

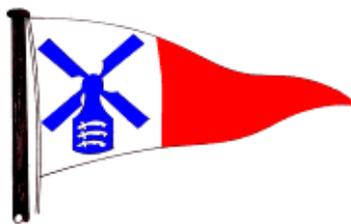
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# IYC Newsletter



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# Commodores Quarter Deck

The sailing season is coming to an end but I think this years the weather has been just a bit kinder to us than last year but my memory is not as good as it used to be or maybe it was the 8 days spent up the east coast with probably the hottest weather of the year.

Besides Dawn and me on MAX we had the company of Terry and Viv Burling on ANNOBEL and Russ Blitz, his brother in law John and Kevin Rumens on CODA. We spent time at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Ipswich Haven Marina in the old docks, Titchmarsh and Brightlingsea.

Of course being typical English we were complaining about the weather but this time the complaints were about the heat and so there was generally no other course of action but to find shelter from the elements under a welcome sun shade outside a pleasant pub.

The whole trip was very uneventful and very relaxing until the trip back from Brightlingsea to Canvey. As usual it was a force 5 from the South west on the nose. Some things never change but I did get a great video of the undersides of Annobel and Coda.

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We had the last Club cruise to Chatham on the August Bank Holiday and I would like to thank Alison Metson very much for organising the whole thing and it was just reward to see 11 boats making the trip despite the weather forecast for the weekend being rubbish.

Regardless of the weather typical for a Bank Holiday we all had a good weekend despite the barbeque on Saturday evening being a bit draughty and damp and the Sunday bringing high winds and heavy showers. Luckily when the showers arrived I just happened to be in a pub and committed myself to not leaving until it had stopped raining. No surprise there.

There were varied forecasts for the trip back we did not know what to expect and we did have the odd gust of 25 knots but in general it was a pleasant trip back if not a little chilly with a northerly blowing.

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The new smoking area outside of the northern end of the club is now complete with the new gazebo now installed. It should afford good shelter if the weather should turn inclement and so there is now no excuse to find shelter in a nook or cranny anywhere else outside the club if the weather is poor.

Our AGM is on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10.00 and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September a group of us went to the Southampton Boat Show to support Harry Lucas in the RYA Honda National Rib Challenge Final.

In his age group Harry came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 14. His efforts were an absolute credit to the Island Yacht Club and its Cadets. I know he was very disappointed and probably does not recognise the great accomplishment of getting where he did but it was. It is always great to win but personally I think that giving your all and doing your very best on the day is a great achievement and no one can ask for any more.

However, there may have been one or two circumstances that put Harry at a disadvantage. He has only just moved up to the Senior age group (13 to 16) in this event and the guys who got the top 3 places were 16 looking 19 or 20, all close to six foot and one probably shaving more than I do. That reminds me I must watch Guerrillas in the Mist.

If he wants and I hope he does, Harry has another 3 years to turn this first disappointment into great satisfaction and I am sure that if he wants to he will achieve his goal.

The whole day was thoroughly enjoyable and for that I would like to thank Sue Lucas for organising the coach and the admission tickets for the Boat Show, all those who went along to support Harry and especially Harry for his great effort and superb attitude throughout. He should be very proud.

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As I said at the beginning of this article the sailing season is coming to an end and with it the end of my time as Commodore of the Island Yacht Club comes too. This will be my last article for the Newsletter and will be one of many lasts in the next few months.

It has been a privilege and I am very proud to have been Commodore of such an outstanding yacht club. It has not always been easy but it has always been interesting and rewarding. However, I am looking forward to a rest and becoming just an ordinary member where I can come to the club and really relax without having to worry or deal with all the issues a club of our size produces.

Remember your General Committee are not in it for the good rate of pay. They are not in it for all the medals they are likely to win and they are not in it for all the slaps on the back they get or the thanks and

praise heaped on them. They are in it because they love the club and sincerely want to do the very best for the club and its very diverse membership.

