch and our Fitting Out Supper. This autumn, we have benefited from the Halloween Evening, Laying Up Supper and there are two more Sunday lunches to come.

There is always room for volunteers to help in the Galley and any ideas are gratefully received. We would be delighted if there was a volunteer out there to oversee the House for us. The task is not onerous with Jackie and Jo in place. Just give me a ring, and we will be happy to welcome you on board.

In the meantime, I would like to add my personal thanks to both ladies for all their help, bright ideas and enthusiasm.

I would also like to thank Jim Clarke, our Property Secretary, for fixing things when they have gone wrong or broken including unblocking drains.

**Dilly Ridge**  
**Rear Commodore**

### **Hon Property Secretary's Annual Report 2004**

This being my final report to you as Property Secretary, I thought I might look back over the past seven years that I have been involved with the maintenance and improvement of our Clubhouse. In my first three years under the guidance of Bryan Rogers, we saw the refurbishment of the Games Room, a complete outside repaint, new carpet for the Ballard Room, refurbished entrance lobby and new chairs and tables, among many other less visible improvements.

With my white knuckles on the property tiller, we have had the Foredeck and associated groundwork improvements and the folding doors, the cover over the Foredeck, the cover at the rear, new security lighting, new shelving in the Bar ,plus many other smaller and less visible improvements. Of course during all of this time, maintenance has carried on apace: a new door here, a replacement hand drier or light fitting there, a flood here a leaking roof there etc. etc.

This I am sure, has been the story of Property Committees going back over the years and will be the story of Committees to come. With genuine sincerity, I must thank for their support and encouragement, the Commodore and members of the General Committee and for help whenever I needed it from Simon Everitt, Brad Hurst, Colin Fox, Geoff King, John Sparks and many others.

Luckily, my plea in last year's report for a safe pair of hands to take over the Property Committee has been answered and I hope to pass things on to Rick Kirkup later.

So, it is with a light heart and a spring in my step, that I skip off to assume responsibility for the contents of the Bar as your new Hon Secretary, that's if you vote me in of course!

**Jim Clarke**

## **Hon Barge Secretary's Annual Report 2004**

I have very little to say, you will be pleased to hear.

This year, we again decided that 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. I am pleased to say that this worked out well, the first barge home Marjorie skippered by her owner Simon Devonshire, arriving at 19:27; the whole fleet of eight home or retired by 21.00.

The weather towards the end of the week conspired against us to keep a number of barges away in Kent or London. Even our own Club member Eddie Smith's Betula being hit by lightning.

However we did manage to get the finish back to Pin Mill, Edme taking the Winner's Pennant in 5 hours 50 mins.

I must make the point that after 43 years, Stuart Grimwade has decided he must retire from active duty. I don't think it is so much connected with the fact Harwich Haven don't provide the on board party they used to, but more a desire to be able to do what he wishes, during his retirement from employment. I and I am sure Jack Haste, would like to thank Stuart for all the years he has given the Barge Match.

I always say it, but the job really 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, Jo and Angela, the Barge Committee itself, Mick Lungley (of course), Harwich Haven Authority, Ipswich Port Authority, Gus and Sarah Curtis, and the other main attraction to Pin Mill on the day, the reception provided by Pat Dunnett and her Galley slaves. They work away all day (and before) preparing an unrivalled feast, all for about £2.00 a head. As Gerald Ratner once said, you can't buy a pair of his earrings for that.

**Julian Ackland**

## **Hon Social Secretary's Report 2004**

Our Social Secretary Sharon Dent, sadly could no longer continue in office from spring onwards, but there has been a full social programme with a lot of enthusiasm from various quarters.

The Shanties & Ditties Evening was as popular as ever and we held the village Carol Singing Evening here on Christmas Eve On Boxing Day the Morris Men entertained us. These events were well supported – but there is always room for a few more people, so don't forget this year. There was a very happy time on New Year's Eve. In January, there was a trip to the London Boat Show, organised by Rick Kirkup, a Quiz Night and a Burns Night Supper.

Garth Cooper, sailing correspondent, gave a talk in February and there was a slide and talk by Stuart Grimwade about Sailing Barges on the Orwell and Deben, for the New Members Evening in March. Not forgetting the Grindle Dig on Good Friday – we even had two shifts this year. There was the Salsa Evening (for those fleet of foot!), High Water Mark entertained us on 15 May

There was a BBQ in May and another on Regatta evening.

