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Loose Leaf:
Event Day Slip

Front Cover
"Bunty" Entering Whitby July 2009
Photo J Casey.

Editorial

Welcome to the summer edition of "Fair Winds" unfortunately it's a very thin edition as I have only received the Commodores and Secretaries reports. Please can you all get writing for the next edition, which is printed in September. No excuses will be accepted from either of the round Britain boats and expect full reports and lots of photos. I've not even received one photo for this edition!

Angie Sarah and myself are doing the catering for the Event Day again this year, so please come and make it a success as we are expected to make a profit this year like last, (No Pressure). With two boats out enjoying them selves numbers are down before we even start (how dare they).

Sailing this year has seen a slow start with only a few hardy soles out and about with trips to North Norfolk and the Grimsby. I had not been to Grimsby for a couple of years, the club house still sells cheap beer at £1.35 a pint when you pay £3 a pint in Wells. So well worth a visit for a change and a cheap night out. As I write this Richard Kisby is off Coquet Island in Northumberland. Having been hired by Scott Riley to bring his Cobra 750 from Berwick Upon Tweed to the Haven.

According to Bob the Harbour Master at Wells the dredging should be complete by the end of May although I'm not sure if the recent Northerlies has delayed this. Keep an eye on there website for the most up to date information. <http://www.wellsharbour.co.uk/>

I wish every one a safe and enjoyable sailing season and hope to see as many of you as possible on the water. I'm planning a trip to northern Holland from the 26th June for two weeks if any one else is interested please get in touch.

Alex "Runic"



*Freddie At the helm of "Narlin"
(Photo R Kisby)*

Secretary's Notes

Another sailing season is now well underway. We have four members who are hoping to sail around Britain this year. Our Commodore, Michael and Deputy Pilotage Officer Alex Collingwood are one crew and Sandra and Bill Hathers are the other. We wish them well and no doubt our editor for the numerous articles that they will be able to provide!

We have two new boats at the Haven this year. Owen Jones brings the Westerly Joster "Tilter" back after so many years absence and Scott Riley brings the Cobra 25 "Grey Starling II". Both are new members to the Club and wish them well.

Sadly, several members have been lost to the club for this year. As a result, our income is down £1200 on last year. This means no further work on the new jetties until we see how the bank balance stands later in the year. The extension to the slipway was successfully completed (no thanks to yours truly, who arrived complete with his rake the day after the concrete had been laid! I keep saying you need a new Secretary / Treasurer)

The AGM this year was preceded by an excellent talk and slide show telling the history of Gibraltar Point and Wainfleet Haven. Business was the completed with thankfully, no difficult or unpleasant matters as had been the case in the last couple of years.

The new lease with the Environment Agency has now been signed. As part

of this, the Club has been required to draw up a Health & Safety policy. An outline document has been professionally prepared and is currently being studied by the committee.

June see the annual Even Day. Please, please make the effort to support this, if all members were to buy a ticket, it will ensure that we will cover all our costs and perhaps even a little extra cash to the Club coffers. If you have not joined the Club Draw for this year, please send me a cheque for £5 and your name will go into the pot with the chance of winning a prize of between £5 and £50

Wishing you calm seas and fair winds.

Martyn.

Commodores Comments

Well by the time you read this Deputy Pilotage Officer Alex and I will probably have left on our journey around Gt Britain via the Caledonian Canal in Alex's Sadler 26 "Solo", I say probably because the current forecast is giving Northerlies from now up to and including the weekend we are supposed to cast off namely the 14th/15th 16th May; As we know only time will tell if the weathermen are correct, as I write this it's a freezing cold northerly with heavy rain showers and grey clouds scudding across the sky.

Chris Ball who designed our website has sorted out a blog which we will endeavour to keep up to date with details of where we are (that's if we know) and how good the local facilities, ale and sausages are. The address is www.whichwayaround.blogspot.com so you can access it anytime, my thanks to Chris for the excellent website which is attracting new member interest and the blog, been called some names but never thought I would be a blogger.

We had a good turnout for the new member walkout to view the river and flats at low water and again my thanks to DPO Alex and VC John who sorted it out, it was considered a valuable exercise and gave those who attended some idea of the effort needed to walk out but only a small inkling of the physical work needed to maintain the buoyage in good order. I also consider it would be a valuable

exercise on the right tide to give the same members a run out in the dory to view the buoyage from a boats skipper's point of view.

Work on the jetties has been slowed to allow monies to recover before we continue with the programme, VC aka cowpat Casey has his list to hand of the work needed in priority order (I think I am last) and also his list of helpers who I realize are on eager standby to continue the good work no doubt wearing their shorts when the hot summer we have been promised actually starts.

DPO Alex and I will be sorry to miss our event day this year but I hope you will give the event full support and help the club to maintain its fund levels, it is a vital day in the life of our club and a chance to attract other clubs from the Wash area to Gibraltar Point and scotch the general idea that our channel is not for visitors.

I wish you all a good seasons sailing and look forward to exchanging stories on our return.

Michael. Commodore. "Threo" S13



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