



Pin Mill Sailing Club



JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Corner

It's the first of June and, I am lead to believe, the official first day of summer, and to keep in with the British tradition it's raining so no change there then.

However every cloud has a silver lining and the forecast appears set fair for the weekend ahead with warm sunshine and sea breezes predicted, just a shame this didn't occur last weekend for the May BH cruise to the Deben and of course the launch of Gus Curtis's Bawley 'Gladys' from the hard at Pin Mill.

With a predicted high tide at 13:30 'Gladys' was lined up on her trolley ready for a spectacular run down the hard before floating gently off near the scrubbing posts. Alas with all good plans the tide failed to make its predicted mark and things ground to a temporary halt.

Not to be defeated the launch crew bought in the trusty work boat and with its winch working to its limit the 'Gladys' gradually made her way down the hard eventually wriggling free of the trolley and floating clear to a warm round of applause from the watching crowd assembled at the Clubhouse. After a couple of pirouettes around the anchorage Gus bought her up onto a mooring off Pin Mill before he and his crew came ashore for a well earned celebratory beer.

During the afternoon Gus asked for us to raise our glasses to the memory of Joe Dunnett and on behalf of the Club and those present I presented Gus with a launch pennant depicting the PMSC burgee with 'Gladys' written along the extended fly. Perhaps the next pennant will be the 2010 Smacks race winners, you never know!

Later that evening the Club was alive to the sound of the band 'Words and Music' playing hits from the 60s and 70s. There was a good turnout of guests but noticeably not too many members, where are you all? All in all it was a great evening and if negotiations go alright the band will be back in the autumn for another turn.

Diary



Saturday 12th June
PMSC Open Day

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4CRS Race 2 (SSC Host)
And Thames Barge Passage Match

Saturday 19th June
49th Annual Barge Match

Saturday 26th June
Dinghy Day with Beach BBQ

Saturday 3rd July
Lunchtime BBQ at Erwarnton Ness

Saturday July 10th
'Try Sailing Sessions'

Saturday 17th July
June Cup and Ward Cup Races
And EC50 Rally at Stone Point

Saturday 24th July
Smack and Working Boat Race
BBQ in the evening

Saturday 14th August
Annual weeks Cruise including
Heybridge Basin

Saturday 28th August
Bank Holiday Mystery Cruise

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The May Bank holiday cruise actually started on the Sunday with Silver Wain enjoying a cracking sail round to the Deben and eventually anchoring at the Rocks just above Ramsholt. Not the best spot in a westerly breeze but some good holding ground was found and after a run ashore with the dogs her crew settled down to supper and a toast to absence friends. Yes you guessed it - no one else arrived. I have to ask, if you were not at the Club the previous evening and not on the Deben then where are all the PMSC membership enjoying their leisure time!!

Events coming up: we have an open afternoon at the Clubhouse on June 12th – 12:00 to 16:00 primarily to attract new faces into the Club but also to give the opportunity to new and existing members who may not get to the Club as often as they would wish a chance to meet the committee, flag officers and other members.

We will have a number of photographic exhibits on display along with some hands-on rope work, splicing, children's activities, details of local boat storage and facilities, seamanship training, RYA courses and of course the bar will be open and the galley will serve traditional Pin Mill cream teas. I very much hope to see you there.

Also on June 12th is the second round of the 4 clubs series with the OYC as hosts, so come on you racers, fly the flag for PMSC and take us nearer that coveted trophy.

The middle of the month is the 49th Barge match here at Pin Mill and on Saturday 26th at second sands between Pin Mill and the Clamp house is our Dinghy day and BBQ.

This is an opportunity for the youngsters to bring their rowing or sailing dinghies and have a bit of fun on the water with some races, water fights etc. Don't forget to bring your lifejackets and BBQ bits and pieces and of course your parents and grandparents and friends too.

Finally this is the bit where I sell, sell, and sell. The annual Smacks race is taking place on 24th July and we do have a number of places available on the Smack 'Pioneer' for the race day and for the cruise back to Brightlingsea on the Sunday. The cost per day for members is £50:00, non members and guests £55.00.

I know I do tend to go on about this opportunity but it really is worth splashing the cash as it's a day to remember aboard a wonderful vessel.

Finally, finally do remember the Club and bar is now open at 17:00 every Friday through to September for the do it yourself BBQ and social.

That's all for now, enjoy your sailing and the Club facilities over the summer.

