

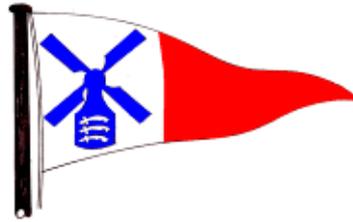
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Commodores Quarter Deck

July saw another sad day for the club with the death of Dave Lane on Friday, 31st July. Dave was a very long standing club member and a great supporter of the club too.

He was tremendously active both for the club and on his boat and crewing for others on cruises and was taking part and doing as much as possible as usual up until a few months before his death when he became unwell and his health began to deteriorate.

I have been told that Dave was a member for nearly 40 years and many of you will have known him for much longer than I have but I found Dave to be a perfect gentlemen, with a dry but engaging sense of humour, a very intelligent man with a wealth of great stories to tell and a person who's company I was always happy to be in. He will be missed very much by many of us and will always be in our memories.

Our work boat Lily Rapkin 2 is currently out of the water having major maintenance work done to her. I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard so far to make those improvements. It will probably be another 4 weeks before the work is complete but I am convinced our efforts will be worth it.

Although our members have put in all the hours to make these modifications I must give the thanks to Mick Cerson and Anton Weekes who run Smallgains Marina for making a donation of over £1000 to pay for the materials for the modifications and also the purchase of some of the major maintenance items.

The shower block project is now complete and the official opening went extremely well with the Chair of Essex County Council, Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, performing the opening ceremony accompanied by other Essex County Councillors and Canvey East Ward Councillors as honoured guests. They were all very impressed with the new shower block but even more so with our club in general. We are still having a few teething problems with the showers but these are quickly being rectified one by one. and clothing being left in the The redecoration of ladies toilets was completed successfully and our thanks go to all the members who gave up their free time to make it happen.

There are still projects on the books for this year, one being the redecoration of men's toilets which hopefully will be finished by the time you read this article and there is new security lighting to be installed in the compound.

It seems that is always the same old faces volunteering to give their time to all these projects so it would be nice to see some new faces helping out. Even if it is just a few hours help you can give it would be much appreciated and help spread the work load. Our club from its very start has been built to what it is today by members giving up their time to help in all manner of ways and as this club belongs to all of us, all of us should feel duty bound to do something in some way to help the club.

In the coming months there are some important dates that you should make a note of.

There is the Laying Up Supper on Saturday, 24th October. This is always a very enjoyable evening where you can just sit and enjoy a very good meal and have a good chat in very good company.

Then there is the IYC Annual Dinner and Dance on Saturday, 14th November which this year is being held at the Oyster Fleet Hotel on Canvey. Again this is always an excellent evening and deserves your support.

On Sunday, 29th November we have the clubs Annual General Meeting. This is a great opportunity for members to express their thoughts and for them to put forward any Members Proposals which may help or enhance the way the club goes forward.

Another important date is Prize Giving which is on Saturday, 5th December and it is important that all those receiving prizes are congratulated by the rest of the membership on that evening.

These are all key dates in our club calendar and your support for all these events is well deserved and will be much appreciated.

Well, summer is nearly over (I use the term summer very loosely) and our thoughts will soon be turning to lifting our boats out for the winter then looking forward so much to all the work needing to be done before going back in the water.

I think the weather has been better this year than last and I know many of us have managed to get away on some good breaks. I managed a 2 week holiday on the Orwell and Deben. Recently there was a well supported cruise up the East Coast and one of our boats Ocean Spirit skippered by Bob Hough made to the River Dart in Devon.

My cruise to Ramsgate was a great success with 12 boats making the trip and I think everyone had a really good time. Besides my boat MAX, there was Bob Hough & OCEAN SPIRIT, Dave Warmer & OSPREY, Barry Bonner & LOOSE CONNECTIONS, Dave Ayres & TADPOLE, Terry Burlin & ANNOBELLE, Mike Edward & AZTEC, Ray Tutor & EL RAY, Martin Dobbs & TOPAZ, Trevor Bullock & CASTAWAY BAY II, Paul Soderberg & JAMEAN and Jim Parker & WINDSOR MAIDEN. I would like give my great thanks to all the skippers and their families for supporting this cruise and for making the weekend a special event.

