



THE ORIENT EXPRESS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL NORFOLK & SUFFOLK YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It is both traditional and appropriate to thank all those who give of their valuable time and energy to the Club. Such appreciation was included in my Commodore's Address to the Annual General Meeting on 23rd September but I make no excuse for repeating it here to a wider audience.

Such people include all those whose names appear on the Committee listings in the 2022 Handbook.

Tim Mobbs has stood down as Chairman of the Marina Sub-Committee and leaves the Management Committee after several years. June Yeaman has also retired from the Management Committee. I was pleased to present them both with a presentation gift on 23rd from the Flag Officers and Members in appreciation. I know that June will continue to brighten the Club with her flower displays and that Tim intends to volunteer his experience to the Marina Committee.



Sometimes the Staff can be taken as a constant and unintentionally overlooked. My wish to create a Platinum Jubilee to remain long in the Memory resulted in the need not only to develop a social diary for the event but also a plan to moor over forty cruising yachts for the Dutch Cruising Association. Bosun Stuart Brown and his assistant Keith Soanes not only produced such a plan but attended all night to welcome the yachts and see them safely berthed. The Toerzeilers remarked that the service and welcome received in the early hours was the best they had experienced anywhere - and they travel everywhere! Well done, Stuart.

I am delighted to report a vibrant, harmonious, and busy season as the Club worked its way to normality after the rigours of the last two years. Foreign visitor numbers have been excellent, and we have endeavoured to provide them with a great experience to include multilingual information and on board food delivery. I have personally taken many

around the Club and given them something of our tremendous history.

The Jubilee began the keelboat season which culminated in a Sea Week unsurpassed in sunshine and near perfect conditions. Not a single race lost to the weather. Such conditions provided a great backdrop to the inaugural Broads One Design Championship won by Richard Dell and ably crewed by Ian Timms and Ed Whipp. Perhaps I can mention the runners up - Jim Tubby, David Gale and your Commodore. We had a most enjoyable contest with the worthy winners.

The visiting Merlin Rocket dinghies enjoyed an excellent 'Silver Tiller' event on the August Bank Holiday. The Club's ongoing link to maritime and Town heritage resulted in the spectacle of an historic Smack Race on 30th July with the Race organisation and on shore activities both receiving great

reviews. My thanks to Vice Commodore, Ted Hill and his team particularly Race Officers Jenny Riley and John Humphery whose calm attention to detail does much to maintain the Club's reputation as a venue.

The Motor Cruising section have enjoyed memorable rallies to the Royal Harwich, Beccles and Wells and I am most grateful to Rear Commodore Ken Foster for his organisation which has given a renewed enthusiasm and enjoyment to many.

The growing power boat/RHIB fleet joined the Motor Cruisers at Woolverstone. They spearheaded the season of summer barbecues enjoyed by many as a 'light and airy' addition to our varied social programme. A low tide trip to Newcombe Sand at the close of Sea Week will long stay in the memory. One of the warmest evenings I can ever recall in the North Sea. A moonscape of sand and swimming more reminiscent of the Greek Islands. Thank you to Paul Gisborne and Amanda Young for organisation and to Matt Clay for his work on 'versadocks' which may well lead to a new and innovative use of under utilised Marina space.

The Club is looking in fine fettle after some tender loving care in important areas. Decoration of the south front and new external signage has refreshed the main aspect to Royal Plain. A new stair carpet to 'The Gods' and the lovely new dining room carpet have kept the public spaces in good

and appropriate order. A new chest for toys and play mat for very young children, a new book case for the silver bar and sideboards in the dining room and sun lounge retain the standard of furniture within the Club. Behind the scenes, replacement hot water equipment for the changing rooms and kitchen maintenance ensures good service to all. Aesthetics and ambience are of crucial importance to a Club with such heritage and for this I am grateful to Rear Commodore Tony Knights and former Commodore Richard Fryer.

We each cherish it all on your behalf.

Last year at this time, I anticipated that Phase 1 of the East Suffolk Council flood defence project would be commencing in October 2021. The high level complexity of the project from both a legal and engineering point of view has meant that matters have continued in negotiation to the present. As I write these 'comments' I am told that final agreed documentation is imminent. We are reliant on East Suffolk, ABP and the lawyers on both sides for completion. The current intent is for works to commence on 3rd October and to conclude by 31st March 2023.

The Clubhouse will be fully open throughout as in any normal year with access through the main pedestrian gate and all winter events will be unaffected. Sadly, there will be no

parking on site but this is replaced free with spaces at the Royal Green/Marine parade park. To be able to park there free of charge you will need a Ringo digital permit. Please provide your vehicle details by email to the office as requested in the very recent advice by email to all Members. They will advise ESC who will advise Ringo for their system.

