

Brrrr...Winter's here! Time to put another log on the fire and pour yourself a glass of your favourite poison. Sit down, feet up and I hope you enjoy this Wintertide edition of Fairwinds.

In this bumper edition you'll be able to participate in Master Baines Yachting Quiz, and sail the East Coast rivers vicariously from the comfort of your own armchair.

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Thanks to all the contributors for this edition, cutting & pasting is much easier than having to creatively think up content. To Martyn, for keeping the database up to date so we know where to email/post copies to. So again, thank you.

The next edition is due out in June - the end of May is the deadline, so if I can possibly encourage members to send in articles, amusing anecdotes, comments, pictures etc, the more content the more voluminous the magazine will be.

Several mini-newsletters will be emailed out throughout the vear with the latest info to keep you informed, so please ensure the club secretary. secretary@skegnessyachtclub. co.uk has your current details on record.

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Next edition June 2015. Deadline May 31st 2015.

Cover Photo. The Rocks-River Deben

Editors Spot

Proper summer that!

It's pretty rare to be able to have all the plates spinning at the same time, but this season I think it's been near as dammit!

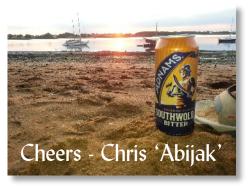
Starting off the year with winds that you could almost sail in with out the trysail hoisted and the Eberspacher at full bore, to the summer months with the sun unhindered by the clouds, and the wind blowing 'for me, at least' in the correct direction!

Overall I've visited nearly everywhere I set out to when planning my annual exploits in the wintry depths of a wet and blustery Nov. 2013. Kings Lynn was an early season winner, with it's pontoon to inhabit and hostelries within staggering distance aplenty. Not forgetting being part of the largest flotilla of Yachts (3) to have ventured to Tetney Haven this century! Grimmers & Branny were also ticked off, before the main event......

For me the East Coast rivers trip was great, much planning was undertaken prior to, with much of the timetable thrown out of the porthole when actually there. But at least we had an idea of the options available.

Quick question- What wind directions & strengths would you like for sailing down to Lowestoft, then onto Southwold, then on to the Deben, back to Lowestoft before return to Gib? For those who ventured down south again the three slot machine cherries lined up - or was that down to the meticulous planning?

The only set-back for me at least was being on about the only antibiotic you can't drink alcohol with. And, whilst we were in Southwold - home of Adnams!



I wasn't a happy bunny. Google *metronidazole*. (Wisdom tooth issues before anyone reads what else it's used to treat!)

Plans for the Winter -

A galley refit this year is on the cards, a new sink, and trying to sort out the issue of air in the fresh water system.

Maybe swapping over to slab, rather than roller reefing, a spot of stern gland work and then if really keen taking the rudder off for a service. We'll see how it goes!

Planning for 2015 is already underway, hopefully some good local trips as soon as the boats hit the mud/H2O solution. Maybe ticking off some of those spots I'd wished to visit in 2014. The HW tide times at the beginning of the season look quite favourable.

As the summer approaches I'm hoping to again head south and pick up where we left off in 2014.

Past History of the Wash Fishermen

If you're interested in what Fosdyke used to look like in the 70's and what the fishing crews used to get up to, then take a look at the video



<u>Click here</u> or type Fosdyke Fishing in to Youtube. (Some parts are not for the squeamish)

I hope everyone has a great Yuletide, and I'll see you after hibernation!

Chris.

For digital readers click on the link for more pictures to go with the articles.



Commodores Comments

As winter tightens its claws around us making outside jobs that bit harder, the boats sit on the hard standing waiting patiently for the attention they deserve but probably won't get until the spring. That time seems a long way off at the moment but the time will soon disappear after the Christmas festivities are over then feverish activity will be needed before Richard starts making arrangements for craning them back in for the coming season.

The back end of last season seemed to take a dive for the worse on sailing weekends with persistent north easterlies blowing across the North Sea. Lets hope 2015 will be more clement and if its not too much to ask be kind with the winds in the direction we want to go instead of from where we're trying to go!

My thanks to Richard and the Lifting Crew for their efforts craning the boats out safely for their long winter on the hard standing. When you all start the various jobs that your boats might require could I ask you to tidy up and remove any waste created please.

My thanks must also go to Richard and his band of merry helpers for completing the refurbishing of the toilet and shower room, much improved on the previous state, and for the new clubhouse windows, these tidy the building up to the point where we are going to have to have a rota for grass cutting on the frontage!

