



AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Corner

We are now well and truly into the sailing season, although the weather seems to have a different idea...

The events have been coming thick and fast: We hosted a BBQ as part of the village Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and despite somewhat inclement weather, saw an unexpected turnout of members and locals, that exceeded our expectations. Catherine Abbott and her galley slaves went into overdrive, and after raiding many people's freezers, we managed to feed everyone. Our Social Sec, Tim Fenton still has the burns on his hands from the constant burger flipping – well done everyone! Three of the 4CRS races will have been run by now, with the final race, prize giving and BBQ being hosted by PMSC – even if you have not taken part in the other races, why not have a go in the last one? The Smack and Working boat race fleet was a little smaller than anticipated, due to strong winds on the day before the event, preventing some of the craft getting into the Orwell for the Saturday, but the boats that did take part had a good race, and our thanks go out to Jon Humby for all the organising and being OOD, and to Bob, Romy and their band of helpers for producing an excellent buffet. The 51st Barge Match was extremely well attended, with 16 participants and two "followers". A fresh to strong breeze unfortunately caught out Phoenician and Lady Daphne, with Phoenician's anchor becoming impaled in Lady Daphne's stern quarter. That aside, Cyril's special course sending Class A & B out to Stone Banks and then up to Stour No.1 and home made a good match in the conditions, with Repertor from Class B gaining over 15 minutes on Miroso in Class A to take the overall winners pennant. A fabulous reception was put on by Pat Dunnett and her army of helpers – our thanks go out to them all, as well as Julian for pulling it all together as Secretary, Cyril for being OOD and the rest of the Barge Match Committee. The Summer Cruise was a fairly quite affair – see a report elsewhere in the newsletter, and there was a good turn out of boats and people for the Erwarnton Ness BBQ.

Coming up, we still have the Day Boat trip to Shotley, beach BBQ at Second Sands, 4CRS race 4, Bank Holiday Mystery Cruise and finally our Regatta in September – plenty for everyone still and hope to see you at one (or more!) of these events.

Lee Foster - Commodore

Diary



August:

Sunday 5th

Second Sands Beach BBQ

Saturday 25th

4 Clubs Race + prize giving & BBQ

Saturday 25th to Monday 27th

Bank Holiday Cruise

September:

Saturday 8th

Regatta

October:

Saturday 6th

Laying Up Supper

Saturday 20th

Photographic Competition

Sunday 27th

Dinner Dance

For latest updates and copies of booking forms check the website.

The next newsletter will be in late September, for OCTOBER. Contributions as early as possible please to;
circular@pmsc.org.uk

Welcome to New Members

- Terry and Ann Hunt of Onehouse, Nr Stowmarket
- Adam and Marianne Marshall, Molly and Sebastian, of Boxford. Owners of Sparky
- Diane Chilver of Kesgrave

Latest News



Friday early evening DIY BBQ's

The Friday early DIY BBQ season is upon us. Don't forget to contact the Bar Sec Bob Emmett on 01473 780692 by mid-day on the Thursday before, or a member of the Bar Committee, or myself on 780857, if you wish the bar to be opened earlier than the normal Friday 20:00 opening time.

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Annual Dinner Dance

Although it is a way of yet (and we are still anticipating having a summer...!) the Dinner Dance this year will be on the 27th October, and will be once again held at the Last Anchor restaurant at Ipswich Haven Marina. This

venue was a fantastic success last year, with outstanding quality food, and this year we have the return of the popular "Tricks of the trade" to entertain us with their cabaret style and popular music to dance the night away to. Full details will not be available until September, as the Chef chooses meals from the current seasonal menu to cook, but to avoid disappointment pencil the date in your diaries, then watch out for the tear-off slip, and get ready to party!

Lee Foster - Commodore

Try Sailing Day for Chelmo School



A 'Try Sailing' Day for children from Chelmondiston CEVC Primary School organised by the Club proved a big success. All twenty two of the School's Year Six were taken out by instructors from Neptune Sailing for an end-of-term treat.

The children sailed Wayfarer dinghies from Neptune's base at Woolverstone towards the Orwell Bridge before turning and heading down river. They came ashore at Pin Mill and went to the clubhouse for a debriefing, ice cream and to be picked up by their parents.

"The children had a fabulous day," said Chair of Governors and Club member, Penny Jones. "A few are quite experienced but for most it was the first time out on the river. This is a great area for sailing and I'm very pleased we've been able to give all the children a feel

for the fun that's there to be had. The School is very grateful to both Neptune and Pin Mill Sailing Club. We hope we'll be able to make this an annual event."

There are more details and pictures of the day on Neptune's website at

<http://www.neptunesailing.org.uk/index.html>

Neptune provide sail and powerboat training for junior and adults. More details via their website.

2012 Nautical Photographic Competition

Have you started thinking about taking your winning photo for this year's Competition? It's later than you think, so now's the time to start. Just remember that only nautical subjects or watery scenes (and there's surely been no lack of those this year!) will be eligible. The quality of the entries has increased year by year, and we all look forward to seeing what our photographers will present this time. Entries should arrive at the Clubhouse by 1 pm on **Saturday 20th October**, and should be no larger than 8" x 6" (approx. 20 cm x 15cm), unmounted & unsigned. A separate list of titles should be enclosed, plus a s.a.e. if you'd like your photos returned by post (otherwise they must be collected from the Clubhouse after the exhibition).

