



Pin Mill Sailing Club



JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Corner

On behalf of the Flag Officers and committee, I would like to wish all of our members a happy and prosperous New Year.

The festive season is now behind us, and I hope you all have had an enjoyable time. We started off with Shanties and Ditties and many thanks to High Water Mark and the rest of the performers for entertaining everyone so well. The following weekend saw our dynamic dinning duo – Jo and Jackie – swing in to action and provide us with an absolutely superb Christmas Lunch, and a special thanks to Malcolm Harding for collecting the girls and the Turkeys from Holbrook and getting them to the Club on time - the major snowfall the night before put the whole event in serious jeopardy! Christmas Eve saw the Club full of Carol Singers and congratulations to Julia and Graham Pink for organising such a successful community event. The East Suffolk Morris Men entertained us on Boxing Day with dancing on the Causeway followed by Carol singing in the Games Room, then finally we rounded the year off with our New Years Eve Party, that was enjoyed by all that attended.

This is a particularly busy period at the Club, and I would like to give my sincere thanks to all the people that contributed to make the events run so smoothly – without the hard work performed behind the scenes, we would not have our events – so thanks to you all.

Sadly, in early December, one of our long standing members, Mick Burroughs, passed away and our thoughts go out to his wife Viv and son Mark, at what will have been a very difficult time. An obituary to Mick can be found later in the Newsletter.

Looking ahead into January, we have our annual quiz hosted by Fred Everitt on the 8th, and then our popular Burns' Night supper and Scottish Dancing on the 22nd, plus a newly arranged event on the 5th Feb – beginners Salsa dancing – see you there, sequins optional!

Lee Foster
Commodore

P.S. Many thanks to all that have paid their subs – if you have not, they are now overdue! ☺

Diary



Saturday 22nd January
Burns' Night

Saturday 5th February
Beginners Salsa Night
Tear-off slip inside

Saturday 19th February
Jo's 'Italian Night'
Tear-off slip inside

Saturday 5th March
Visiting Speaker Terry Corner
From the RNLI. Starts 20-30hrs

Saturday 19th March
New Members' Evening

Saturday 16th April
Fitting out supper

Friday 22nd April
Working Party
Mast Inspection and Grindle
Dig

The next newsletter will be in March. Contributions please by 19th Of February to: circular@pmsc.org.uk or by post to: 14 The Chestnuts, Wrentham, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7EZ

Facebook

We now have a Facebook group called Pin Mill Sailing Club Young Families. All members are encouraged to join, whether or not they consider themselves to be Young or a Family! It's a great way to keep in touch with other members and to share ideas and news. You can find us in the usual Facebook way, and there is a clickable link on the PMSC website. If anyone has any comments or queries, please post them on the page, or get in touch with committee member Charlotte Norman on 01473 780191 or

charlottenorman@pmsc.org.uk<mailto:charlottenorman@pmsc.org.uk>

Also:

Thanks very much to everyone who supported the Family Hallowe'en Party on 30th October. We made £50 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice Treehouse Appeal (for a new purpose-built children's hospice in our region.) Hopefully we can do it again next year, and go for an even better target!

Charlotte Norman
General Committee

Good Friday Working Party 22nd April

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Property Secretary for the Sailing Club. I have been a member of the Club on and off since I was 6 years old, approximately 27 years. I actually learnt to sail through events organised by the Club and am very thankful for that. Sailing has been my main hobby for most of my life and has brought me a great deal of fun along with a smidgen of pure fear!

The role of Property secretary basically involves looking after the Sailing Club building; this stretches from the basic day to day maintenance i.e changing sink plugs, to

larger projects like the modernisation of the interior lighting with higher efficiency bulbs and controls, which has recently been completed.

The premise of the role is to ensure that the Sailing Club is kept to a high standard of repair, safety and efficiency. It is desirable to ensure that these goals are met with minimal cost. Therefore I am very keen to get as many members involved with the jobs to be performed around the building as possible. If any of you have any particular trade related skills and are willing to offer advice or help then please let me know. It is not just professional advice that is required, if any of you are willing to offer an hour here and there to help with the upkeep of your Club it would be very much appreciated. Likewise if there are any areas that you believe require attention please highlight them to me.

As many of you will be aware each year on Good Friday a working party is organised. The idea is to blitz a list of outstanding jobs. The more people we have to help the quicker we can finish the work and get to the bar! Please put the 22nd April in your diary to both help the Club and have a bit of fun.

I am honoured to be the Property Secretary and look forward to developing the future of the Club.

James Ackland
Hon. Property Secretary

Sailing

Hello, I'm Nigel Bailey and I am the PMSC Sailing Secretary in 2011. I have been a Club member for nearly 9 years and was on the sailing committee last year. I have a Stella class yacht which I have owned for some 15 years and is kept at Pin Mill. I live in Chelmondiston with my wife Helen who I met in the Sailing Club.

And so to the sailing. Some of you may have noticed that PMSC sailing events are not particularly well supported. We are not sure why this is, it may be that PMSC members prefer to do their own thing, that the organised events are not what you want, or something else. The smaller, simpler and shorter events may be more popular; the best turnouts (of PMSC members) last year were for the Dingy Day and BBQ at the Second Sands and the Paper Boat Race, and we hope to repeat these in 2011. Nevertheless, we currently intend to run a similar program to 2010 as all events attract some participants.

On the racing side, there may be some of you who would like to enter the races but do not have enough crew for racing, or would like to go racing but do not have a boat. If this is the case I am happy to organise a simple crew register. It would also be good if we had a group of boats keen to do the 4 Clubs Races so that we could ensure we have a turnout of at least 3 PMSC boats for each race.

Sailing event dates set at present are

21/05/2011 - 1st 4 Clubs Race (SSC host)
28/05/2011 - Bank Holiday Cruise
04/06/2011 - Dingy Day and Beach BBQ
18/06/2011 - 2nd 4 Clubs Race (OYC host)
25/06/2011 - Barge Race
09/07/2011 - June & Ward Cups Race
followed by Lunchtime BBQ at
Erwarton Ness
27/08/2011 - Bank Holiday Mystery Cruise
03/09/2011 - PMSC regatta
04/09/2011 - RNLI Race
17/09/2011 - 3rd 4 Clubs Race (RHYC host)

Finally, if any of you have something you would like us to arrange or are interested in the racing ideas, please contact me on 01473 780062 or sailing_secretary@pmsc.org.uk.

P.S. There is still a place on the Sailing Committee for 2011. You don't need to do much, just a bit of help in making the events go smoothly.

Nigel Bailey
Hon. Sailing Secretary

What Is That!!?

Visiting Speakers

Over the winter the Club invites people to give a talk on any subject (not necessarily nautical) that may be of interest to the members. This winter we have Terry Corner from the RNLI visiting us on 5th March. So, an opportunity to ask questions and gain insight into a fascinating institution, not to mention get some ideas for fundraising.

New Members' Evening

This is for all Club members and is the evening where we invite everyone who has joined in the last year to come along and be introduced to other members. So please turn out, particularly if you have proposed or seconded anyone. I understand there will be food!!

More terms explained in the next edition.

Val Stone
Rear Commodore
And Editor

**A reminder that the Club is
available for hire for £50 for
birthdays, parties etc.**

And corkage is only 50p

**You must be a member or known
to a member**

**All enquiries to Romy Blackburn, Club
Secretary**

Other New Committee Members

Carolyn Dragan **Hon. Social Secretary**

As the newly appointed Social Secretary at PMSC, you may like to know a little about me. My name is Carolyn Dragan & I moved from France to the Shotley Peninsula 6 years ago. I live in Chelmondiston with my two daughters who are 13 & 11 years old. We became family members of PMSC just over a year ago & have very much enjoyed using the Club socially. I look forward to seeing/meeting many of you at the Club's social events during the year. Carolyn

Brian Wales **General Committee**

My wife Elaine and I have lived in Holbrook for over 20 years after having moved around various locations in London and East Anglia. I took early retirement from the electricity supply industry at the end of 1999 but continued to work for a consultancy firm until 2009, undertaking a number of overseas projects. Now approaching 65 I have decided to indulge myself in full time retirement.

I started dingy sailing in the mid 70's and developed an interest in sailing undertaking the various RYA shore-based and practical courses leading up to Coastal Skipper. I am a member of the RNLI and RYA and currently an Assistant to the RYA Eastern Regional Planning & Environmental Co-ordinator, acting as his representative on the Stour & Orwell Estuaries Access Group. I'm also an active member of the East Anglian Sailing Trust (EAST) which provides sailing opportunities for people with disabilities.

I have been a member of Pin Mill SC for over 10 years and recently became a member of the General Committee. Subject to the time demands of our very young granddaughter I am looking forward to becoming more involved with the Club.

Property Secretary's Annual Report

The year to 30th September was again fairly quiet in terms of Property matters. The Clubhouse itself was free from any significant emergency repairs, in no small part due to the policy of prudent preventative refurbishment which we have adopted in recent years.

We have had some maintenance issues that we have had to address this year, notably in the Bar area where plumbing and lighting needed attention and also the men's toilets where some fairly major re-plumbing was required.

On our usual Good Friday Working Party day we had a very good turnout of members, over thirty five young and old enthusiastically tackling the long list of annual maintenance requirements from clearing gutters to Grindle digging.

An achievement that is worthy of note is the Foredeck extension funded by the George Turner legacy, definitely a worthwhile improvement. It was built with help from Phil Chesney but the lion's share of the work was carried out by our Bar Secretary Karl Pardon, demonstrating among other things that some men at least can multitask! Our thanks go to Karl and Phil for their hard work which saved the Club the cost of employing contractors: the extended foredeck will add considerably to the benefit of members on warm summer evenings!

The Club's electricity costs have continued to rise and much thought has been given to improving the efficiency of lighting and related control systems without spending a fortune on new fittings. With help from Brian Wales we have decided on an approach which will not only improve the quality and flexibility of lighting but should also achieve significant savings in electricity and replacement lamps, implementation of which should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

As I hand over after two years as Property Secretary I would like to take this opportunity to record my thanks to various people. Firstly to the Commodore Jon for his total support with all things, to Vice Commodore Lee for all his help with various projects, to Rear Commodore Rick for his continued help and support with the role of Property Secretary especially later this year when due to unforeseen circumstances I have been unable to devote my time and effort to the Club, to Val with all her catering on our Working Party days and to the General Committee colleagues for their contributions of support.

Paul Hand
Hon. Property Secretary

Barge Match Annual Report

As you already know we have lost two valuable members of the Barge Committee this year - Mick Lungley and Colin Fox, they will be sorely missed

The Passage Match saw an entry of three Barges taking part, with only two finishing (would have been nice if the retiring Barge had let the committee Boat know). Thanks go to Ian Saunders, Peter Cockayne, James Ackland, and Gravesend Sailing Club for supervising the Match.

Our Match on June 19th suffered a drop in support as well, which seems to be the case for all of the Matches this year. We ended up on the day with only 9 Barges.

Cyril Valley (Chairman of the Association of Bargeman) and well known in these parts living in Freston agreed at very short notice to stand in as Officer of the Day, and we are extremely grateful to him for his knowledge, air of calm, and willingness to help

As usual thanks are due to many - to Pat Dunnett and her helpers in the Galley for the usual wonderful spread; to the Raffettes for cajoling money out of people; to HHA and ABP for their support; Fraser Yates of the Ipswich Maritime Trust for Tug

Boat Fenland; Gus Curtis for Gladys as Signals Boat(Fenland does not have a Mast); to Anthony Osler for the Cover drawing for the programme and donating the Original for the draw prize; and finally the Barge Committee for their support during the year.

Next year's match is on June 25th, and this, as many of you know, will be our Fiftieth Match. We are still in the planning stage, but are talking with Ipswich Maritime trust Ipswich Tourist Office and ABP about a Parade of Sail on the Friday evening from Pin Mill into Ipswich, IMT will also be featuring our Match in their dockside display unit for the months coming, a commemorative programme with full colour cover , and a Firework display on the Saturday Night, (quite late though, we couldn't be any closer to Midsummer,) hopefully Chelmondiston Community Council will also be marking the event.

Julian Ackland
Barge Match Secretary

Annual Report of the Moorings Committee

Interest in moorings and licence fee collections within our block has remained at the same levels as experienced last year. The waiting list has grown by three principally because it is becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate boats with deeper drafts.

Having reported for a number of years on the lack of any physical improvements to the hard, I am now pleased to report that the majority of this work has now been carried out. In addition to the monies already spent a further grant of £50,000 has been received from the Haven Gateway Partnership, which will allow a few further improvements, these should be in place for the start of the 2011 season.

The management company has been recently formed and will trade under the rather long title of the Pin Mill Bay Management Community Interest Company Limited, with a

board chaired by councillor Bryn Hurren and a further ten members drawn from local interest groups. The company is a not for profit organisation and the majority of its revenue will be used to maintain and further improve the hard and it's surroundings.

Babergh District Council now hold the head lease from Ipswich Borough Council of the hard and surrounding foreshore, in addition they will in effect retain ownership of all the works completed to date. The intention is that there will be a sublease to the Management Company for a peppercorn consideration and for a period of twenty years.

Much is yet to be accomplished, but future developments will be reported via the Club's circular.

Ian Saunders
Hon. Moorings Secretary

Mick Burroughs

Sadly, on the 6th December, Mick Burroughs passed away. Mick had been a member of the Club for 35 years and had been a resident of Pin Mill all his life, having been born and raised in the house that was later to become home to his wife Viv and son Mark.

Mick was an excellent carpenter and made the superb cashbox that served the Club well for many years. In his younger days Mick was a keen Eel fisherman and later on took ownership of his much loved sailing dinghy, the 'Alert Too'. He would often be seen leaving his mooring an hour or two before high tide, sailing in and around the anchorage before returning to shore and enjoying a beer at the Club House.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Viv and Mark.

Lee Foster