Jackie and Jo organised two Cocktail Nights (the Pin Mill Tea or whatever it was called, tasted delicious – which is why I can't remember it's name – it was all rather potent!)

The Nautical Photograph Competition was well supported. We then had Halloween and of course the Annual Dinner Dance and Prizegiving.

Our Social side has been busy. Some events have been supported more than others. We always welcome new ideas. If anyone would be happy to give a short talk or slide show, please contact our new Social Secretary.

In the meantime, I would like to thank Sharon for the work she put in earlier in the year and for all the work she did typing up the Circular; we really do appreciate this.

I would like to thank everyone who has joined in organizing, or just helping e.g. putting the chairs out and away again, all takes time.

## **Dilly Ridge Rear Commodore**

## **Hon Moorings Secretary's Report 2004**

The main function of the Pin Mill Moorings Committee is to administer approximately 130 deep water swinging moorings currently in private hands. The remaining moorings in the Pin Mill area, in total about 180, are under the control of commercial operators. Vacant moorings are offered to those on the waiting list, not quite in order, as considerable attention is paid by the Committee it matching the boat to the mooring. In this respect, I am indebted to the commercial representatives on the Committee, whose advice proves invaluable.

Our other main function is the collection of the ABP licence fees. For many years the two private moorings representatives on the Committee, Mark Grimwade and Ben Powell, have performed this task. Last year and with their agreement, I undertook the function myself, having formed the view that the job fell more naturally to the Secretary. I was very grateful to receive a well-maintained address record, that made this transition relatively simple.

This year, we have an additional six names on the waiting list compared to last year. This is mainly as a result of an increasing number of applicants who are prepared to wait for an ideal mooring to become available.

On a general note and in conclusion, it would assist the Committee immensely if when an offer of a mooring is made, a prompt response could be received, as this will ensure a faster turnover of applicants and reduce the number of unused moorings.

**Ian Saunders**

## **Hon Bar Secretary's Report 2004**

The pattern has been established and members are starting to use the Clubhouse on a more frequent basis at regular social events and for private functions. We have an H. Q. with one of the best vistas I know, so it is a wonderful location to have a party.

On the staff front, Adam Hubbard decided to "retire" after many years of pulling pints on a Friday night. He was very good

and served the Club well; thank you Adam.

Simon Everitt proposed that we approach Angie Brookes. She was willing to help us out and has proved to be very flexible. She has also taken on Saturday lunchtimes, when there are no volunteers (few and far between!!) and works the Bar at big functions as well, when Jo and Jackie are busy in the Galley. They continue to provide excellent service Saturday evenings and Sundays and are always willing to go the extra mile at functions. This has made a tremendous difference in 2004.

I must make a special mention of Simon Everitt as he has been my right hand. He does all the shopping for supplies at Bookers or Makro. Whenever there is a job to be done he does it. He also came up with most of the suggestions for improvements. Thank you Simon, you made my term in office a pleasure.

We continue to improve the facilities in the Bar. The major works carried out this year are:-

- New shelving under, where the lager barrel used to be
- New supports for the spirit optics
- New drinks cooler and associated filling work
- Extra support for the shelving over

There is work needed next year. The big item is to re-arrange and re-decorate the beer store room: the problem is when.

We are flexible in our approach, but the staff have friends and families as well, so they have been told that anytime after the published hours they can shut up

the Bar and leave. If there is not a member with a front door key then a visitor's key will be given out, but it must be put back through the letterbox when the Clubhouse has been locked.

We try to keep the Club's traditional approach, but also recognise modern trends. We are always willing to listen, so if you have any suggestions about new products or possible improvements, please let us know. Don't forget the Clubhouse is available for private hire and the ladies can do any catering required.

The licensing laws for clubs etc. are under review and liable to change in 2005, so we may need to review how we operate next summer.

Next year's Bar Committee will be:

Dilly Ridge (Chairman)  
Jim Clarke (Secretary)  
Simon Everitt  
Bob Emmett  
Francis Beaumont  
Tim Grove

**Nigel Mower**



**JACKIE AND JO PRESENT**

**AN**

**ITALIAN NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2005**

**AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

**7.30PM FOR 8.00PM**

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- ❖ **I enclose my cheque payable to PMSC at a cost of £7.00 per place**
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