

From Your Commodore

It would be wrong to start this article with any other topic than the 50th Anniversary, Three Rivers Race. So many people who were on the Island during the Friday or Saturday said what a most enjoyable occasion it was. The barbecue; the bands; the weather; the competitors; and, the spectators etc. all contributed to what was a fantastic atmosphere around the Club during the event. I must congratulate Colin and his sub-committee for their excellent organisation and thank them for all the time and effort they put in before, during and after the race. On behalf of Christine I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the volunteers who assisted in the Galley and the purchasing of stock. My thanks also go to all the other people who helped to ensure the race, and all aspects of its administration, ran smoothly and safely. Stuart Bailey and his father worked long hours over several days leading up to the race to get the web-cameras operational, for which thanks are also due. I hope that Stuart will expand upon my sketchy details in his report.

Chris and I had planned to visit every guard-ship but ultimately this was not practical. We actually visited Ludham bridge, Potter Heigham bridge, Stokesby / Lower Bure, Acle bridge and South Walsham dyke and so we didn't do too badly.

The return of Club racing could easily have been viewed as an anti-climax but it was not to be so. The following weekend the Yeoman National Championships presented challenging racing towards both ends of the Beaufort scale with Sally and Richie Dugdale being crowned as national champions. Bernie Westgate and Andrew Fryer took third place with George and Linda Whitefoot taking first place in the boats that declared in advance that they would not fly a spinnaker. Congratulations to you all.

Christine and myself are now looking further ahead to Horning Week. Once again, a volunteers' list will be posted in good time to enable willing members to offer their help as safety boat crews or in the Galley. If you

can spare a couple of hours (or even more) please volunteer.

I have now booked 20 moorings at Salhouse Broad for the Commodore's Cruise on Sunday 8th August. but during a trial run, we were unable to get Maeve stern-on to the key heading in a couple of places due to shallow water. At the time the water level was extremely low and so despite brief second thoughts, we decided to 'stick with it'. *Watch this space, or should I say the web-site, things could change!* If anyone would be prepared to transport the club barbecues down to Salhouse, either on their boat or in a club dory, let me know. Please feel free to come and have a drink with Chris and myself; it would be great to see a good turn-out;

The Training Centre continues to go from strength to strength with additional juniors being registered on a regular basis. This has necessitated the purchase of three additional rescue boats to maintain an acceptable student / instructor ratio as laid down by the RYA, but has resulted in an extra rescue boat becoming available during club racing events. I feel this will be particularly useful when we have major regattas or events running concurrently on the river and broad. The other two (smaller) rescue boats, with correspondingly smaller engines, are more suited to instructor-observation / instruction and light dinghy rescues. Therefore, in normal circumstances, the use of them will be restricted to the Training Centre with the (easily transportable) engines locked away when they are not in use. The Training Centre also hosted the Splash National Championships on Saturday 19th June. Again the sailing conditions were extremely challenging but I will leave it to Holly Hancock to fill in the details in her report.

Whilst on the subject of new acquisitions, I submitted the '2010 Commodore's bid' for a grant from 200 Club funds, which was approved at their AGM. Part of this bid will now contribute towards the purchase of two new, GRP rowing dinghies to replace the heavy, wooden ones we currently have.

Denis Hands

Vice Commodore Say's

3 Rivers Race

What a great 50th 3 Rivers Race. The BBQ on the Friday afternoon and the brass band before the start of the race created a fantastic atmosphere.

I was impressed by the amount of work required to put on this event. There were some that virtually lived at the club during the week leading up to the event. Many thanks to all those who gave up time and put in so much hard work.

Some of you may have been lucky enough to see the live camera feeds on the website.

Unfortunately, due to their popularity, they generated so much traffic, that our website host shut down our website. Despite our best efforts, we were unable to get the service restored until after the race.

However, on a positive note, the club does now have a telephone line for use in emergencies.

I also would like to thank Len Funnell and Ivan Smith for loaning us their wireless broadband connections over the weekend, for the cameras to send pictures to the website.

Splash Nationals

On Saturday 19th June, HSC hosted the Splash Nationals. It was great to welcome visiting sailors from the splash class, and a good opportunity to show off Bure Magic in her role as committee boat. Some of the parents commented on what a great resource we have. Despite strongish winds, the Splash sailors seemed to have a great time – at least going by the smiles on their faces.

Keelboat Weekend

On the Saturday evening of the Keelboat weekend, we had the Strawberry Fayre. I hope it was enjoyed by all those who came along for strawberries – and a few other fruits. A big thanks to the Entertainments committee who planned the event, set up the food and tables, and cleared away afterwards.

Horning Week

Fast looming is Horning Regatta and Horning Week, and we have a range of evening events organised. We do hope to see many of you stay

behind after sailing, to enjoy the social activities. Below is a short reminder of the events we have planned.

Saturday 31 st July	Platter 'n Natter 'n Pimms
Sunday 1 st August	Southern Comfort River Trip and Cream Team
Monday 2 nd August	Horning Bingo
Tuesday 3 rd August	Quiz Night
Wednesday 4 th August	Disco Skool Daze Theme
Thursday 5 th August	Wii Games Night
Friday 6 th August	Water Frolics and Pub Night

Can I also plea for members who are not constrained by time to assist the Entertainment Committee to clear away and prepare the club for the following day's sailing.

Stuart

View from the Rear

My thanks first to everyone who helped to get the island ready for the 3 Rivers Race. It looked really good. Also to Colin for his skill in levelling the car park. You will have noticed the sleepers that are laid out there. This is a way to find the best place to lay any lines for a permanent system. I hope you agree that it will make life easier, particularly at busy times.

Has anyone got any brilliant (but ethical and humane) ways of cutting back on the goose – 'mess' ? It really is taking up a huge amount of time before we can get started on the day's sailing.

We are taking advice on the possibilities for cutting back the weed in the back dyke – watch this space!

Hoping to see everyone during Horning Week.,

Both of the Rears!!
Tessa and Jeremy