All the entries will be exhibited over the weekend, and the Prizewinners will be announced on **Sunday 21st October** at 2 pm. As usual, there will be an opportunity for you to vote for the photograph you'd like to see on the cover of next year's Almanac – it isn't always the winner of the Competition. Good luck!
MC

6th Annual Smack Race

Saturday 23rd June 2012

Following a very unsettled and windy week's weather during the week leading up to this year's event this unfortunately led to approximately eight vessels from the Essex rivers not venturing along the coast to take part. In view of the weather on the Friday a sensible decision. The event did though see a total of six Smacks and three Bawleys cross the start line at 11.00 hrs on Saturday morning.

Officer of the day, Jon Humby set a course keeping craft within the Orwell and Stour rivers which with the combination of a brisk S/W breeze and flood tide proved to be a good decision and produced some fine sailing and fast times from all craft.

A battling performance from Smack 'Pioneer' saw her eventually take line honours as first boat home closely followed by 'Charlotte Ellen', 'Sunbeam' and the Bawley 'Bona'.

Next group to cross the line were led by local Smack 'Transcur' with 'Polly' and 'Gladys' finishing behind within a few minutes. Bringing up the rear of the fleet was the Smack 'Electron', sailed a little cautiously due to a split bowsprit suffered during her passage to the event the day before.

The Deben Bawley 'Mary Amelia' retired from the race.

Corrected time based upon the latest OGA handicap saw 'Charlotte Ellen' secure 1st place and take home the 'Joe Dunnet Trophy' and winner's pennant in a time of 03.23.29

Second place went to 'Bona' a mere split second behind recording a time of 03.23.74 and in third place was 'Polly' in a time of 03.24.63.

As the corrected times show this was an extremely close event and probably a true expression of how craft were sailed on the day and some accurate handicap figures put out by the OGA. Well done to everyone concerned.

The Seamanship award this year went to the Bawley 'Gladys' for carrying out a text book



rounding of the Bristol Buoy with Topsail set amidst a freshening breeze. The Race Officers Perseverance award was given once again this year to Andy Abraham, and 'Electron' who despite splitting their Bowsprit and drowning their Dinghy / Outboard during the passage to the Orwell on the Friday completed the race and finished a credible 42 mins on corrected time after the winner.

The date for the 2013 event will be set over the next week or so and for vessels wishing to arrive in the Orwell during the week leading up to the event moorings will be readily available.

Jon Humby

Thank you to the person who came into the clubhouse on Monday 25th June and gave Julian Ackland a framed print of photos relating to a Pin Mill Sailing Club Barge Match prize giving.

If the donor would care to get in touch with me I will make sure that their name is recorded in our archive donations list. The photos would appear to be of the 1963 prize giving, when s.b. Ardeer won. The 1963 match was the first match to have been run as a separate event. When the frame backing is restored we will try and display it in the clubhouse. (Wall space is now fairly limited.)

Many thanks.
Renee Waite
renee.w@fast-mail.net

Large vessels on the River Orwell

There is a new ferry running into Ipswich and I have been monitoring how this has been affecting leisure users and how it is handled in

strong winds. It tends to arrive at Ipswich around 05:00 in the morning and departs around 20:00 in the evening so it has had minimal effect on leisure users. I have talked to other interested observers and we are all of a similar mind.

During a couple of periods of strong wind I have noted that it has been accompanied by a tug. To me this is the sensible thing as it alleviates the need for the ship to travel at excessive speed.

Bearing in mind how narrow the river is above Woolverstone I recommend, if going up to Ipswich between half tide on the ebb and half tide on the flood, calling Orwell Navigation Services on VHF channel 68 just passed Woolverstone Marina. Ask them what shipping movements are likely to affect you. If you are going in to the dock you could also use this call to give advanced notification of your intentions.

The site for the ferry sailing times is <http://www.aferryfreight.co.uk/timetable/ipswichrotterdamcobelfretuk.htm>

Sailing News

The **Erwarton Passage Race and Beach BBQ** were held on 15th July. After a washout the previous day we had fine weather with a good sailing breeze. Around 20 members made it to the beach for the DIY BBQ. This is a nice spot within easy reach of the sailing club and marinas, with a sand/shell beach and fairly clean landing even at low water. This was a nice day out and a shame more did not take it up. There is a similar event scheduled for Sunday 5th August at the Second Sands beach, about half way between Pin Mill and the Clamp House. You will need a dinghy for access, a disposable BBQ and some food and

drink. If the weather is as good as at Erwardon it will be good fun. I recommend you get there by noon as there is a very high tide that day at 14.40 and the beach may be awash by then.

The passage race to Erwardon had 3 entries and was won by Rick and Rosie Kirkup in Astraea. The westerly wind and ebb out of the Stour did not favour the smaller boats. Boomerang came 2nd and Escapade 3rd.

