

# OYC Newsletter

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## **Editorial**

Welcome to another edition of the OYC Newsletter.

Issues covered include:

- Comments from the Secretary
- News of 'Volante'
- Boat insurance
- Mooring news
- Club Library
- Pressure washer
- Cruise-in-company dates
- Recent Club projects
- 'Winterhude' information
- Orwell Sailing Club race report

## **Secretary's observations by Val Davison**

Do you want to be able to do the crossword in half the time in the mornings? Then take on the job as Club Secretary, it gets the little grey cells working, these having been mothballed for nearly thirteen years.

Interesting, challenging, certainly never boring and you get to know the nicest people even better. You find out just how the Club ticks and how much it relies on the goodwill of a lot of voluntary help. Give yourselves a pat on the back for belonging to the most friendly and hardworking Club on the River and one with facilities which are the envy of many.

When I approached the Commodore just before Christmas and said I "would give it a go", it was a long while until the January Committee meeting when I was officially co-opted. By then I had become somewhat apprehensive but have had no regrets and have to say the support I have received has been amazing.

My only hope is that some-one in the Club is eyeing up the job and realising just what fun it can be. No, I'm not planning to hand in my

pencil (?) just yet but if anyone is interested in finding out what goes on, just ask.

Contrary to what the Morning Tea Gang say, I don't bite, have even been known to make the tea sometimes, but woe betide anyone who leaves the milk out!

## **News of 'Volante'**

'Volante' was the final houseboat moored at the Club. Her owner, Peter Tunstall, died peacefully in 2003 after many happy years living at the Club. He kept an eye on everything that went on and was always ready with a friendly smile. His houseboat was taken to be stored pending restoration in a field near Maldon. Last year a buyer came along and the boat was moved to covered premises so restoration could begin. It will be a long project and I understand apprentice labour will be used for much of the work.

Information received via Val Davison, our Secretary, with pictures showed that some substantial work was already under way, and interesting discoveries had been made about methods of construction used in the original build. The new owner, David Tournay is happy to receive visitors but asks that you contact him first by email. His address is [david\\_tournay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:david_tournay@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Reminder about insurance from Brian Pinner**

Just to remind members that any yacht using a mooring at the club must carry at least £1,000,000 third party insurance, as per Club byelaw 14.

If a yacht should break away from its mooring and drift into the channel it could cause costs varying between the cost of towing it to safety up to very high costs if it causes a commercial vessel to run aground!

## **Mooring developments** **by Mike Lincoln-Smith**

As well as completing a further finger pontoon on the mooring system in front of the Club Peter Parker and his merry men have put a pontoon in the creek on our southern side, upstream of our Dolphin, to see what room there is for a mooring facility here - initial indication appears to be positive and up to 6 boats could lay on the pontoons - comments from members would be welcome. Out in the river further end-to-end moorings are being laid. A limited number to start with to assess the suitability of their design (a new system of mooring attachment is being trialled). If successful further moorings will be laid down river towards the existing trot moorings near the Orwell Bridge and if required beyond towards the 6 knot mark.

## **Club Library and Archive**

Looking for a good read? Check out the Club library and archive upstairs in the Orwell lounge. There is now an even wider selection of books on boats and related matters, thanks to continued donations from members. There is also a shelf of non-maritime related books - novels, crime stories, etc. The collection is ever growing. Do go and look next time you are at the Club. Please fill in the loan sheet if you borrow a book.

## **FOR SALE**

### ***Pressure washer***



The Club Management Committee has decided to dispose of the old pressure washer by sealed bid tender.

The machine is a Kranzle. It is mounted on an old set of wheels and comes with a lance and one hose (both well used). The hose has been repaired by Pirtec during its life. The machine is

about 16 years old and was purchased new by the Club. It develops about 160 bar. We do not have the handbook or the fresh water inlet hose. (This is only ½ inch clear water pipe so not an expensive item). The machine leaks oil from under the pump and needs checking every time before use. It is sold 'as seen' with no guarantees. Contact John Hazelton on 07941 092483 for more information or to look at the machine.