I would ask you all to give your support to your new Commodore and Vice Commodore and the whole of the General Committee and for that tiny minority who seem to be ever super critical might I suggest you get off your seats and stand for committee if you feel that strongly.

I must take this opportunity to thank all those who have served with me on General Committee through my term of office for the great job they have done and for all the tremendous amount of hard work they have done in running the club. Only those of you who have served on committee will understand and appreciate the huge amount of your own time which is given up to help run the club.

Finally my greatest thanks must go to my wife Dawn who has endured me being on committee for the past 13 years but more so for the past 3 years as Commodore. Her encouragement, support and patience over the past 3 years have been unfailing and have made a difficult job just that bit easier.

**This is a great Club so let's ensure it stays that way!**

**The envy of most but let's make it the envy of all!**

**Be part of it and just not for what you can get out of it!**

*Good luck, good sailing, good motoring and good fishing  
and whatever you are doing on the water, be safe.*

*Bill French*

**Commodore**

## **Just a reminder**

As you are probably aware, the AGM is on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. If you are considering becoming a member of the Committee and would like a little more information regarding a position you could fill, then speak to myself, or someone on the Committee. Also many of you, throughout the year, discuss what you think should be done and what should not be done. Remember it is your Club and you do have a voice. Think carefully about any Rules or Bye-laws you think should change. Make sure that you have your written proposals ready for the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Lastly, ensure your vote is counted and attend the AGM.

Valerie Deane

Vice Commodore



**Whether you like it or not Christmas will be  
with us in the blink of an eye.**

**Groan! I hear you say,**

**Do you dread the thought of sitting down  
writing Christmas cards?**



**Do you sit and wonder which card to send  
to which person?**

**And there's always that one person you get a  
card from that you forgot!**



**Well save time, effort and money this  
Christmas, let the Island Yacht Club be your  
festive fairy godmother.**



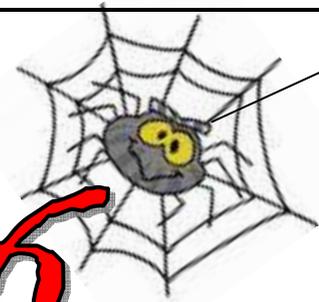
**Purchase a Christmas tag from behind the bar,  
write your one personal Christmas message  
to all your friends and fellow members,  
and tie it to the Christmas tree which will be  
situated in the foyer.**

**All for the bargain price of £2 per tag.  
Job Done.**



**Tags available from 1<sup>st</sup> December.**





# Halloween Party

Saturday 30th October 2010  
8pm till late



Spooky fun for all the family



*Fancy Dress*

Prizes for best adult and child's costume

**Fancy Dress Optional**



# Social Events for the next few months

## October

- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Annual Dinner and Dance
- ❖ 25<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz Night
- ❖ 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Quiz Night
- ❖ 30<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Party

## November

- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks and BBQ
- ❖ 20<sup>th</sup> November – Laying up Supper
- ❖ 27<sup>th</sup> November – Quiz Night
- ❖ 28<sup>th</sup> November – AGM

Check your diary's and come along and join us.

More details regarding the events will be displayed on the club notice board nearer the time



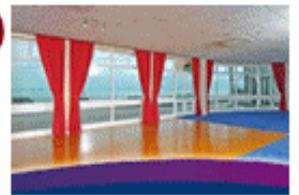
## ISLAND YACHT CLUB



# 74TH ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE



**Saturday 2nd October 2010**  
**in The Maritime Suite**  
**at The Cliffs Pavilion**



**Station Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 7RA**

**Dance to 208 a great 7 piece band**

Dress – **Black Tie**

Time – **19.00pm for 19.30pm**

Price – **£35 per person**



A coach will be available. Price to be determined when numbers known



**All Members and Members Guests Welcome**

# New IYC Website

Dear Members, after months of IT work, late nights and many phone calls between us, we are pleased to present you the new Island Yacht Club website. We hope that you will all find it more user friendly with each section now having their own drop down and side menus. The Address of the new site is: <http://islandyachtclub.org.uk>

This website has been designed for you, hopefully providing information for you to enjoy your sailing and your club. Feedback on it's design and contents will always be welcomed, because of our ongoing work to improve the site further. Please email your comments to: [admin@islandyachtclub.org.uk](mailto:admin@islandyachtclub.org.uk)

However we must point out to you If your internet browser is Microsoft Explorer, you will need to download and install iE8 to view the website correctly, this is because it has been built to use with the latest browsers!

As some of you already know we have also created our own forum where once you have registered as a member you can air your views and chat just about anything, boaty or non boaty! The forum address is: <http://forum.islandyachtclub.org.uk>

Special thanks go to Peter Davies, who with his valuable IT experience and connections was able to organise the construction of the website template to our requirements and also saving the club money, as websites of this size do cost a fair amount to have made.

Also credit to Chris Gray our webmaster and Mike Edwards of the sailing section for their hard work updating and installing the website content

Alison Metson, Paul Prentice and Dave Ayres for their involvement and valuable input on the IT sub Committee.

All the best

The IYC IT Team

Don't forget to look at the Club Forum, it's already up and running.

Visit the forum by clicking the link on the website

(Both the old Website and the New one when it starts)

There are also different topic boards you can view once you are a Registered member of the forum.

Click on "Register" and follow directions

# Mooring & Compound Committee

Dear Members,

With this newsletter the summer is almost at an end, well what summer we've had. During July and August the work parties were only 1 weekend in 4, with "normal" times resuming on the 4th Sept.

The winter lift out dates are as follows:

9th Oct - 14:08 - 6.2m

23rd Oct - 13:24 - 5.7m

6th Nov - 12:02 - 5.9m

20th Nov - 11:17 - 5.4m

Should you require a lift out form or have any questions please email me at anytime or contact me by phone between 18:00 and 20:00 Monday-Friday or 10:00 and 20:00 Saturday/Sunday (calls outside these times won't be answered due to work commitments). I would suggest booking early, I'm already having enquiries and dates will be filled first come basis. Also we will NOT reserve spaces, but place craft to the best of our ability and within the constraints of the compound space. The spring launch dates will be provided with the winter lift form.

A few notes to all members, please be considerate on lift days, don't park cars/motorhomes/trailers/RIBs where you could obstruct the lifting rigs, there is an enlarged car park and parking area for this purpose. Do not drive in front of the lifting rigs, unless waved on by a member of the lifting team. Finally, please keep children supervised and away from the plant.

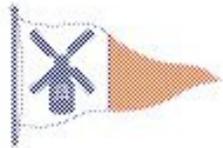
Only 4 weekends have been provided for the lift out season and boat owners are expected to assist on their lift/launch dates to ease operations.

During the winter I would ask that all mooring holders ensure that their jetties are in good states of repair and fit for purpose, for the safety of your boat. The Mooring & Compound Committee will be carrying out checks to all moorings and requesting repairs to be made where necessary. Should you need to make repairs please contact a member of the Mooring & Compound Committee to access materials.

Regards

IYC Mooring & Compound Committee

# Sailing Section



**Island Yacht Club**



**2010**

**Ellen**

**Rapkin**

**Cruiser Race**

**Saturday 25th Sept**

**Start 14:00**

**High tide 14:30 5.8m**

**New Course for 2010**

**Start Point, W Leigh Middle(P), W Shoebury(S),**

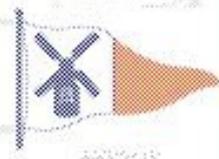
**Medway 5(S), Grain Edge(P),**

**Finish Queenborough ATL**

**13 miles**



**Please put details on entry form in club**



# Cadet Section

Another season nearly over and looking back on it I am wondering where it has gone. Since the last news letter quite a lot has happened. A long with our normal activities on the water (If you can call them that sometimes) quite a few other things have been happening.

We have had our fun day which we changed to our regatta day (Being a yacht club this sound correct) But what a great day we all had with our thanks going out to all of those members that put a lot of planning into the organizing and running of the day (**Ladies thank you very much on behalf of the cadet section of the club**) Also for the cadets that put the disco on in the evening.

For those of you that are not aware once again the Island Yacht Club has a cadet going through to the national RYA youth rib challenge finals which are being held on 12<sup>th</sup> September at the Southampton boat show I do hope those members that can attend will come along and give Harry Lucas some support as he is the youngest competitor in the 13 to 16 year old age group to reach the national final.

I would also like to thank gentlemen from the radio club who came down on a cadet night and gave the cadets an insight to the how the radio has progressed from Morse to what we have today.

Best regards

**Martin, Karen, Mark and Alex**

**Harry was 9<sup>th</sup> out of 14 in his age group at the RIB Challenge Finals.....Fantastic!... If you improve by the same amount every year winning it is realistic goal before you reach 17.**

**And well done to Andrew and Aaron for all the work you did with the cadets.**

# **MOTOR BOAT SECTION**

The season seems to have gone before it started.

The Maidstone river festival was very good this year with a great firework display that finished the day 4 boats took part from the club this year Nordic Princess, Herbert 2, Orca, & Topaz which finished on the Sunday Evening with a BBQ at Strood Yacht club (Thank you to Strood for their kind hospitality again)

For those members that missed the last ICC course that was run at the club last year I have arrange another on this year along with a VHF radio course the details of the courses are up on the notice board in the club house should you wish to take please put your name and contact number on the list.

The list for the junior fishing competition is now up on the notice board those juniors wishing to take part please put your name on the list as this will help Roy & Peter with the organization of this event.

I will admit that while writing this I am a little disappointed that I was unable to attend the cruise to Chatham I was already to make the trip over to Chatham on the Sunday afternoon tide but the weather was not going to allow this to happen. But I do hope that all of those that when on the Saturday all returned home safe and well on the Bank holiday Monday.

It is nearing the end of the season but please keep watching the notice board in the club house and the club web site for details of things that are happening.

Best regards Martin Dobbs.

# **IYC Boats for sale** More details on the IYC Web site.

|                  |                |      |            |
|------------------|----------------|------|------------|
| WHISKY JACK      | TRIMARAN       | 13m  | £18,000    |
| FAIRLINE         | WEEKENDER 1983 | 21ft | £12,500    |
| SADLER 25        | NIPPA II       | 25ft | £10,000    |
| SUSIE-B          | GRP            | 28ft | £18,750ono |
| WESTERLY CENTAUR | AQUILLA        | 26ft | P.O.A.     |
| SEAGLASS         | GRP            | 24ft | £8,500ono  |
| TRAPPER 300      | FLYING FOX     | 26ft | £7,000     |
| FAIREY FISHERMAN | JENNY F        | 26ft | £13,000    |
| MACWESTER ROWAN  | MOUNTAIN ASH   | 22ft | P.O.A      |
| McGREGOR         | EMILY          | 26ft | £10,500    |
| VIVACITY         | GRP            | 20ft | OFFERS     |

## IYC BOATING ACTIVITIES 2010

| Date             | HW    | HT  | CRUISER RACE      | MOTOR & SAIL CRUISE | DINGHY   | START        | CADET |
|------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|-------|
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |       |     |                   |                     |  |              |       |
| Sat 25           | 14.27 | 5.8 | Ellen Rapkin Race | Faversham Cruise    |  |              |       |
| Sun 26           | 14.58 | 5.8 |                   | Faversham           | Interclub Dinghy Team (away) and Dinghy Race (IYC) | TBA<br>14.00 |       |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |       |     |                   |                     |  |              |       |
| Sun 10           | 14.50 | 6.1 | Koningstein Cup   |                     | Koningstein Cup                                    | TBA          |       |
| Sun 24           | 13.57 | 5.8 |                   |                     | Gin & Rum  | 13.00        |       |
|                  |       |     |                   |                     |  |              |       |

# Down on the waterfront...

Early on the tide, a boat, a highly polished and cosseted Westerly 'bathtub' moved smoothly down the slip in the loving clutches of her supporting girdle. Watchers gazed at her ... however she'd soon slivered to a halt in the gloop and was held firmly in the bosom of the creek bed.