On 29th July we are holding a **dayboat trip to Shotley Marina**. The intention is to sail or motor down from Pin Mill to Shotley Marina. Tie up on the pontoon outside the lock gates, go ashore for lunch and sail/motor back afterwards. It is intended for stable centreboard open boats e.g. Drascombes, which have not really been catered for in the sailing calendar before. Val Stone has offered to follow us down and back in her yacht, but please note this is not rescue boat support so it is not really suitable for racing dinghys. Skippers must decide for themselves whether to start in the prevailing and forecast conditions. Contact me if you are thinking of going.

The 4th 4 Clubs Race is held by PMSC on 25th August with a prize giving at the clubhouse that evening. The turnout this year has been very thin but remember that as well as earning points for the club in the series there is a trophy for the highest placed Pin Mill boat in each race.

Finally, the Pin Mill regatta will be held on 8th September. Please support your club.

Happy sailing,

Nigel Bailey
Sailing Secretary.

Coastguard News

26 April 1945 hrs Incident at the Orwell Bridge. No casualty found.

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9 May 2300 hrs Incident at the Orwell Bridge. No casualty found

10 May 0822 hrs Incident at the Orwell Bridge. Casualty found safe.

14 May Aldeburgh
Lifeboat bringing Dutch yacht into Shotley Marina. Team pulled yacht into Marina; whilst Dutch crew filmed them.!

19 May 0229hrs Incident at the Orwell Bridge. Casualty found safe

4 June Harwich
Lifeboat bringing in yacht with rope round propeller. Stood down, as Harwich LB diverted to Harwich where a diver was available to clear prop.

8 June 2100hrs Yacht blown ashore on Harkstead Point. The yacht had a shield Keel and needed digging out in order to refloat. Team returned home at 2300 hrs, but undertook to return at HW (0300hrs) to assist the owner refloating the boat. The weather conditions meant that the ILB was needed. The boat was returned to her mooring and the owner brought ashore by the ILB. The team finished at 0600hrs.

18 June 2240hrs Pulled a Scandinavian yacht through the Shotley, Marina lock. She had been brought in by the Harwich Lifeboat.

23 June 0015 hrs Incident on the bridge. Casualty found safe by the Police.

We seem to have been very quiet over the last couple of months. More than half way through July and no call outs – probably the weather, so a ‘silver lining’ to all the rain we have had.

Romy Blackburn
Coastguard Rescue Officer

Boring, but important.....

Risk assessment for Club premises

In accordance with our Health and Safety policy and as part of the General Committee's ongoing concern to ensure that our premises are properly maintained and are as safe as they can reasonably be made, we have recently carried out a thorough risk assessment.

This involved reviewing all aspects of the Club's property, related assets and the nature of our location in order to identify any aspects which could pose risk of injury, the likelihood and potential severity of those risks, and the need for any remedial action.

As a result of this exercise a number of actions have been taken to minimise and/or alert users to any identified risks and this process will be repeated from time to time. Members are reminded that we all have a responsibility to be aware of and comply with relevant Health and Safety rules and the requirements of good practice while in our clubhouse and grounds and elsewhere when using club assets eg the dory and outboard motor.

In particular all parents and guardians are reminded that a responsible adult must supervise children at all times, and that due care must be taken in respect of the special characteristics of our location. For example the risks arising from the proximity of the river and the need to avoid climbing on or around the railings.

Particular care should be taken by all; including visitors and contractors, when using the galley or the barbecue, when using/storing chemicals and/or flammable materials, when working on steps or ladders, when moving tables, stacks of chairs, the snooker table or the television and related equipment on its mobile stand, and when moving/erecting/folding the table tennis table.

Fire prevention is of the utmost importance and all users are reminded that smoking is not permitted within the club and when smoking outside all smoking materials must be extinguished and disposed of safely – please use the sand buckets not the paths, grass, foredeck, or furniture for your cigarette butts!

Please also remember that effective rubbish disposal is important for hygiene as well as safety. Our recycling bins are for paper, board and plastic only, residual kitchen and general waste must be bagged in plastic sacks before putting into the black bins, and empty bottles must be bagged separately and left next to the bins for weekly collection.

Finally we have recently approved rules for the use of the Club Dory and provided secure storage for the petrol tank when not in use on the boat. Anyone wishing to use the boat should contact Nigel Bailey Sailing Secretary (sailing_secretary@pmc.org.uk or 01473 780062).

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Pin Mill Sailing Club

Laying up Supper

Saturday 6th October

19.30 for 20.00

£14.00 per head

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**Smoked Salmon with prawns,
horseradish cream and lime vinaigrette**

**Italian chicken with ham,
basil and beans**

**Bramble liqueur syllabub,
with a hint of ginger
Coffee and mints**

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Please reserve..... place/s at £14.00 per head

I enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to PMSC

..... Tick if you require the vegetarian option

Please return this slip and your cheque no later than
Friday 14th September to: Jo, Pin Mill Sailing Club,
The Clubhouse, Pin Mill, Ipswich, IP9 1JP. Telephone
enquiries to 01473 780271 during opening hours