The Royal Norfolk and Suffolk has - as one would expect - been involved in the protocols surrounding the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A letter of sympathy and condolence was sent by me to the Royal Family on behalf of the Flag Officers and all Members. Flowers were laid on your behalf at the Cenotaph in Royal Plain where they joined so many others as the Nation mourned her passing. A book of condolence has been in the Club rotunda throughout both the National and Royal periods of mourning. We have a new King and God Save King Charles III.

It has been a most eventful year and one in which I have been honoured to serve as your Commodore. Please come and enjoy the Club's hospitality over the coming months. Trafalgar Night will soon be with us and a chance to hear those 'dispatches' as the port is passed. As always, I look forward to seeing you.

Best Wishes
Jeremy. R. Ives.
Commodore

UP COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 30th September from 10:30

Macmillan Coffee morning

Friday 30th September Laying up Supper.

Talk by Gary Horton Lowestoft Port Manager

Wednesday 12th October

RNLI run Coffee morning with stalls for RNLI

Friday 14th October 10:30 for 11:00

Talk by Gerry Skews of Waveney Smokehouse.

Opportunity to taste and buy his wares.

Followed by lunch at 12:00

Wednesday 19th October Quiz Night

Question masters John and Terry Payne

Saturday 22nd October

Trafalgar Night Black Tie 7:00 for 7:45

Saturday 5th November

Art Exhibition from 12pm

Friday 18th November

Julia Jones talk

Uncommon Courage: the yachtsmen volunteers of WW2.

Supper from 6pm talk 7:30

Sunday 20th November

Christmas Fayre various stalls where you can purchase some Christmas gifts.

Wednesday 30th November

Maria Pennington talking on Rubies

10:30 followed by lunch

Please book through the office or on the notice board for all these events. Menus once available are found on the Club website under Social. Please let the office know any special dietary requirements.

A New Club Menu also available on the Website.

**Notice to all Members -
Lowestoft Flood Defence Project**

Members Provisions

After many hours of hard work by our Flood Defence Committee the Club now has the intended start date for the first part of the flood defence project which should commence on the 3rd October 2022 subject to official agreement.

This will involve the installation of both permanent glass walls or fittings for temporary barriers and associated structural works to the marina frontage of the Club and the slipway. The front gate will also be moved to a more advantageous part of the perimeter wall to allow easier access into and out of the car park.

The schedule for the first phase of the works should commence on the 3rd October and run to the beginning of April 2023.

CAR PARKING

Due to the construction and movement of vehicles **THE MEMBERS CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED** for use by Members and Staff from the 3rd October until the end of the first phase.

We have arranged with East Suffolk Council **FREE OF CHARGE** parking along the Marine Parade Car Park approximately 150 yards from the Club. Disabled Parking is available at the northern end of the Marine Parade car park. We would advise dropping off disabled passengers at the pedestrian gate before parking in a disabled bay in the Marine Parade Car Park.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THEIR VEHICLE DETAILS WITH THE CLUB OFFICE AND REGISTRATION NUMBER BEFORE starting to use the Marine Parade Car Park. You will only need to register your vehicle **ONCE**. You will need to register again if you are using a different or new vehicle.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK UNLESS YOU HAVE PROVIDED REQUIRED DETAILS FOR REGISTRATION (At least 72 Hours notice prior to use)

ANY MEMBER WHO HAS NOT REGISTERED THEIR VEHICLE WITH THE CLUB OFFICE MUST PAY FOR CAR PARKING AS INDICATED AT THE CAR PARK OR MAY BE FINED

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU RECEIVE A FINE SUBSEQUENT TO REGISTRATION OF DETAILS PLEASE NOTIFY THE CLUB OFFICE WHO WILL REFER THIS TO EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL

We request that Members send the following details listed below to the Club Office by email to admin@rnsyc.org.uk as soon as possible for each vehicle they intend to use.

Name -
Registration -
Make of Vehicle –
Model of Vehicle -
Colour of Vehicle –
Contact Details either email address.....
or Mobile Number.....

You will receive an email response from the Club to acknowledge receipt.

Any visitors who are not Members will need to pay Ringo either on their app or pay money at the machine. The car park is free after 6pm each day.

RN&SYC CRUISERS TRIP TO BECCLES



An inaugural cruise is always exciting and so it was as we set off to Beccles for a three day get together. Six boats, coincidentally all Brooms, had signed up for the first RN&SYC Cruisers Meet organized by our new Rear Commodore for the end of May.

The Harbour Master, as efficient as ever, had taped off moorings around the corner of the Yacht Station for us all. We were the first to arrive, at mid day on the Friday, soon followed by Misty Isle with Ken and Jane as extra crew as they had had to leave Gentle One behind with fuel problems. Amadeus M, Ikon and Tusky were still on their way up the river; Tusky had discovered battery problems and stopped at the Waveney River Centre to make sure they'd be able to lower their arch for Beccles road bridge. Ikon had stopped to give them a hand - one of the benefits of cruising in company. They arrived a little late but with the problem identified and a solution organized.