"... Bill..." someone shouted: he was close by, "... thought you'd ... done the creek..."

The watchers, a mixed crowd of loafers and trailer followers guffawed loudly: they'd been anticipating this launch for some weeks after a period of perceived dillying and dallying...

"At least they're in," I thought ... from my vantage further down the creek, preparing for an imminent departure for Stangate...

The boat's owner, fairly new to this 'navy lark' was nonplussed by the behaviour of his compound cronies. He leant, nonchalantly, on his spray hood with an animated, knowing (possibly) expression, as if an old timer: the tide was making swiftly and the pause was nay problem ... at all.

Shortly after as they gently pattered past I called, "She looks good!"

Her three crew, by then, all grinning as wide as hyenas, waved back in salute. "Ah..." my crew said, smiling, and probably remembering her own early days afloat back in 1979.

Passing through the compound early in the summer (that was early June) I saw a band of industrious men ... clearing the compound of its forest of weeds. A strimmer whirred, rakes flashed as the harvest was bundled by several men into the dumper...

It occurred to me that the club had expended not an insignificant amount on weed killer in recent times. "Waste of money" many thought... Now there's a thing! Thinking about this, I thought, "Yes there is money wasted, but often a significant number of us will consider the opposite view" ... "all depends on ones perspective..." Now, without mentioning the hot news recently, I'm firmly in the other camp. "Overspent ... probably not ... over budget – Yes..." I murmured, "It wasn't 'a waste though..."

It seemed that the compound was again extraordinarily full after the late lift in. Are the numbers permanently laid up ashore creeping higher? We've become as littered as the other island yacht club up by the bridge. It led my thoughts to one of the many conversations I'd had with dear old Dave Lane (Bless him). He'd warned of this scenario some fifteen or so years ago...

Dave, old boy, while you're dancing in the waves that swirl the sands of our beloved estuary ... don't laugh too much!

I had been on the hard antifouling. Wandering over towards the tea hut I found a fair collection of fellow members finishing a cuppa after their post luncheon exertions. It was a largish bunch, deeply engrossed in a spot of that oft found past time around the waterfront ... gripes and grumbles!

“Why do we have to pay more at this time of year ... thought we had an extension...”

“It’s not fair...”

“Should be run like a boatyard”

“...won’t like that...”

“...the way a proper boatyard runs ... “

“Yeh - pay for what yer use...”

“What, like that boatyard over there?” one said, pointing towards our neighbours ... up the creek.

It transpired that someone had stopped by and was moaning about not being able to get his (other boat) ready...

“Well...” I said, “It’s been a chilly first half to the year ... had to wait to get my varnishing underway – but...” all eyes turned to me, “It’s been a very dry ... people should scrub, scrape and prepare in the autumn ... shouldn’t they...?”

“Easy for you” someone said.

“Why?” I asked, but there wasn’t a coherent or sensible answer from around the table.

“Before long you lot and us others will be at members’ beck and call all year...” somebody said.

“Perhaps we need paid staff,” I said, digging a little more.

“Maybe...” came from another with a long drawn out sigh.

“You wouldn’t like that,” I said, knowing that they wouldn’t, “...but the Medway Yacht Club does,” I added quickly.

“Perhaps it’s the way forward...” was a comment.

Thought provoking thoughts or what! What do we want?

The men in charge had deemed that an inspection of the Oyster Creek mooring run was needed ... along with some rudimentary repairs to the access steps. We’d got over by wading across the creek and fording the rill with a battered old dinghy ... which had its moments of hilarity! When returning, most had got back and the dinghy was being stowed on the rack when a shout rang out, “Help ... got a boot stuck!”

Laughter rang out first ... as the man flayed around wallowing deeper ... then we all swung into action. The dinghy was hauled back down the slip to pull the stricken man into (perhaps). It wasn’t needed.