**Jon Humby
Commodore.**

Sailing

Thanks go to Fiddler and Stardust for turning out for the first of the 4CRS races. Philip Waring and Stardust win the Seago Trophy. The next in the series is on June the 12th.

Dinghy Day and beach BBQ is on Saturday the 26th of June from 12.30 and I hope to see some of you with little boats come along and have a bit of a splash. Rowing and sailing races will take place if numbers permit.

On the following Saturday July the 3rd we have our Erwarton Ness lunchtime get-together for the bigger boats. If anyone is interested in hitching a lift round in a boat let me know and I'll see if I can find you a space. I will also be taking the racing flags with a view to having a passage race back.

July the 10th sees a new event for our Club. We propose to offer 'Try sailing' sessions where various members will volunteer to take

people out for an hour or two. So if you don't own a boat and would like to try sailing please contact me and I'll book you in.

The June and Ward cups races are on July the 17th starting at 10.00, with an EC50 rally at Stone point in the evening. EC50 events are raising money for disabled sailing in the region, and this evening will be hosted by OYC. It will cost a £5 donation to attend and you must bring your own BBQ and food. OYC will provide music. If you can't attend but would like to donate anyway then I will happily collect cash or cheques and pass them on. The Smack and working boat race is on the following Saturday and there are still places on Pioneer for both Saturday and Sunday. Contact Jon.

August sees two more cruising events with a week-long cruise to Heybridge Basin and beyond, starting on Saturday the 14th. If you wish to take part then let me know and I will make some bookings for Heybridge. The final cruising event starts on August 28th and will be our annual 3 day mystery cruise to '*who knows where?*'

I hope you find something in the above events to tempt you out.

Val Stone
Hon.Sailing Secretary

Foredeck extension.

Many of you are aware I'm sure of the wonderful new extension to the foredeck area of the Clubhouse. This initiative came about through a bequest to the Club from the estate of long term member George Turner and a subsequent challenge to your committee on how or if we should spend some or all of it. After a month of deliberation our Hon. Bar Sec, Karl proposed the idea along with a set of plans which was agreed unanimously and the result is now for all to see. Through this column I would like to thank Karl very much for his hard work in project managing and building this fantastic addition to the Club and also extend my thanks to Phil for his help and

Gus for the use of the boat yard machinery used during the construction. On completion of projects like this it is always nice to have an official unveiling and naming ceremony, a chance for us to say thank you and remember George. This will take place at 15:00 hrs on Sunday June 20th, the day after the Barge Match. I very much hope to see many of you there.

Jon Humby
Commodore

PMSC Spring Party **Sat 1st May 2010**

For those who weren't able to experience it personally, I'm delighted to report that the PMSC Spring Party was again a huge success in all respects. Lots of fun for young and old alike, an opportunity for the Club to open its doors to guests and visitors and give potential members a chance to experience our special ambiance, plus the bar had a very successful day!

A big thank you to everybody who contributed to the preparation and running of activities, (and the unseen and unsung helpers who helped with setting out and clearing up afterwards!) especially the following.

Nigel Bailey and helpers Max & Rosie did a fine job of running the children's paper boat building and Nigel is to be congratulated on staging an especially good boat race - particularly as he pronounced my granddaughter's boat the winner (no bias here, honest!)

Charlotte Norman, helped by Kate Reynolds transformed lots of young children's faces into delightful painted characters and their contributions swelled the total collected for our charity.

Tim Fenton ran a very popular and successful Karaoke to the enormous enjoyment of a large group of children - though I believe no adults

were brave enough to step forward and have a go - maybe next year...

Our stalwart House Secretary Catherine Abbott again managed (amongst other donations) to obtain meat and ice creams for the Barbecue at generously reduced prices from suppliers and particular thanks are due to Peter Hollingsworth who provided all of the burgers and sausages at half price. Catherine was as ever supported by husband David, and her niece Gabrielle and husband John who - even though non-members - gave up many hours to assisting in setting up and clearing away. Various people contributed salads including Rosie who also helped serve the food. Needless to say the food was delicious and enjoyed by a large number of members, guests, local people and visitors from further afield with the result that the BBQ contributed the wonderful sum of over £270 profit to the charity collection.

Last but by no means least, Bridie Vadasz again proved herself to be the queen of the raffle - not only did she drum up the longest ever list of quality donated prizes from a wide variety of generous sponsors (it took about 20 minutes to call out the winning numbers!) but her indefatigable selling skills meant that the raffle contributed a magnificent total of over £280, with a few prizes carried forward to our next raffle, including I believe the infamous bird table...

