



Pin Mill Sailing Club



DECEMBER 2006 Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

As your new Commodore, I was very pleased to be welcomed into my new role at the Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, I must say how very much I have enjoyed working with Julian Ackland these last two years, especially as Julian's work base changed to Europe and he has had to travel widely but only once in two years did he not manage to return to chair our meetings which have been busy, but always good humoured even though we have had difficult decisions to make, with the new licensing laws and CASC. I hope to continue in this vein.

Looking back recently, our Halloween evening sadly was poorly attended although those there really enjoyed themselves. The Photographic Competition has provided us with the front cover for the 2007 Almanac and the quality of the entries, as ever, were up to the normal high standard. The laying up supper was over subscribed, but Jackie and Jo managed to fit everyone in, even if a few tables had to be set up in the bar. The Annual Dinner Dance was great fun and normally we have a Prize Giving, but sadly this year there was little response to the racing season, so there were no prizes. We hope that in 2007 we can rectify this and have lots of prizes to present next year.

We have a busy social time ahead, with Shanties and Ditties on 9th December, always a lively evening! There is the Christmas lunch on the 17th December, Jackie, Jo and Angela look after us very well. On Christmas Eve we have Carol Singing at 7.30pm with the Community Council and then on Boxing Day we have the Morris Men visiting the club at lunchtime. We celebrate New Year's Eve with a buffet supper.

In the New Year we have our Quiz night on the 13th January and Burn's Night supper on the 27th January. We do hope to see you at one of the evenings if possible.



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Diary



Saturday 9th December

Shanties and Ditties
19.30 for 20.00

Sunday 17th December

Christmas Lunch 12.30 – 13.00
Booking form on notice board

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve Carols
From 19.30

Boxing Day

Lunchtime Morris Dancing and Singing. Snacks available

New Year's Eve

Buffet Supper 20.00 onwards
Booking form on notice board

Tuesday 9th January

London Boat show coach trip
See article and tear-off slip

Saturday 13th January

Quiz Night 19.30 for 20.00
More inside

Saturday 27th January

Burn's Night Supper 19.30-20.0
See tear-off slip

Visiting Speaker

TBA

The next Newsletter will be in January. Contributions please by December 31st to editor@pmsc.org.uk or by post to:
14, The Cestnuts, Wrentham, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7EZ

At the Annual General Meeting the matter of the poor acoustics in the Games Room was brought to our notice. Although this has been discussed in the past, we will certainly look at the matter again.

So in the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a good, healthy and prosperous New Year.



Dilly Ridge

New Members

Welcome to the following who have just joined the Club

Mr Julian Weatherill of Chelmondiston.
Mr James Wilson of Cambridge, owner of Segrist of Dale
Mr and Mrs Gilson of Shotley, owners of St Anthony

The annual subscriptions will be due shortly and prompt payment would be appreciated. A form has been provided with this newsletter. However, if any electronic subscribers experience any difficulties and would like a form posted to them please contact Penny Jones, 3 Webbs Terrace, Church Road, Chelmondiston, Ipswich, IP9 1HT.

Romy Blackburn

Club Cruise To Oostende



Although the forecast was for strong winds, yacht 'Gravell MD' slipped from Woolverstone Marina at 05.00 hrs on Saturday 15th July 2006, skippered by Tim Whitehand and crewed by Andrew Milligan and Fred Everitt. On the way downriver one wondered where the strong wind was, however it became evident in Dovercourt Bay. The decision to proceed or otherwise was two-stage. As we all know the top end of

the Wallet can be lively so it was decided to review the situation at the Medusa Buoy. Not too bad – let's look at Longsand Head. By this time the crew were becoming accustomed to the motion.

Lets go for it – true wind 30 knots, wave height 3 metres, (circa 10 feet). The passage has been described variously as rough and exhilarating.

Course was set to close the Belgian coast to the west of Oostende to take advantage of the east-flowing tide. This entailed coming closer on the wind and required a reduction in sail. The main was reefed to what can only be described as pocket-handkerchief size – still making 7 knots through the water, arriving off the pier head at 17.00 hrs – Woolverstone to Oostende – 12 hours.

The North Sea Yacht Club berths were pretty full so we locked into the Mercator Marina. Perhaps, given the foregoing, it was not surprising that Gravell was the only yacht to arrive.

However we were not the only P.M.S.C. members there – Jackie and Malcolm Harding had arranged their holiday so as to be present.