The Laying up supper was a lovely meal at Batemans brewery and was well attended raising a few more pennies through the raffle for the Club funds. Thanks to Martyn for his efforts organising the event and indeed for his efforts throughout the year in his roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

The long awaited Natural England Management Plan for the Club has now been completed, a copy of the document will soon be available in the clubroom for your perusal at your leisure. This document has guidelines that cover all the activities carried out by the club, some of which may seem superfluous but nevertheless have to be followed. The Health and Safety Policy of the club includes actions to complement the Management Plan and should be adhered to ensuring the requirements of the Plan are met at

all times

A copy of the Health and Safety Policy will be accessible by members on the website shortly. Please read this or the hard copy kept in the Clubroom.

Well folks, that's it for now, don't forget antifreeze in your boat engine if it requires it.

Have a good Christmas and New Year!

Cheers

John Bunty

Work Parties /(Press Ganging)

If you're feeling left out of participating in a little physical activity which also benefits the club - don't be shy! Pass your mobile number on to John Casey and you'll be included on the work party Text (yes text) list.



Winter projects include:

- Buoyage maintenance with Alex Collingwood
- Jetty maintenance
- Club House Maintenance

Secretary's Notes

Once again another year seems to be racing to a close. I shall be very pleased when the nights once again start to get shorter!

This year our laying up lunch was held at Batemans Visitor Centre. The food was excellent, the company convivial and for those able to imbibe, plenty of Batemans beer! All in all a really nice afternoon.

I am currently wrestling with the end of year accounts. When they are finished, audited and sent out to you, you will see that we have overspent this year, but it has been money well spent. The work on the stagings is now all but finished. The shower/toilet area has been greatly improved and the Clubhouse has new windows. We have also purchased new solar powered lights for the large lit buoys and carried out numerous other small improvements and repairs. Many members have put in many hours of work throughout the year. They know who they are and I thank them all for their hard work.

There are many other projects and improvements that we would like to do, and to this end, around about March, when fees and subscriptions for 2015 are in the bank, your committee will look at the various ideas and work out which to prioritise and how best to fund them.

With regard to fees and subscriptions, membership fees will remain the same for next year, but there will be a small increase in the mooring fee (the first for some time) and the prompt payment discount will remain.

Overall, it has been a good year for the Club and members able to go sailing have had some enjoyable trips (and a few not so enjoyable!) and those visitors who have been into the Haven have as always told us how well they are received and how much they enjoy visiting us. The Event Day was thoroughly enjoyable and as always, well supported by visitors.

We welcome another new member, Vince Sanders who has brought his boat over from Wells. He is hopefully well settled into his mooring and enjoying being in Wainfleet Haven.

Finally, when it does arrive, I hope you all enjoy your Christmas and that the new year will bring you peace and happiness and hopefully some enjoyable sailing.

Best wishes, Martyn

From this.....



To this....



Richard, with assistance from his little helpers managed to get the refit of the Shower Room and Heads completed in time for the Club Event weekend.

It was quite a lot of hard work, (I know, I was one of his little-en's), but hopefully everyone will think it's been worth the effort.

Hopefully members will also make the effort to keep the place clean. i.e. leave it in the same condition as you found it! Unless it is found dirty then don't be shy of getting the mop out!

Winter Trip to the Walton Backwaters

Club Reccie Trip to the Essex East Coast Rivers

Weekend of 7th / 8th Feb 2015

(Some members are heading down Friday night to make the most of the weekend).

Saturday

Share cars/driving down towards Ipswich & the Stour, do some exploring of the local coastal area prior heading back to Ipswich Saturday night for a few beers and a meal.



Accommodation in the Premier Inn adjacent to the Marina (currently £30.00 per room - make your own booking).

Rivers include Orwell, Stour, Colne and the Walton Backwaters

Sunday

Finish exploring the Rivers prior to heading home perhaps after Sunday lunch in a local hostelry.

Contact Jonathan for more details . jbfloozy@googlemail.com Tel. 07914 003266

Health & Safety Update

In order for members to be aware of, and make themselves familiar with club policies and procedures. All applicable Health and Safety documentation is now being made available online through a secure portal on the club website.

The documents can be found at www.skegnessyachtclub.co.uk and click on the *members secure page* link. You'll then be asked for login details which are as follows:

User:

secure@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk

Password:

cz1652 (should be familiar to you!)

