



# THE ORIENT EXPRESS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL NORFOLK & SUFFOLK YACHT CLUB

August 2020

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It is good to see the Club with Members around it again. The Marina is slowly getting back to a 'new normal' with many visitors arriving from around Britain and from foreign shores. You will be able to read about, possibly our youngest visitor, later in the Orient. Timothy, a fifteen year old boy, sailing around Britain solo. I spent some time talking to him and his parents at the Club. His journey was slightly halted by the strong winds we have had over this week.

As well as the Marina filling up, the dining rooms are being used by Members with social distancing of 2 metres maintained at all times. Please continue to help us by booking where possible in advance.

The various committees are beginning to meet again and look at the smooth continued running of the Club. You will receive the AGM information this month and please respond any questions.

**Richard Fryer Commodore**  
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## AUGUST OPENING TIMES

**Office:** Monday - Friday 9 -5  
Saturday 9 -2

### Bar and Catering:

Monday: Limited drinks eg tea and coffee  
Tuesday to Friday: Full bar and catering  
10 -2.00 and 6 -9  
Saturday: Full bar and catering 8.30 – 2.30 and 6 -9  
Sunday: Full bar and catering 8.30 – 3.00

To book your table please either ring the Club on 01502 566726 or email [admin@rnsyc.org.uk](mailto:admin@rnsyc.org.uk)

### August Bank Holiday Weekend

Saturday 29th: Full bar and catering 8.30 – 2.30 and 6 -9  
Sunday 30th: Full bar and catering 8.30 – 2.30 and 6 -9  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup>: Full bar and catering 8.30 – 2.30

## EAT OUT TO HELP OFFER



We delighted to announce that the Club will be taking part in the 'EAT OUT to HELP OUT' offer this August. Get a 50% discount on food or non-alcoholic drinks to eat or drink in (up to a maximum of £10 discount per diner) as many times as you like during August. This will be deducted straight from your bill, no vouchers required.

Our opening times for this offer will be Tuesdays & Wednesdays 12:00-2:00, 18:00-21:00, book your table on 01502 566726 or email [admin@rnsyc.org.uk](mailto:admin@rnsyc.org.uk)

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
£20	£10	£5

July 2020 Hilary Turrell David Jobson Bernard Ladd

Winners will receive notification from the Club.

## BOOK CLUB

We will be restarting Book Club on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30. We will, weather permitting, (bring your warm jumper!) be meeting at a social distance outside where the awning usually covers. If wet, we will meet with the usual social distancing in the Silver Bar.

At this meeting we will be discussing Bill Bryson's The Body and Michelle Obama's Becoming. Two weighty tomes which no doubt have kept you busy during lockdown.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

**Terry Payne**

## BOAT PARK AND MARINA

Please help us to help you with some simple guidance for using the boat park and Marina.

If you are planning to bring your boat to the Marina or hardstanding for the first time this year or returning from a trip away, please let Marina Staff know in advance of your arrival. This means they can make sure a berth is available for you and safe for you to use. With social distancing free berths are sometimes used for visitors to help with distancing. On the hardstanding it will make sure you are allocated a suitable space with access to your boat and not compromising the access of others to their berth.

In the same vain please do not park on the hardstanding area north of the slipway. This area is needed to be kept clear so boat owners can access their boats.

If you are planning a trip away on your boat for a period of time; please make sure the Marina Staff know, so they are not worried if you do not return that evening. The Harbour Control also need notifying of your intentions when going to sea with information such as destination or expected return time.

In time, this will become more important, when the EU departure transition ends and Border Force will take more interest in our comings and goings.

**Tim Mobbs Marina Committee Chairman**

## INSURANCE REMINDER

A reminder to all boat owners that you must have adequate insurance, including public liability insurance for any craft brought onto our premises.



## WEATHER STATION

### RN&SYC Weather APP

Our weather station is now online and can be viewed via APP on your mobile devices.

Our station name is RNSYC

Download for

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.davisinstruments.weatherlink&gl=GB>

Or

IOS <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/weatherlink/id1304504954>

We are currently working on a fully integrated version for the website and hope to have an update soon.

## RECENT VISITORS TO THE CLUB

### ROUND BRITAIN 2020

We had a young visitor at the Club this week his name was Timothy Long. He is on a trip around Britain by sailing boat which may not seem unusual until you know his age. He is just 15.

If he completes his challenge, he will be the youngest person to sail solo around Britain. He started out from Southampton.

The weather tried hard to beat him at Lowestoft with after his arrival there were three days of really strong winds.

However, he set off again on Wednesday afternoon bound for Grimsby

Tim is sailing on "Alchemy" his Hunter Impala 28, covering 43 miles a day, with some longer passages of up to 100 miles. With a total distance of about 1,600 miles the trip is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks possibly longer. Tim has been sailing since the age of 9, but this is by far his biggest challenge yet, as the British coastline presents some formidable hazards, ranging from the busiest shipping lane in the world in the Dover Straits, to the huge tidal ranges of up to 15 metres in the Severn Estuary, not to mention numerous other navigational obstacles all the way round.

You can find out more about his challenge on his website [www.timothylongsailing.co.uk](http://www.timothylongsailing.co.uk) and track his progress through updates on his Facebook page @roundbritain2020

Throughout his challenge, Tim will be fundraising for the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust, a charity that supports young people aged 8 -24 to rebuild their confidence after cancer through sailing and adventure. "It's a cause that is close to my heart", says Tim. Please support them at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/roundbritain2020](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/roundbritain2020)

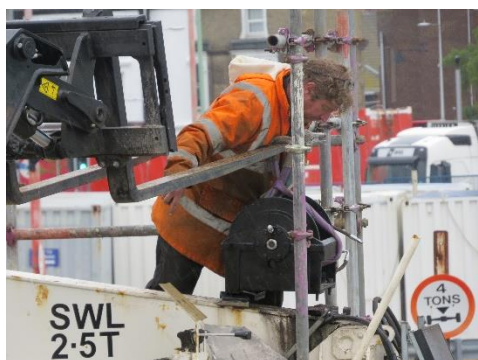


Victoria's tender alongside.



## CRANE OVERHAUL

Phil Harrison visited the Club last week to complete the overhaul and refitting the crane motor. The crane is now functioning correctly and ready for use.



## CRUISE SHIP VISIT

The cruise ship Victoria spent a couple of weeks moored off Pakefield Cliffs. The cruise ships are obviously all awaiting their return to action. Many are near Poole Harbour but the Victoria has discovered a safe anchorage off our coast. She has returned to Poole for some engine repairs but will almost certainly be making a return to our shores. The ship tender used our quay for swapping over crew members on several occasions and has given a plaque to the Club for their help.

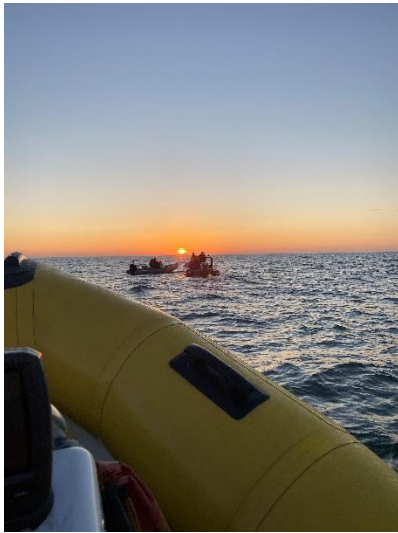
## SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE

This is the final sunflower report. This is mainly because at last our sunflowers have crossed the finishing line. There have been many capsizes on the way and indeed one plant turned turtle and exited it from its pot completely in one high wind. I am sure there have been more numerous high winds just because of the sunflowers so perhaps if I no longer keep them there may be a quieter time.

My largest sunflower is currently 6 feet 2 inches tall and my biggest flower has a seed diameter of 8 inches. I have news that the Blowers of Covehithe plants are over 8 feet tall and Simon the manager's are 7 feet 2 inches!

The photograph is to show my son in Portsmouth has grown sunflowers, which were over 8 feet several weeks ago when we visited. Robert is obviously even more competitive than his father.





Paul Yallop was one of six boats who left the Club at 3.45 am on the Summer solstice ready for the sunrise just after 4.30am.



Launched in 1929 from the Brooke shipyard in Lowestoft, after the war she came to the Mediterranean through the French canals. Katja has sailed without interruption ever since, proving herself a wonderful yacht, perfect for family cruising. Recently restored, this fascinating wooden motor yacht (14,70 mt) is looking forward to celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in prime condition, at sea! Currently Katja cruises in the north and central Tyrrhenian Sea.

*Katja* is a 14.7 metre long motor yacht, designed by H. Parker and built of wood. She was built for Mawdesley Brooke, the owner Brooke shipyard in Lowestoft, was



launched in 1929 and was named after one of his daughters. The yard's roots stretch back to 1874 when Brooke Ironworks, specialized in engines, began activity in Oulton Broad, near Lowestoft. *Katja's* first main engine was a 100 hp, six-cylinder Brooke N° 4059 type 40 F diesel, with a 5 hp Brooke "Dominion" as auxiliary propulsion. In 1931 she was sold to a new owner in Leicester for £ 2,875 and was based for a period in Great Yarmouth.

In recent years *Katja* has undergone several refits with rebuilt decks, electrical systems and engines.

A longer article can be found with the Orient Express on the club website.

**Chris Merren Admiral**

### **MARINA TROLLEYS**

Very many thanks to Trevor Chapman from Ocean Catcher who has refurbished three of our old trolleys which were damaged. They have now been put into use with the three new trolleys purchased this year.

### **A LITTLE BIT OF ONGOING HISTORY**

The following article by Paulo Maccione of the Italian Nautical Web Magazine, appeared in my Inbox last week and it has some links to this area. While very much a sales brochure, it has some interesting facts A photograph of *Katja* from the 1930's is included on Page 204 of the Club's History.