The weekend schedule was normal for Ramsgate. Saturday, beer and wine at the Royal Temple, beer and wine on the boat, beer and wine at the Royal Temple, fish and chips at Pete's, beer and wine at the Royal Temple, beer and wine on the boat and then an oh so peaceful sleep.

Sunday saw some of us make the now renowned pilgrimage to the Belle View pub in Pegwell Bay where we had some beer and wine but we had to leave early (after 3 pints) because the Cheese and Wine Party was at 15.00hours.

I would like to thank Elaine and Ray Chuter for allowing us to make their boat the hub of the party and for putting up with dropped food and spilt beer and wine on their decks.

I'd like to thank my wife Dawn, Margaret Warmer, June Bonner and Gill Hough for getting the food and preparing it all, Dave Warmer, Barry Bonner, Bob Hough and Gary Terry for helping buy and transport a shed load of drinks back to the boat and Trevor and Karen Bullock for providing what seemed to be an endless supply of sausage rolls but most of all I would like to thank you all for drinking and eating virtually all that was provided and making the afternoon and evening one to remember.

After the party some of our more athletic members went off to the Royal Temple for some more, well, you can guess what and some of us stayed on our boats for some more, yes you can guess again. Funnily enough I had another very good night sleep.

Finally a special thanks to Val Deane and Elaine Chuter. When we all arrived Ramsgate was packed out and we were directed to the eastern side of the harbour. For those of you who know it that is where all the fishing boats are. The pontoons were filthy with seagull droppings so some of the skippers actually had to clean their bit of the pontoon and there were 4 power points between 12 boats meaning we had to keep switching leads so we could charge our batteries.

The harbour master said he would give us a 10% discount for our troubles and lack of facilities but for those of us who know Val and Elaine well this was never going to be enough. So off they marched to the harbour masters office and managed to negotiate a much better rate. I am not sure negotiate is the right word (bludgeon may be a better one but they both deny this) but any how we were all charged only £5 per boat for the whole stay.

Oh and by the way the actual passage there and back was uneventful and fairly boring.

I hope the autumn will give us all a chance to still get out on the water until late in the year.

For those of us who are either very hardy or a little insane there is the Gentlemen's Cruise in November on the weekend of 7th and 8th.with some boats leaving on the 6th.

Over the past years we have always gone up to St. Katherine's but this year we will be going up the Medway to Thunderbolt Pier. This will make a pleasant change and relieve us of the going past the darkest of dark places, Mucking Flats. If there ever was such a place as the edge of the world Mucking would be it. Watch the board for the boats names list who want to go.

This is a great Club! The envy of most! Be part of it!

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

Bill French

Commodore

ICY Social Events

Hi All

As we are heading towards Autumn The Social calendar start to pick up again.

September 12th Quiz Night

Great Fun,

Come along and test your knowledge prizes for winning teams

October 10th Birthday Bash.

Good entertainment & food (tickets only £10 members £15 guest)

October 17th Quiz Night

once again put your brains into action

October 24th Laying up supper

Good food Great Company.

Bring along your friends, cost £12.50 ticket

October 31st Halloween Party

Family affair. Birthday Bash & Laying Up Supper.

Need to enter name on lists in the Club House which will go up in September.

Just a reminder anyone who leaves clothes in the hallway near the toilets for more than 2 week they will be remove to the charity shop.

Hope to see you all soon

Elaine

Social Secretary

*******Security *****Thieves*******

Hello fellow member.

There have been a number of thefts from the club, recently an outboard was stolen from club property. It seems obvious that the most likely way the thieves got access is through the open gate to the compound.