Once all safely counted in and settled we walked up to the Wine Vaults for dinner. We made a nice group of 12, so with excellent food and convivial company we were off to a good start, and so it continued for the next three days.



The next morning Ken and Jane heard that their boat was ready so they returned to Brundall by train, arriving back in Beccles with Gentle One in perfect time for afternoon tea and cake sitting on the bank in the sunshine. We were joined by past commodore, Roger Knights and Judith Butters, who happened to be moored further up the Yacht Station.

Apart from an unexpected shower on Saturday morning we were lucky with the weather and the town had even arranged a Food & Drink Festival showcasing local produce for us! The ladies laid on a spectacular buffet lunch on board Misty Isle on the Sunday and all 12 of us managed to squeeze onto each other's boats for hospitable drinks and nibbles each evening, proving that cruises in company really do bring people together.

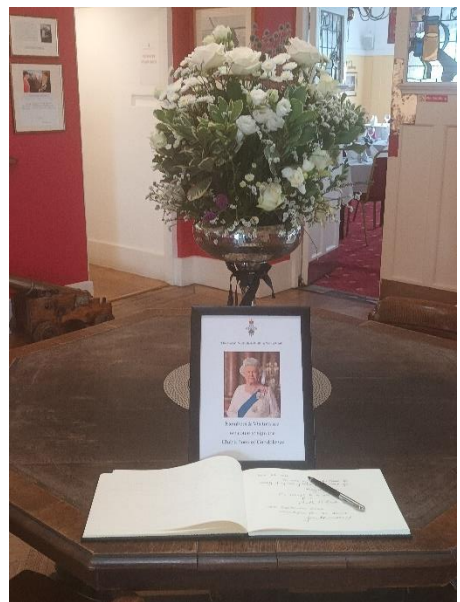
On the Tuesday, Tusky needed to return to Brundall but the



remaining five boats headed for Lowestoft. Unfortunately, the Carlton Railway Bridge operator had taken the key home with him so the bridge was unable to swing for a large inbound vessel. The replacement key had to come from Norwich leading to a delay in locking us outbound. This meant that we were caught in one of the heaviest rain showers many of us had ever experienced (soaking the crews outside handling the ropes!) but Paul and his colleagues at the lock did a grand job of getting us all through in time for the 14:30 bridge as planned. The weather had really deteriorated, the rain kept coming and the wind built up.

Fortunately, Ken and Jane had left Beccles early to sort out moorings in the marina and were on hand to assist the rest of us into our allotted berths so we could look forward to our next event – the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and festivities laid on by the Club.

Margaret and Anthony Barber Resolution



FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF THE QUEENS' PASSING

Simon asked me if I would do a flower arrangement when the queen passed away. I thought it was lovely, as he asked if I could possibly do an arrangement that contained all the same flowers as were in the Queen's wreath that was on her coffin. I managed to do that, I thought it was a lovely idea and thought of his .

Hope you all enjoyed and liked it also .
I felt honoured and pleased to do them
June Yeaman

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF KNZ&RV

This year, our sister club in Holland, the Royal Netherlands Yacht and Rowing Club (Koninklijke Nederlandsche Zeil- & Roei vereniging), celebrates their 175th anniversary; the Club was formed on 17th December 1847. To celebrate this occasion, the Club organised a Lustrum event on Sunday 28th August with a sail-past of their fleet in front of Deputy Commander of the Naval Forces, Rear Admiral Huub Hulsker.



60 boats were involved in the sail-past, a few of which are shown above, which took place on the Markermeer (a segregated part of the IJsselmeer) close to the mouth of the River Vecht at Muiden. Two traditional ships, the

Wadenzee and the Eems, were used to accommodate the official parties, the Wadenzee being the ship furthest from the camera. In a former life, these ships were used to maintain the navigational buoys on the IJsselmeer.

The day started with many of the yachts in the marina being dressed overall and with meeting and greeting at the clubhouse the various dignitaries who came to the celebration. I was welcomed by Florence Sluis, the chairwoman for the Lustrum events, and Michiel van Dis, the Commodore, before speaking at length with Ronald Florijn, a double gold medal Olympic Champion in rowing, then Han der Heegde, the Mayor of the local council of Gooise Meren, and many others. Although I was the only Englishman at this event, I was made very welcome by everybody, all of them speaking excellent English.

On board the Wadenzee, we sailed out of the Vecht and anchored at the allotted position. There followed various speeches about the event and celebrations and I was invited to make a short speech and present our plaque to the Commodore, which was well received.