The password will change when the code changes.

Content updates will be sent out via email, plus hard copies are available in the clubroom.

Any queries on accessing the documents please email chris@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk and queries on the content of the documents please contact the Commodore or Vice Commodore.

The club management committee welcome constructive feedback on the club Health and Safety policies and procedures. Please contact any management committee member with feedback you may have. This to be raised at the next committee meeting for discussion.

Event Dates for 2015

2015 diaries at the ready! All events dates and the latest information for club trips are updated on the website www.skegnessyachtclub.co.uk

For Club Cruises please contact Jonathan Baines for the latest details. jbfloozy@googlemail.com or see the Events Calendar on the website. Further dates to be added as the year progresses:

Date

Saturday 13th December

Sat/Sun 7th & 8th February

Saturday 21st March

Sunday 22nd March

Fri-Mon 3rd-6th April

Sat/Sun 18th & 19th April

Saturday 13th June 2015

Friday 30th October 2015

TBA

The latest events are shown on the website Calendar.

Details

Skegness Yacht Club Christmas Party. The Woolpack Wainfleet. Contact Angela Kisby.

Reccie Trip to the East Coast Rivers. See article and website for details.

AGM 1500hrs Clubhouse.

Craning In HW 0723 hours 7.63m

Easter Sailing Weekend. Norfolk hopefully, so long as no North in the wind, no fog, plenty of sunshine

and no rain!

Club Sailing Weekend

Club Event Day.

Craning Out HW 0732 hours 7.42m

Laying Up Lunch



Christmas Party-The Woolpack Pub, Wainfleet. Saturday 13th December 2014

Hot Buffet-Vegetable Lasagne, Beef Chilli, Chicken Curry with Rice, Chips, Wedges, Garlic Bread, Jacket Potatoes and Salad

Desserts-Chocolate Fudge Cake, Lemon Meringue, Apple Pie

Cheese & Biscuits

Price/head Ell. 95ph.

Conact Angela Kisby to book angelakisby@btinternet.com - 01754 880146



The wreck at the Entrance to Brancaster Harbour



Party Boat heading back to it's moorings on the Club Event Day.

To be kept up to date with club cruises please ensure that Jonathan Baines (jbfloozy@googlemail.com) has your email address and mobile number. Updates, especially for club trips have to be quite fluid, based upon weather forecasts and other factors.

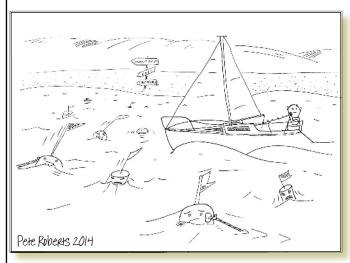
Cruising

'Master Baines' Yachting Quiz!

When making an inshore passage off Cromer and you hook a crab pot, what should you do?

- A Panic and immediately press the DSC button on your VHF if you have a modern working unit that is!
- B Send the crew over the side with a snorkel, mask and knife between their teeth to hack the offender away?
- C Cut the engine, out with the knife cut the line over the stern and then 5 mins later snag another one to prove it wasn't a fluke!?

For the correct answer speak to the club cruising coordinator!





Quickly man! Release the starboard cunning ham out thauli b polewar puphaulc lutchhaly ard

Locations known to have been visited this year by club members. No doubt there are a few more to add!

- Wells
- Brancaster
- Tetney Haven
- Grimsby
- Hull
- Bridlington
- Thornham
- Kings Lynn
- Lowestoft
- Southwold
- Felixstow Ferry
- Saltfleet
- Burnham
- Spurn Point
- Woodbridge
- Ramsholt
- Waldringfield

Pilotage Report

The Lit buoys are to be brought in towards the end of November for the winter.

The Fairway Buoy, No1 and No2 are to be replaced with Pellet buoys on the existing weights.

Apart from a build up of mud and sand in the lower sections of the river it has stayed fairly stable along the upper reaches during the season. Navigators should be aware of the entrance being shallow through the winter

Alex Collingwood Pilotage Officer

The Broads - A snippet.

Back in October 2010 for one reason or another I had a week off work. With my brother also having a week off, we'd planned to take a Westerly Nimrod which we owned down to the Broads. Once we looked in to the logistics it was looking a bit of a nightmare with permits required etc. So we decided to charter/rent/hire one of the traditional Broads cruisers from Martham Boats.