Modesty forbids me to comment on the Blooze Brothers efforts but suffice to say that a small but happy band of rockers were still energetically strutting their stuff at 23:45!

Karl Pardon and his bar colleagues did a splendid job covering a 12 hour stint between them, including obtaining emergency beer supplies in the late afternoon! Bobbie Clark kindly agreed to coordinate and count the physical collections.

Our chosen charity this year – again a local one – was the **Treehouse appeal of East Anglia's Children's Hospices** and I had the

great pleasure and privilege to present to (see pic attached) Patsy Johnson, E.A.C.H. Capital appeal Fundraiser the Club's cheque for **£750** as our contribution towards the building of a new purpose built facility for life-threatened children and their families in Suffolk & North Essex.. More details of the appeal can be found at www.each.org.uk.

Thanks again to all who contributed to a great day!



**Rick Kirkup
Rear Commodore**

In The Library

A large gift of books of maritime interest has been received from Val Stone to which has been added one or two small contributions from other members. Once these are recorded and placed in their proper places on the shelves there will be little or not much more room for any further books. Sadly this means that the library cannot accept any more additions. Please do not leave books you wish to give in the library there is no where they can be squeezed in.

**Tony Cowley
Librarian**

GOOD FRIDAY CLUBHOUSE WORKING PARTY AND GRINDLE DIG.

2nd April 2010- (Weather good despite forecast!)

Arriving at the Clubhouse at approximately 08.45 hours I was confronted with the sight of several members already tackling the cleaning and re-sealing of the outdoor picnic benches so things were off to a flying start with Rick at the helm. Anyway, just getting chance to draw breath I managed to unload the car and get the jobs list stuck down to the table. Members were arriving at a pace all keen to help and going off in all directions armed with cleaning materials, paint brushes etc. the place was a hive of industry. At the same time lots of serious digging was taking place at the lower end of the hard where the Grindle had silted against the concrete edge, here a very early start led by John Sparks and Lee Foster.

To create a picture of the day we only have to look at some of the sort of things that were happening around the Clubhouse - all the outside picnic benches, chairs, tables cleaned (or scrubbed!) and treated with wood preserver. The rear outside lobby sorted of all unwanted items. The kitchen gable-end (earlier in the week jet washed to remove algae) and lobby area re-painted. The flower beds, borders and tubs weeded and tended. The foredeck woodwork all cleaned and treated, along with our recent polycarbonate roof. The entrance gateway and fencing fitted with new and stronger trellis. Launching trolleys checked, painted and new wheels fitted as required. Cannons and carriages cleaned and painted. The signal mast lowered, checked and with a new coat of white paint raised again. All the roof gulleys, (we forgot about David Abbott on the roof when someone borrowed his ladder. Thanks to a mobile phone call he was rescued!)) bargeboards, gutters and soffits and external paintwork cleaned. The front entrance door sanded and re-painted.

Inside teams were working in the kitchen doing a deep spring clean, along with the xpelair. All windows and sills cleaned throughout. Shower areas attended to. Electrical work on various fittings completed. New rubber feet on the Clubroom chairs as necessary. Complete re-plumbing of pipe work in the gents loos. Teas and coffee with cake kept us all going until lunch when a free pint or similar along with the hot dogs proved to be very welcome!

Many thanks to all the following who came and made the day the great success it was (the order copied from the signing-in sheet): Rick Kirkup, John Webb, Roger Evans, Terry Sporle, John Humby, Peter Hibben, Pat Hand, James Wilson, Geoff Wilson, David Abbott, Catherine Abbott, Nigel Bailey, John Sparks, Armie, David Barklem, Rosie Kirkup, Brian Rogers, Fred Everitt, Hugh Cullum, Val Stone, Ian Baxter, Ian Saunders, Karl Pardon, Patrick Compston, Anthony Cullen, Brian Wales, Romy Blackburn, Lee Foster, Lee Cullen, Hetty Watts, Ron Watts, Mike Goater, Bridie Vadasz.

Paul Hand.
Hon Property Secretary.

DOGS A reminder of the rules.

Dogs are not allowed into the Clubhouse building at any time but owners are very welcome to have them on the foredeck or garden area as long as they are kept on a lead and under control.

JH