Bids should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Val Davison at the Club. The deadline for bids is 31 July 2010.

### ***Dates for your diary:***

#### **Cruise-in-Company dates:**

**June 19th - Erwarnton, R.Stour**

**July 17th - Stone Point, Walton Backwaters**

**August 28th - Bradwell Marina, R. Blackwater**

**Contact Brenda Read for more details.**



## ***ERWARTON - JUNE 2009***

## **Recent projects at the Club:**

### ***Kitchen refurbishment***

Over the winter months a group of members have been refitting the kitchen area in the clubhouse. This is to enable food to be prepared and served in the Clubhouse. In order to comply with the food hygiene regulations an additional sink for washing hands has been installed. New work surfaces and tiling have greatly improved the area. This has required some electrical work too. The dishwasher and fridge have been moved and the extract fan overhauled. Apparently this was long overdue!



### ***Lean-to workshop***

One of the winter work party jobs was to lay a base for the proposed members workshop next to the Mooring Masters container. Plans for the workshop have been drawn up and discussed by the Management team. No news on when the build will commence just yet.



### ***Chemical Toilet disposal point***

The long awaited disposal facility for chemical toilet waste is now complete and operational. It is located at the side of the club premises next to the rear entrance to the Bar.



### ***Locker rebuilds***

A section of the Club lockers was replaced during the winter. The existing base was able to be used but all the woodwork was replaced. The weather during the work was particularly unhelpful - very windy and wet. A gazebo awning was used to keep some of the weather at bay but even this suffered damage due to the strong winds that day.



## ***Winterhude – the ship in the painting.***

The painting hangs in the committee room upstairs. It is by Roger Finch, a past member and well known local artist.



Maurice Chapman passed me some information on the vessel featured, which I summarise here.

The 'Winterhude' was launched in Bremerhaven in 1898. Measuring 267ft overall and 40ft beam she carried 3250tons. She was built for the Rickmers company and named 'Mabel Rickmers'. In 1920 she was sold to Schulter and Maack and renamed 'Winterhude'. In 1923 she was sold to Hemsoths and changed name to 'Selma Hemsoth' sailing to China and Chile. In 1925 Erikson bought her and restored her name to 'Winterhude', and in 1932 she made her first voyage to Australia. She came to Ipswich that year too, being towed into the wet dock by the Watkins tug 'Muria'.

In 1939 she was chartered to the Norwegian Government as a floating granary at Stavanger. When Norway was overrun by the Germans she was moved to Copenhagen for use as a naval barracks until the end of the war. She was then laid up at Keil as she was unfit to sail and eventually broken up at Hamburg in 1949.

Finally, a race report from yesteryear...

## **Orwell Sailing Club race report**

Provided by Maurice Chapman - an extract from the East Anglian Daily Times for Ipswich, dated Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1919.

The Orwell Sailing Club held the last race of the season on Saturday, which was for the cruiser class, the Orwell Cruiser Challenge Cup being the prize. Five boats took part. Adalam (G. Boby), Shannon (G. French), Dorothy (J. Quantrell), Theo II (G. Fulcher), and Hollyhock (R. Jackson).

The original course to be sailed was from the Bathing Place to the Upper mooring buoy in Butterman's Bay, but was shortened to the Potter buoy due to the wind being light NW.

Adalam got away well at the start, closely followed by Hollyhock, Shannon, and Dorothy, Theo II being 1min 25sec behind. A good close run was made down to the mark buoy at Potters Point on the ebb tide, but on the return Adalam soon got well away and finished first. Results were:

1. Adalam
2. Hollyhock
3. Theo II
4. Dorothy
5. Shannon

## ***Winter scene***

Just a reminder of last winter at the Club:

