



THE ORIENT EXPRESS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL NORFOLK & SUFFOLK YACHT CLUB

September 2020

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

August has seen many Members visit the Club. There has been varied weather, but many Members have used their boats again to visit other areas around our coast. The Clubhouse has welcomed many of you for meals and the Eat Out voucher scheme proved extremely popular. We hope you will continue to book and use the Club for meals once this voucher scheme ends. We have a robust system in place to make sure social distancing is maintained and Members feel 'safe' to visit the Club. Please help us by continuing to book your table. Several Club Members managed some sailing at the shortened Oulton Week despite some very strong winds. The various Committees are beginning to meet and make tentative plans for future events. You will be kept informed by email and booking by email or telephone will be necessary to attend events to make sure we are able to maintain a social distance for Members. You will have received the information for the AGM and the videos from the Commodore and Finance will be available on 18th September. If you have any questions or comments to be put to the Management Committee at the end of September; please do not hesitate to send them in by mid September so we can discuss them and include them in our minutes. In the meantime, keep safe and happy boating.

Richard Fryer Commodore
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SEPTEMBER OPENING TIMES

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

Bar and Catering:

Monday 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

USING THE CLUB

Please help us keep everyone safe when you use the Club. We appreciate that it has been some time since you have been able to socialise with friends. However, we can only take bookings for two households together at a table. If your group is larger than this, then please talk to Simon who can accommodate larger groups with a horseshoe or square of tables in the dining room for your number. Once you book, the tables can be readied with the appropriate distance between households to keep you and our staff safe.

We must not allow Covid precautions to slip as we become more used to being back inside the Club. Booking is essential to make sure that tables of the correct size are available for you and your party while keeping you and other Members and staff safe. The limit inside the Clubhouse is 30. This limit is there to make sure you and staff are kept as safe as we can.

We are aware that many people like to eat in the sun lounge but there is a number limit on this area so we will have to offer the dining room once this is full.

To keep the limit on numbers we also ask you to book a time for your meal and please ensure you arrive on time so the kitchen can work efficiently, and also social distancing can be maintained.

We know this all sounds very regimented, but we want to make sure we provide the very best we can, and we rely on Members using the Club to help us do this. The staff will accommodate your wishes where they can but please do follow the guidelines and protect everybody as well as we can.

200 CLUB WINNERS

	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
	£20	£10	£5
August 2020	Anthony Knights	Michael Edwards	Tim Barrett

Winners will receive notification from the Club.

CHANGE OF FUEL SUPPLY

We have just taken delivery of a new type of diesel fuel in our fuel tank. It is called Shell GTL. This is synthesised from Natural Gas, instead of being distilled from oil. It is exceptionally clean burning, which means less sooty particulates and less smoke. It is extremely low sulphur, and most importantly it does not contain Bio Fuel addition. (Bio diesel contains a material called FAME (Fatty Acids and Methyl Esters) This means that it is much less susceptible to having diesel bug, and does not leave gooey deposits. It is also less smelly!! and is more easily biodegradable, so any leakages into the environment are less of a problem. According to Shell it also makes engines run with less noise, but who knows, perhaps now I've mentioned it users will notice.

The idea is to avoid having Biodiesel which can have up to 7% of FAME in it, which is not good for boats in particular because of low usage and long periods of inactivity.

In addition, the UK government has announced that as of April 2022, we will not be able to supply red diesel any more. Instead all leisure craft will have to fill up with White diesel. There will be changes in the duty paid, but commercial users should be able to claim back VAT. At some point we will have to clear out all the red and commence restocking with White. However, we expect to continue using Shell GTL or another FAME free fuel going forward into 2022.

Because of the intended UK government changes to the fuel regulations, we reviewed our supplies quality and specifications, and came up with Shell GTL as the best option at the present time and with the capability of moving forward into the "White" regime. We wanted to avoid using normal "White Road Diesel" because of uncertainty about its Biodiesel content.

In spite of this change in quality I would still recommend members to continue to use diesel bug treatments and precautions, as it will take a considerable time for the GTL fuel to work its way through, and of course when visiting other marinas and refilling you cannot be sure what fuel quality you are getting.

So, fill up at RNSYC whenever possible.

Happy Boating.

Tim Mobbs Chair Marina Committee

SHOWERS

With the current Covid restrictions the showers are not openly accessible. If you require a shower when staying on your boat, you need to book a slot through the office. Each shower cubicle is used once then the block is cleaned before any further usage.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met for the first time since March in mid August. The meeting took place on a beautiful morning outside the sun lounge.

The next meeting is on Thursday 3rd September at 10.30.

We will be discussing *Wilding* by Isabella Tree.

We welcome all readers and it does not matter if you have not read the latest book please come along and collect the next one.

Terry Payne



ARCADIA P AND O CRUISE LINER

As many of you may have seen, if you have visited the Club in the last week, the cruise ship Arcadia is just off our coast. The ship is not in use currently and just as the Victoria did several weeks ago, they are staying offshore keeping the boat ticking over until it comes back into service in the Covid free future.

The ship is using our fuel key as a safe pick up and drop off zone where they can socially distance and safely collect essential supplies. They visited on Thursday morning to collect some provisions. Stuart photographed their visit.





SOCIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Social Committee are, restrictions allowing, beginning to run some activities at the Club.

Friday 11th September

10:30 Coffee Morning no need to book drop in for a coffee, cake and a chat.

Saturday 19th September

Chef's themed evening. Special menu. Booking essential menu available soon.

Friday 25th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning 10:30 more details nearer event.

Friday 2nd October

An taster evening with the Tiny Tipple Drinks company

Friday 9th October

Coffee morning from 10:30

Wednesday 21st October

Quiz night Terry and John Payne quizmasters
Booking essential

Friday 30th October

Coffee morning from 10:30

More information and menus for all these events will be emailed out nearer the events. All evening events will need booking in advance.

If any Members have any ideas for activities during this restricted time please let us know.

Also if you want to hold a meal for family, friends, colleagues numbered between 15 and 20 you can book the dining room and have it laid out in a safe manner to accommodate your party. Speak to Simon for more details.

Social Committee

RECENT VISITORS TO THE CLUB

In the last issue we featured 15 year old Timothy Long who was sailing on his own around Britain. After leaving us he has met with a series of storms which has delayed his trip several times.

Last Wednesday he had made it as far as Largs on the west coast of Scotland.

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

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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.