It is imperative that if you are entering or leaving the compound or any other fenced area of the club between 18:00 and 08:00 that you lock the gate after you. An open gate's an invitation. Even if there are other cars in the compound, the owners may be away on their boats, or even if you are just popping down to your boat to do a couple of quick jobs, please lock the gates after you, don't assume someone else will. This way only bona fide members with gate cards can get in.

It only takes a few minutes to wonder in and rifle round a boat in the compound whilst you are on the jetties. If you see someone you don't know to be a member, challenge them to produce a gate or membership card, if they are a member they should understand.

Don't accept "I am just going to see my mate on a boat" ask them to leave the compound and call their "mate" to come and collect them. Next time it may be your property that is stolen. Let us all "club" together to keep the thieves out.

Mike Edwards

Cadets

Well as you all must be aware that our cadets are having another busy season. Arron Lowther going through to the RYA Honda Youth RIB Challenge final at Southampton has been the high point of the year so far. But let us not forget all of our cadets that made it through to area finals and along with Arron were able to take part and represent the Island Yacht club in the Eastern regional finals. I would like to thank all of those people who have put a lot of hard work with the rib training. Without this hard work our cadets would not have gained the valuable experience they have received from our adult members.

Apart for the rib training you will also have seen our cadets on the water outside the club house on Saturday and on a Tuesday evenings when the tides have been favourable.



Saturday 5th September will see the cadets taking part in the Canvey Supply Cup race with a predicted 19 boats taking part.

Our members will also see that a few of our cadets are crewing for some of the dingy section of the club that race on Sunday's. So once again we would like to thank our members for the support that they give to the cadet section of the club.

Regards Martin, Karen, Alex and Mark.



.....From Ed.....

How wonderfull to see the Cadets so active, give them a little tide and they are out on it. And when the tides out they are either planning, preparing or, in the absence of any water the mud will do !!

Fantastic stuff.

Best of luck to Aaron at the RYA Honda Youth Championship Final. He has so much support that a large double decker coach has been hired to take everyone down to Southampton. But the best drivers are likely to be split seconds appart and no-one to my knowledge has ever won it twice because of the element of chance around those last fractions of a second. But this year Aaron set the fastest time ever for the event, and if fate gives him the chance for a clean run I am sure he can do the rest..

Mooring Committee

Dear Members,

Writing this on a cold August day it's easy to see how the winter is only round the corner, but unfortunately it is. The Mooring Committee is already planning the winter lift package for this year and has set the dates as follows:

Winter Lift Out

Sat 17th Oct - 11:31 5.8m

Sat 31st Oct - 10:30 5.3m

Sat 7th Nov - 15:15 5.7m

Sat 14th Nov - 10:18 5.4m

Due to the poor tides this winter dates will be tight for lifts and we'd like to ask for your co-operation more than ever with assisting the teams on the day. The more help we get, the faster the boats can be laid up, something that if you're the last boat for the day you'll appreciate too. We'd like to ask that on days with 10:00am tides we have bilge keels, so we can (if necessary) let them dry out on the slipway to lift them after the main lifts.

Just for information and good warning the spring launches will be in March and April, dates as ever will be in with the forms sent out.

The summer has seen a lot of activity within the yard and on the moorings, even though we've only worked 1 weekend in 3 again. A new finger was built in the Lagoon and yard clearance work has been taking place to extend the car park at the eastern end. The only problem here is some of our members can't break the habit of dumping rubble and other spoil as they used to. We'd like to ask you to stop this, as it's no longer required.

The prime mover of the "no.1 rig" had its clutch replaced, breathing new life into it, and extending its useful life again. The crane also had its winch drum motor refurbished to ensure its operational safety.

On another note, we are as ever, looking for willing volunteers to operate the lifting rigs. The Mooring Committee is discussing a training plan for volunteers which will include assisting with winter lay up to get a grounding in boat lifting and understanding the ground crew side before moving onto basic tractor handling and handling the smaller rig and then onto the larger rig operations. If anyone wishes to volunteer for this please contact myself for more info. Likewise, we are always in need of assistance on work parties.