“Don’t keep moving about,” we all shouted in unison as a rope was thrown by one. It landed short and splashed the poor chap with more gloop – more laughter ensued! It was a plank of wood that did it and it was me (Why me?) who got a hand round his immersed boot and worked it out as he knelt on the firm piece of timber...

It was a camera moment ... but nobody had one ... I asked for a rerun. The response isn’t printable!

*Water Rat*



# AGM Proposals

A proposal was made by the General Committee for consideration at the AGM in 2009 but was not proceeded with because I am told that in my absence there was no one to deal with any questions as to the terminology used or any other aspect of the proposal.

The proposal will be put forward again at this years AGM. Sadly I will again be unable to attend. The purpose of this note is to seek to explain the purpose, effect and the meaning of the terminology used where required.

The proposal has a couple of changes from that put forward last year but the effect remains the same. The purpose for the change was to give equality of membership, save as regards Rule 19(B) so that each of the two members of a family membership become Ordinary Members. It will also prevent any new member becoming a single member and then switching as has happened in the past to double membership and then back again. It should make the records easier to keep.

The proposal will be

That rules 14 and 19 (b) be amended to provide so that as from the meeting there shall only be one category of Ordinary Membership which shall be family membership. This change will only affect those who become sole members after this meeting as all those who are currently single members will retain the right to be such. A consequential amendment is also required in Rule 19 (b) to substitute the word "Family" for the word "Double"

## 14. An Ordinary Member means

(i) a person over the age of 21 years who is part of a Family Membership comprising one person or two co-habiting persons and they shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of membership and shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting and qualified to serve on any Committee subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned. Family membership shall entitle any child theirs or within the guardianship of such members under the age of 11 years to use the facilities of the Club when supervised by an Ordinary member.

(ii) any person who was at the 31 March 2011 a Single member over the age of 21 years until they elect to change to become part of a Family membership and they shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of membership and shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting and qualified to serve on any Committee subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned.

19. (b) Any single, sole or first named member of Family Membership who is 65 or over, having been a member for ten years shall be liable to pay a membership fee of 20% of the then current fee, for either a single or Family membership rounded up to the nearest pound, but shall be liable to pay all other fees in full.

I should make it clear that it does not prevent anyone who is currently a single member from remaining as a single member.

The two persons currently included in existing Double membership will each become an Ordinary member within the definition of Family Membership. As before this will include any children under the age of 11. It will now also include the children under 11 where only one parent or guardian is a Family member. In the case of any existing Double membership it will make no difference. There will be a principal member solely for the purposes of rule 19(B) and the person whose name now appears first in the list I have will be the principal member for this purpose. In regard to new members the principal applicant will become the principal member.

To venture through the rule with the proposed amendments:-

14(i) There is no change to the age and this applies only to those persons over the age of 21. The words 'one person' which would have been what was a single member. The words 'two co-habiting persons' means spouses, partners and civil partners. It must encompass all that today's political correctness requires. The remainder of the rule is the same as it was but the word 'Double' is replaced by 'Family'.

14(ii) This paragraph is new and is the enabling provision to permit current single members to continue as such. If they should choose to change to become family members they will not be able to revert back.

I hope this explanation makes the proposed change clear and if anyone has any questions or concerns please would you direct them to me

I will then seek to answer them before the AGM.

# Treasurer's Report

Well, we are almost half way through this Financial Year, some long outstanding projects have been proposed and some have been completed. If we remain careful we may be able to consider further projects for next year under the new Committee.

I would remind you all that this is my third year as Treasurer of the Club and that I intend to stand down from the position in November. I have found the position very interesting and I have learned much about the way that the Club is run. I have enjoyed my tenure but I feel that a Treasurer's post should be for three years to allow new people with new ideas to come forward. In the circumstances, the post will become vacant in November.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the role and duties of Treasurer please contact me. The position comes with its own computer and plenty of training for however long is necessary.

Ken Bills  
Treasurer.