Then on to the important business of drinks and the sail-past, or should that be the sail-past accompanied by drinks? The sail-past was first in line astern, and then in line abreast, with between 6 and 8 boats abreast of each other, all passing at a respectable speed of 3 knots. There were two fleets of boats – the orange fleet and the blue fleet – who separated after the final sail-past and then sailed side-by-side towards the Wadenzee and trying to get the crew of the opposing boat soaking wet by throwing water or using water pistols to achieve this result. Only a few boats were successful – with one boat trying and failing, but with great amusement – to get the dignitaries on board the Wadenzee wet.

The day ended with all of the boats returning to harbour and a final round of drinks in the clubhouse. A memorable day, indeed!

Chris Merren Admiral

TRIP TO WELLS 4TH TO 8TH SEPTEMBER

A bright and sunny morning welcomed us (Maggie and Chris Cole) on Ikon, Gentle One (Jane and Ken Foster with Jeremy Ives) and Amadeus (Tony and Tessa Shingler) as we slipped lines at the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club and set off at 07:45 on our trip to Wells, due to take approx. 4 hrs at a respectable 16 knots.

The sea was kind with little wind and a gentle northerly tide to help us on our way.

It was noticeable that the crab and lobster pots were well marked which was a great help, especially when conditions are less favourable and Gentle One being the lead boat, kept sending out useful messages, when pots were noticed.

Once round the lead buoy which signals the entrance to Wells, one is faced with a well-marked channel guiding us through the entrance across the bar, right up to within a few metres from the beautiful beach, festooned with colourful huts on stilts and lots of people with children and dogs splashing about in the warm September Sea.

It is a delightful spot with an old English charm reminiscent of a bygone age.

The next noticeable sight is the new state of the art lifeboat station which blends well with the surrounding backdrop, yet to receive its new boat!

The channel continues through a U bend and into a straight line right up the much-improved pontoon on the starboard side nestling below the harbour Master's office, and alongside good facilities which face the town quay. Mooring here is a delight being able to watch the hustle and bustle of holiday makers with children catching crabs in the time-honoured way and the colourful fishing boats, nudging the harbour walls as if ready to go about their business.



The very helpful harbour master explained everything and issued maps and timetables.

Day one was spent just relaxing and pottering with drinks together in the evening. Each boat took turns to entertain every night which was great fun with everyone telling stories and jokes, whilst reminiscing about all manner of topics. This is what boating is all about, camaraderie. We were joined by Gwiazda (David Jobson, Janet and Kingsley Farrington).

The next day was spent catching the local bus to Holkham Hall, the home of the bowler hat! We toured the magnificent house and grounds, taking in the history, enjoying snacks, and going on a tractor and trailer ride through the park.

During the tour we had a treat. In the grand entrance hall stands a Steinway grand piano on which Jane Foster played to rapturous applause a beautiful piece of music entitled Clair de la Lune by Debussy. In the stillness and solemnity of the surroundings it was truly appreciated by all. Well done, Jane.



That evening we met up with crew of Gwiazda who joined all of us for a pontoon party which lasted nearly up to lights out!

The following day we split up with some traveling to the historic village of Walsingham and others to the bustling town of Sheringham while some just pottered.

After drinks on Gwiazda, Jeremy with Jane and Ken booked dinner in a local restaurant for all of us, where we raised a glass or two to Ken and Jane for suggesting such a memorable cruise thoroughly enjoyed by all.



The tide necessitated an early start 05:00 hrs wakey wakey with lines being slipped at 06:00 with just enough light, to see the well-lit channel. There was hardly any wind and a southerly tide, helping us along to our home port of Lowestoft.

We left Gwiazda and Amadeus to enjoy another day in Wells.

We all arrived safely and look forward to the next cruise of discovery, of our eastern waters.

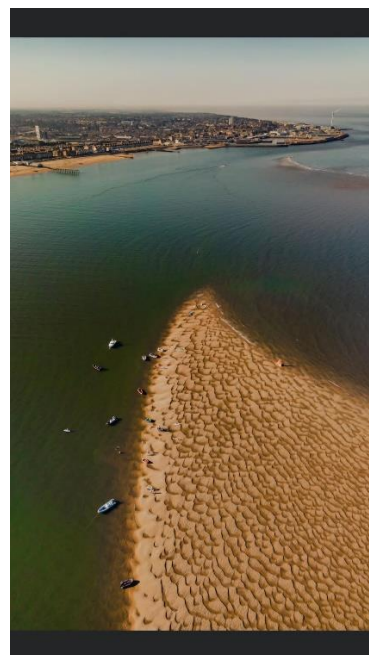
Chris and Maggie Cole Ikon

200 CLUB WINNERS

	First £20	Second £10	Third £5
July	P Pank	N Seletto	T Cave
August	B Ladd	C Buck	T Blowers
September	I Grieve	J Butters	H Catchpole



Trip to Newcombe Sands



Pictures from the Riley family