On Sunday we were invited on board MV 'Dorabella' for drinks and snacks and proceeded later to the Royal Oostende Yacht Club for supper – a very pleasant evening.

On Monday we left Oostende for Flushing against an adverse tide, anything was better than the stifling heat of the Mercator Basin. In consequence a longer than usual passage, but enjoyable.

At this point, a word of advice, take care when entering the Michiel De Ruijter marina (the old fishing harbour) from which pilot boats exit at high speed, for full action details contact Andrew.

Tuesday was a long day too, Flushing to Stellendam in a brisk breeze. After locking in at Stellendam we proceeded to Hellevoetsluis and stayed overnight. Thereafter the air was absolutely still and the temperature oppressive, so we motored to Bruinisse on

Wednesday and Kamperland Marina (Roompot) on Thursday.

Passage was made back to Harwich on Friday and, you've guessed it, no wind – motored all the way, picking up a mooring at Pin Mill at 02.00 hrs Saturday; and kip. Count this one a good holiday.

Fred Everitt

London International Boat Show January 9th 2007

Next year may still seem a long way ahead but now is the time - if you haven't already done so - to make sure you've booked your place on the ever popular PMSC coach trip to the London Boat Show.

The trip will be on Tuesday 9 January 2007 and the good news is that in spite of increases in coach costs the price of the trip – which includes all travel costs and entry to the Show - has been held at last years figure of £20.00. Bearing in mind that if you make your own way there and pay at the door entry to the show alone could cost you £14.00, this is superb value as well as probably the most comfortable and convenient way to see the Show.

This year's Show offers many new attractions for you to watch or try, as well as a new restaurant and theatre – if you have access to the internet you can check out the details at <http://www.londonboatshow.com/>

As before, the trip will be open to members of other local sailing/yacht clubs and requests will be dealt with on a first come first served basis so don't delay, reserve your place/s by emailing or phoning me, then fill in the details on the attached 'tear-off' slip and send it in with your cheque made out to PMSC to confirm your booking.

Rick Kirkup



In the Library

A long overdue re-cataloguing of the books in the library has been undertaken. Books are now all shelved by authors and users will notice they have on their spine a label indicating which section they belong to. History, denoted by HIS, is on the shelves to the right of the entrance door, together with oversize books, and a run of Royal Cruising Club journals. On the left are collections of books on cruising and general. Towards the back of the room are books on seamanship, meteorology, navigation, design, racing and associated items such as humour, barges, cooking and diving

Although from time to time books are bought the vast majority are donated by members and this has now built into an impressive collection thanks to Pin Mill Sailing Club members' efforts. Sadly some are missing. Please can you search your shelves for:

Chenery 'The Roaring Boys of Suffolk'
Latil and Rivoir 'Sunken Treasure'
Pennant 'Sailing Small Cruisers'
Junger 'The Perfect Storm'
Lockhart 'True Tales of the sea'
Smith 'Blue Water and Sail'
Laverton 'Shotley Peninsular'
Coote 'East Anglian Harbours from the Air'

Tony Cowley



Nautical Photographic Competition

Whether the increasing expertise shown by our amateur photographers is due to the advent of the digital camera or to the effect of practice making perfect, the result was a remarkable crop of entries in this year's

competition. Many illustrated the value of keeping a camera at the ready to capture the passing moment, and some members evidently rushed out of their houses at dawn to take pictures of the amazing early light on the river. It must have been extremely hard for the judge to select the 'best' photos from so many excellent entries, and we are grateful to Matt Brooke for carrying out his task with such care. Many thanks to him and also to the Thomas family for their invaluable help in setting up the exhibition; an unexpected reward for them is that a photo of their smack 'Transcur' was chosen to appear on the cover of next year's Club Almanac. Last but not least, thanks to all those who entered the competition – their photographs were enjoyed by everyone who saw them, and there's always next year for another chance to win a prize.

Simon Everitt was once again awarded 1st Prize for his beautiful 'Early Dawn', and reclaimed the Cleynert Trophy for another year.

John Sparks' photograph of 'Transcur' not only won 2nd Prize, but was also selected to grace the cover of the 2007 Club Almanac.

A fine action picture, 'A Brisk Sail – Harwich', gained 3rd Prize for Graham Cameron.

The following were Highly Commended: 'Evening Brightlingsea – Forecast 8' by Graham Cameron; 'Pin Mill- an early misty morning' by Christine Cooke; 'Swimming Pool – Palau Severderen' by Pat Prosser.

'Summer Dawn – Pin Mill' by Renee Waite, and 'A Glimpse of the Orwell' by Marjorie Carter received Commendations.

It has been suggested that we keep a permanent record of the Prize-winning photographs each year, and so henceforth copies of these will be placed in an album in the Club Archives.

Marjorie Carter



Quiz Night

How about increasing your knowledge – without pain?

Visit Pin Mill Sailing Club on **Saturday 13th January 2007** for a Grand Quiz.

Preferably mixed teams of four welcome (lesser numbers can be matched up) to tackle a wide range of questions. Refreshments provided, all for £1 per person!

Quiz to start at 20.00hrs Pin Mill S.C. Standard Time (which might be slightly later).

Fred Everitt

Sales and Wants	
Complete set of bronze stern gear. New and unused due to abandoned project. Comprising: Shaft 8' x 1 3/8" dia Stern Tube 24"-26" between flanges c/w Water lubricated inner bearing & stuffing box and water lubricated outer bearing. Propeller 21" dia x 16" pitch. Right handed	£300 01473 780748 Pin Mill
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Commodores Annual Report 2006

Members, I have to report that during this year member Keith Greenardrs passed away. Keith, in his relatively short time as a member made a large contribution to this Club, and will be sorely missed.

Once again the General Committee decided that the club needed a further year of consolidation, however as you will hear from our treasurer later the Financial statement is only as good as it is due to timing. A number of much needed projects have been committed since the accounts were closed for 2006 and Energy consumption and safety regulations are becoming major subjects. I am sure that my successor will have to pay attention to these in the coming years

Jon Humby agreed last year to act as Sailing sec as well as Rear Commodore, I will let him report on what has taken place this year, but I would like to say that General committee meetings have become a forum for Sailing discussion which is not how I used to remember them. Well done Jon, and your Committee, for such enthusiasm..

By definition, it is not often that one gets the chance to see a tradition in its infancy, but the Inaugural Smack and working boat day was a huge success which I am convinced will only become bigger as time goes on. Jon and Paul Webster with the help of others really worked at making this a huge success.

On the Social front such was Brads dedication to his duty that he even provided a practise Sandwich run a week before Fred Everitt's Quiz evening.

The weekend before last was the Dinner Dance, which thanks to hard work by Dilly and Brad was a success both financially (which has not always been the case) but was a most enjoyable evening. Chris Wyatt was somewhat apprehensive having recommended the band, but we all felt his choice to be commended.

I will not dwell on the Barge Match, as you have to put up with me again in a minute on that.

Rick Kirkup has continued to ensure that all property matters receive prompt attention, the condition of the clubhouse is a testament to his and previous secretaries dedication. His organisation of the Good Friday Working party ensured that all those small jobs which mount up got attention.

Val Stone has continued to oversee the Catering etc in the role as House AGM. Whilst Jackie and Jo continue to serve up the superb food we are all becoming increasingly used to, there is still the need for a House Secretary to coordinate these events, ensure the kitchen utensils, cookers fridges etc are up to environmental standards and organise volunteers when needed.

Jim Clarke stood down as Bar Secretary in March this year, the attractions of Cruising the Atlantic in the Queen Mary being too great. Fortunately Simon Everitt stepped in and continued the policy of keeping the Bar in ever better stock, variety and appeal, so thanks to Both Jim and Simon for their hard work.

Mooring Secretary Ian Saunders has had a busy year, not just sorting moorings but he has continued to be involved in the Formation of the Pin Mill Bay Management Company , which is progressing albeit slowly.

Tim Grove is in his third year as Treasurer and I do notice that the number of trips he makes to Spain seem to have increased. He assures me that it's because of all the cheap flights available, and fortunately the Auditors agree with him. I would like to thank Tim for his management of the club's finances, particularly the concise reports we get at each meeting.

Romy Blackburn has continued as our Assistant Sec/ Membership secretary, looking after membership matters and being responsible for the booking of the Club for parties, meetings etc, as you will note from the accounts this is becoming increasingly more important to the club. New rules have been introduced bringing us in line with the requirements of the new licensing rules and ensuring that the club is protected.

As you may recall I threw down a Challenge to all, for the member who sponsored the highest number of new members. In judging this I worked out a complicated algorithm that rewarded not just sponsors, but seconders as well, the formula will remain a secret. I am delighted to award the bottle of Champagne to Simon Everitt. I am also delighted to say that we very nearly achieved 400 members, missing the magic number by 1 with 399 .

Lee has re-engineered our website and continues to maintain this. It is important that a website contains up to date information, and Lee seems to manage to find relevant and important information that is of interest to all. On top of this Lee together with Elaine maintain our stock of Club Merchandise.

Gordon Terry has been the stalwart of the Committee in a number of roles starting as Pin Mills very own MR FUN then as Assistant Secretary and secretary he has produced Minutes and edited and produced the newsletter for the last umpteen years. However he now feels that it is time to stand down, so, if I can disturb him from one of his famous power naps, I would like to propose a vote of thanks and this small presentation to mark his years of service. Many Thanks Gordon.

Dan Pluta, Lee and Steve Clay were joined by Paul Webster as General committee members, unfortunately Dave Moody found that studying for an MBA did not mix with Committee work.

Almost finally I must ask you to join me in a round of applause for Jackie, Jo and Angie. The food they serve up to us has become legendary, but almost more important I think, is the warm welcome they extend to members, guests and visitors on their arrival in the Clubhouse.

I said at the laying up supper that I felt a bit like Tony Blair; we all know I am going, but the difference is that we all know when. There is one difference though, I am very fortunate to have been supported by two excellent Flag officers Dilly and Jon and a Committee who while discussing matters fully, all demonstrate their support once a decision has

been made. So I must thank them all for their support during my two years as Commodore.

I would also like to thank you all for the chance to be Commodore.

However, I could not have undertaken the last two years if Janet and my family had not been fully behind me as well, so thanks to them.

Julian Ackland

Hon. Treasurer's Report 2006

Firstly I would like to confirm that the audited accounts are the same as the accounts you received with the AGM information. If you would like a copy of the signed accounts please contact me.

Although we had a good year financially, it is perhaps not quite as good as it looks. We did not go ahead with replacing the rear flat roof, dramatically reducing the amount spent on repairs, and the reduced wages bill is not the result of using slave labour in the bar, but a timing issue with their payment. Both will appear in next year's accounts!

Apart from these issues, it was still a good year. The bar increased turnover, thanks to the hard work of Jim, latterly Simon (especially his astute buying) and the bar committee. Also thanks to Jo, Jackie and Angela for packing in the customers at the various lunches and dinners throughout the year and providing a warm and friendly welcome. A large proportion of our income comes from the bar and increased use should provide a very pleasant way of keeping subscriptions down.

Once again we have managed to decrease our printing and postage costs this year. Many thanks to John Humby for help with the production. The number of people receiving the circular electronically has significantly reduced our postage and I would urge you to register at www.pmsc.org.uk.

One of the biggest changes this year has been a profit in social functions, compared with the normal loss. This is almost entirely due to the profits made on BBQ's this year. My thanks to Julian and his helpers, who worked so hard on Trafalgar Day, the Regatta and other functions.

Last year, I anticipated having to put up subscriptions this year. However after our good year, I do not think this will be necessary. I will review it again next year!

Tim Grove

Hon. Property Secretary's Annual Report 2006

The year to 30 September 2006 has been a relatively quiet one in terms of Property matters.

Apart from a small flood last winter following a build up of snow on the roof, the clubhouse itself was free from significant problems or need for major repairs, and we continue to pursue a policy of prudent preventive refurbishment of potential trouble spots.

Following reliability problems the second hand dishwasher acquired late last year was upgraded (at a very discounted price) to a new one which has given good service. The only other equipment purchased was a new water heater for the galley.

We have of course had the usual plethora of minor repair and maintenance issues. For anyone who is interested these are recorded in my monthly summaries to General Committee, and I am grateful to Lee Foster who tirelessly puts these on the Committee page of the clubs excellent website. The vast majority of maintenance jobs have been dealt with on a DIY basis by one or other of the 'usual suspects', thus saving the club money.

On this note we had an extremely good turnout for the Good Friday Working Party. This meant that a long list of maintenance, 'spring cleaning', and minor upgrade matters was completed and I would again like to thank those who gave up their morning to

help. Although it may seem like a long way off, may I take this opportunity to say that we look forward to seeing as many of you as can spare an hour or two next Good Friday morning to lend a hand and help keep our subscriptions down!

Setting aside foreseeable repair and maintenance issues, we live in an environment of rising costs (particularly for energy), and a climate of ever increasing regulation. This means that the forthcoming year may well present challenges, and, compared with the very low level of expenditure last year will almost certainly involve increased costs.