We got a good mid week deal (£290.00 for the boat)

Monday - Parked the car up at Martham and got straight on board the boat -Japonica 1. 30ft Gaff Rigged with classic 4hp Stuart Turner petrol en-

gine. Following a quick briefing on what does what, which went straight in one ear and out of the other we headed out on to the River Thurne heading for our first true Broad-Hickling.

The first night and first pint of Adnams was to be had at the Pleasure Boat Inn.

Tuesday - Day two and it was a little breezy, no issue on the sheltered Broads, so it was a reef in and a beat to Potter Heigham bridge at Low Water. However, on the way in our haste to short tack down the river the winch handle had made a bid for freedom and a replacement was required to be collected from the yard.



Mast down, heads down sneaking under the bridge on our way to the River Bure and Salhouse Broad for the night.

Wednesday - A quick trip up to Wroxham via



several pubs and it was back down stream in a cracking F4 sail, past the picture-sque Horning Village and off to the Red Lion.

Thursday - we decided to pop to Potter Heigham for breakfast and then on to my favourite Broads destination- Horsey Mere.



Being the end of the season we had the place to ourselves and decide take the half hour walk to the coast, with a view of Sea Palling to the NW.

The evening was spent in the Nelsons Head - top pub!

Friday - was return to base day, so a late rise and tidy up prior to heading off back to Martham.

There is a plan to return the Broads in Sept/Oct 2015 and this may be a club trip. Please contact Jonathan (Cruising Coordinator) if you think you may be interested and we'll see what can be put together.

Chris.

All aboard the good ship Flopsy

The season this year has gone so quickly and it doesn't seem many months ago since we craned in.

I've worked out that I have had 38 days of sailing this year, which I'm not sure whether is good or bad considering there are 365 days in a year.

I think most of us have made the most of this year and have got out when we could and have not really been stopped by the weather. All the local ports and usual places have been visited this year between Whitby and Lowestoft by our members, plus several other places.

Quite a few of us also visited the Saltfleet Haven Boat Club's BBQ in August, which was again a good evening as usual. The only disappointing thing this year was that the Saltfleet BBQ clashed with Humber Yawls Winteringham Weekend. Hopefully we will have better luck next year with dates and planning, but it's often difficult to plan around the tides.

After the long winters break I was really keen to get out sailing and really enjoyed being out again even if it was a bit cold and windy at times.

I started my season with 4 trips to Tetney Lock. It wasn't always my plan to visit there except the weekend myself and Pete decided to visit and at Easter Chris came with us on a visit and we carried on to Grimsby.

Normally I left my final decision until the morning I was setting off, but the wind directions in April and early May always seemed right for heading to the Humber even if the winds were quite strong. Luckily for me XC Weather was always correct with its wind direction and strength predictions, veering around when it stated on the website.

On 2 of my trips to Tetney Lock, which I was alone. I had westerly 6-7's winds on the way there and north easterly winds on the way home with

winds of the same strength.



A chilly day in April sailing up the Humber

I had some great sailing though and sometimes was a bit on the exciting side even burying most of the boat several times into the notoriously short, sharp waves of the Humber, which you get in north westerly winds.

Sailing to Tetney Lock got a bit regular and after visiting the Crown and Anchor, the local pub several times. One of the local old boys who always sit's at the bar said to me 'Jonathan isn't it easier to come here by car rather than come by boat'. I got his point when I only live 10 minutes away in Grimsby!

The **big plan** for this year was to have some time on the East Coast Rivers during the summer months.

On the day after the club's Event day 4 boats, including myself on Floozy with my great crew Billy Hill from Saltfleet, set off for Lowestoft to leave the boats there for a week or so. It's a bit of a drag sailing around to Lowestoft from Skegness, so after picking up a couple of crab pots off Cromer and listening to Billy's seafaring and diving tales it kept us entertained!

The plan was to venture further south the next week to the River Deben or where ever we ended up really, which we did after leaving the boats in Lowestoft for a week.

We enjoyed a day in Southwold (We could smell the beer from Adnams brewery as you sail past, so we had to go in there!). Felixstowe Ferry was the next stop followed by a couple of days in Woodbridge and Wadringfield.



Tidemill Marina, Woodbridge

The Deben is one of the prettiest rivers on the East Coast Rivers. We enjoyed several days there and were given a warm welcome at all the local sailing clubs we visited, allowing us to use their showers, bars and restaurants. Also the local

Harbour Masters were all very welcoming and were always keen to share their local knowledge with us.

For me the best day was a sail from Wadringfield to Ramsholt on the River Deben. We had a day to spare, so we all jumped on my boat and had a sail along the river to the famous

Ramsholt Arms.



The quay at Ramsholt

The sun was shining with very little wind and with Chris Ball on the helm I enjoyed shouting orders at him! We tied up outside the pub on the little stone quayside and we enjoyed a much deserved drink. After a pint of the local speciality we cast off, rolling the Genoa out and sailed back to Wadringfield.

Something nice about this day was we didn't switch the engine on once, including mooring up to the quayside at Ramsholt. We then left Wadringfield that evening, moving down the river to 'The Rocks, mooring alongside the secluded beach only accessible to mariners for



a great evening on the beach in good company.

The Rocks

The whole week was great and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did, but I'm afraid you have to start heading home at some point. We left the River Deben stopping off at Lowestoft for the night before heading off the following day back home to Gibraltar Point.

I hope 2015 will be an even better year for sailing.

Plans are already being discussed with talk of leaving the boats for several weeks on the East Coast Rivers next year. This will enable us to explore these lovely rivers further including the Walton Backwaters, River Orwell and Stour over several weekends and weeks.

Adding this trip to all our usual weekend trips to all the local spots within our sailing area, it looks like we should have another good year.

As always we will email you with up and coming sailing trips. If you wish to be added to the email list or would like me to update your details, email me on jbfloozy@googlemail.com

Jonathan. Floozy S14



Sutton Bridge Marina update



Nene Marine - October 2014 Update

The good news is LCC have confirmed through the media that they intend to proceed to implement the Marina project.

Solicitors are currently drawing up lease documents whilst a contract for the dryside works has been awarded and the wetside works are out to tender.

Unfortunately some of the funding has been lost so the Marina will initially be smaller however other funding can be applied for and the project extended at a later time.

Tom Rowe Chairman - Nene Marine

Last Sail of the Season

The last sail of the year for those who braved the sunny weather and light winds, was, I think enjoyed by all. After a dusting off, Threo, along with Solo and Abijak (who knows her own way without the need for a Skipper) made the trip to Kings Lynn. Whilst Floozy went on a North Sea Kipper chasing expedition along the Lincs. coast.

The weather was cracking, the tide times were great, meaning we were on the pontoon by beer o'clock. As we couldn't be trusted on our own around the flesh pots of KL, Team Bunty and Team Kalyptos had made an early start by road and were sat in the Marriott Warehouse overlooking the pontoons. All supping drinks as we arrived. As usual a few pints of Wherry, Admans and anything else we could lay our hands wetted the lips during the day and into the evening.

A late start Sunday morning, and those afloat drifted down the Great Ouse heading back out in to the Wash. A plan had been hatched to sneak through the Parlour Channel on the way back to Gib. We all had previous tracks on the plotters, but we knew the channel was likely to have moved since the previous passage. As the saying goes, Women, Children and OAP's first! Threo was nudged to the front on a 'surveying mission' whilst Solo and Abijak meandered across the channel attempting to find deepish water. Once Threo had marked the shallows with her keels, Solo and Abijak knew which side the deep water lay!



Current position of the deep water through the Parlour. Feeling a little nervy, all three of us tip-toed through the shallow waters at the Western end of the channel. Only to have the Red Snapper charter fishing boat come whizzing past us with not a care in the world on it's way back to

Fosdyke.

With the inevitable anchoring up off Gib. awaiting some wet stuff to allows us back to the mooring, now nautically termed 'Wait for Water Mark! Threo and Solo slid their way on to the flats to sit the night at anchor and awaiting daylight to head in on the morning tide.

Two and a bit hours before HW, Abijak (living up to her reputation) had a sniff of a puddle forming in the channel and headed back to her mooring in through dark. Crew and helm scanned the pitch for beacons, only one of which was taken in the fashion of the IALA 'B' buoyage scheme!

Weekend Mackerel count. FV Floozy-0, SV/MV Abijak-1

Thanks to the crews of Solo, Threo, Abijak, Bunty, Flopsy and Kalyptos for a great final sailing weekend of 2014.

Chris.

Interested in the Fastnet or Round the Island Race next Year?



CatZero - a charity organisation based out of Hull are offering places aboard their 72ft ex. Challenge boat.

Full details can be found on the CatZero website.

Fiona Daggett Business Administrator

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Membership Renewal Form overleaf.

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