Rick Kirkup

Barge Match Committee Annual Report 2006

For some reason Mick Lungley and I managed to forget about the date of this years Passage Match, and arranged to be away, Fortunately Peter Cockayne and Ian Saunders stepped into the breach and started and finished the Match. Sadly enthusiasm seems to be waning for this event, with only a few stalwarts taking place over the last two or three years. This is something I will be discussing with the SBA to see if we can do more to encourage participation.

That is certainly not the case with The Pin Mill sailing Club match I am pleased to say. Once again we proved to the Barging fraternity that Suffolk hospitality takes some beating. We even managed to finish the Barges off Pin Mill, with the winner coming home just after 11:30.

Thanks are due to a large number of people so I will try to summarise them, to Barge Match Committee, to Pat Dunnet and her army of helpers, to Harwich haven Authority who continue to provide support for this, to ABP Ipswich for similar support, to all those who turn out as support craft, in Particular Gus and Sarah Curtis with Adax

Julian Ackland

Hon. Moorings Secretary's Annual Report 2006

Interest in moorings within our block has strengthened in the last year and the majority of enquiries now come from boat owners who have discovered us on the internet. We still have a number of moorings available for allocation, but these are in the main, a considerable distance from the hard, a fact that many on the waiting list find unacceptable.

Progress on the proposed improvements to the hard has been slow, although a business plan has now been developed, which hopefully will have been agreed by the full Task Group, who met yesterday in the Council Chambers in Hadleigh. This will enable bids to be made to both the Lottery Fund and the Haven Gateway Partnership for the balance of funds needed to complete the project. Over half of the revenue required for the managing company to remain solvent is to come from sources other than proposed charges for hire of the Barge blocks, scrubbing posts etc.

We have also contributed information to Harwich Haven Authority for inclusion in their Maintenance Dredging Protocol for the Stour and Orwell Estuaries. We have fully satisfied both the Haven Authority and English Natures requirements and members may or may not be pleased to learn that the may continue to shovel as much mud as is humanely possible each Good Friday without further reference to either body!

Ian Saunders

Annual Social Report 2006

We had a full programme of activities through the year. The lectures were well attended, especially New Members Evening with Malcolm Harding's talk.

Burns night supper and spontaneous Scottish Dancing was very popular as were the lunches and the Fitting Out and Laying Up Suppers and we are so grateful to Jackie, Jo and Angela for all their help throughout the year. Our quiz night in January was well supported and there will be another Quiz Night soon in January.

Sadly our Halloween Evening was poorly attended, but those there enjoyed themselves and really enjoyed the pumpkin soup. The recent Dinner Dance was a very happy event and has just about broken even on costs, and we hope to repeat the evening in 2007.

The Barge Match and the Smack Race are social evenings, which are thoroughly enjoyed by visitors and members alike.

We look forward to your support for the coming Social Programme.

Pin Mill Sailing Club – Subscriptions
1 January 2007

Club subscriptions for 2007 are due on 1 January at the following rates:

Household Membership (all living at one address)	£70.00
Single Full Membership	£40.00
Junior Membership (over 18 – 21)	£20.00
Cadet Membership (over 12)	£10.00

PLEASE NOTE: - SINGLE FULL MEMBERSHIP MEANS WHAT IT SAYS AND DOES NOT ENTITLE SPOUSES OR PARTNERS OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO USE THE CLUB OR ITS PREMISES ON ANY KIND OF REGULAR BASIS; THAT IS, BEING SIGNED IN AS GUESTS MORE THAN SIX TIMES A YEAR.

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My/Our e-mail address is: _____

I/we understand that Pin Mill sailing club details are held on our computer database for the sole use of Club records and to facilitate the exchange of information between the Club's officers and its members. The information will not be used for commercial purposes or be passed to any other society or organisation. By signing below I/We accept that our personal details will be held on a computer.

Signature _____

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Penny Jones, 3 Webbs Terrace, Church Road, Chelmondiston, Ipswich, IP9 1HT
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PIN MILL SAILING CLUB

BURNS' NIGHT SUPPER

SATURDAY 27th JANUARY 2007

AT THE CLUBHOUSE
7.30pm for 8.00pm

Another one of those Jackie "n" Jo Productions

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Please allocate me.....place(s) at £20.00 each on PMSC London Boat Show trip on 9 Jan 2007

My name (please print):

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