I must also inform members that a number of thefts have taken place on IYC grounds. An outboard motor was stolen from one member and a 30 foot long length of reinforced hose was stolen from the jetties. Also a large box of screws was removed and not returned to the workshop container. These thefts are affecting you as members; for instance the hose was for washing out moorings, this facility now won't reach as far as it used to. As a result the containers will always be kept locked. If a member needs to borrow a tool please ask a Mooring Committee

member, as every time they're not returned it's Club money that replaces them. If any member is found stealing they will be reported to the Flag Officers and risks losing their membership and mooring.

As a reminder to all boat owners; there are moorings that are vacant, the list below shows the number of vacant berths that can be allocated. If you wish to apply for a better mooring please write to me and your application will be considered on merit and berth availability by the Mooring Committee. A full list of moorings is in the tea hut in the compound.

Stern On: 7 berths

Fisherman's Creek: number of berths dependent upon vessel size, approx "x" berths remaining

Centre Creek: 1 berth

Lagoon: 1 berth

West Creek: 8 berths

A final point, I'd like to ask all members to bear in mind if purchasing a new larger boat that it cannot be guaranteed that should your boat not fit into your berth that another berth will be available. If you can check with the Mooring Committee before purchasing it would be appreciated, so that we can look at all options before you get your new boat.

Regards

IYC Mooring Committee

Motor Boat Section

With this season nearly over again I wonder where it has gone it, just doesn't seem to last long enough.

There were 9 Island Yacht Club motor boats that attended the Maidstone Riverboat Festival at the end of July, with the fleet leaving the Club on the Wednesday and returning back on the Bank Holiday Monday. An enjoyable few days were had by all that took part.

As the end of the season gets nearer our social section are becoming more active with organising social events in the club house, please come along and give your support as they do put a lot of work into these events.

We will be having our motor boat meetings on Sunday mornings at +/- 10-30hrs once a month so that we can get together with suggestions for things that we might like to do during the winter or planning for next season.

But please do not forget if anyone would like to have a weekend away but would like to cruise in company put a note up on the motor boat notice board. I am sure there are other like minded members who would like to join you.

So please watch notice boards for meetings and events

Best regards Martin.

DINGHY SECTION

Dear Dinghy Sailors

This year has been an amazing success for the Dinghy Section... With the exception of 1 race this year, we always have a minimum of 10 catamarans turn up for racing regardless of conditions! We now have 24 catamaran's in the club...

We also continue our success out on the water competing against other sailing clubs around the UK. This year we gained a 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in the Nore Race in extreme sailing conditions... well done to Julian & Adrian, Lloyd & Luke and errrr myself and Lee ☺

Also, Darren Wood and TA secured 1st Dart 18 home in the Colne Point Race and the IYC brought home the Team Trophy as well! Well done to all that entered the East Coast Piers Race.

Most of you will know that we are holding a fast catamaran open meeting on 19th & 20th September this year. This event will see over 40 catamarans racing from our club... we are in need of support from our members to make this a success and secure the IYC for future events. If you can give up some of your time and would like to help out during the weekend, please speak to Sue or Kevin asap.

Finally, good luck to the IYC Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship Team... lets hope we win another Rib... no pressure Aaron ☺

Happy sailing

Clinton Turner

Clint has also sent an update of the overall dinghy helm points for 2009 so far. (attached to next page). Its very close at the top isn't it.

The dinghy section had a work party on Monday morning on 31st August (Bank Holliday) and I am sure Clint would like me to include his thanks to Colin, James H, Pam, Paul, Mark M, Brian, John M, Alison & Aaron for turning out to help.

However I would expect Clint was hoping for a few more helping hands. For my part I am sorry I couldn't be there, but I was asleep after a 12 hour nightshift.

Ed.

ICYC DINGHY HELM OF THE YEAR 2009 (to 31.08.09)

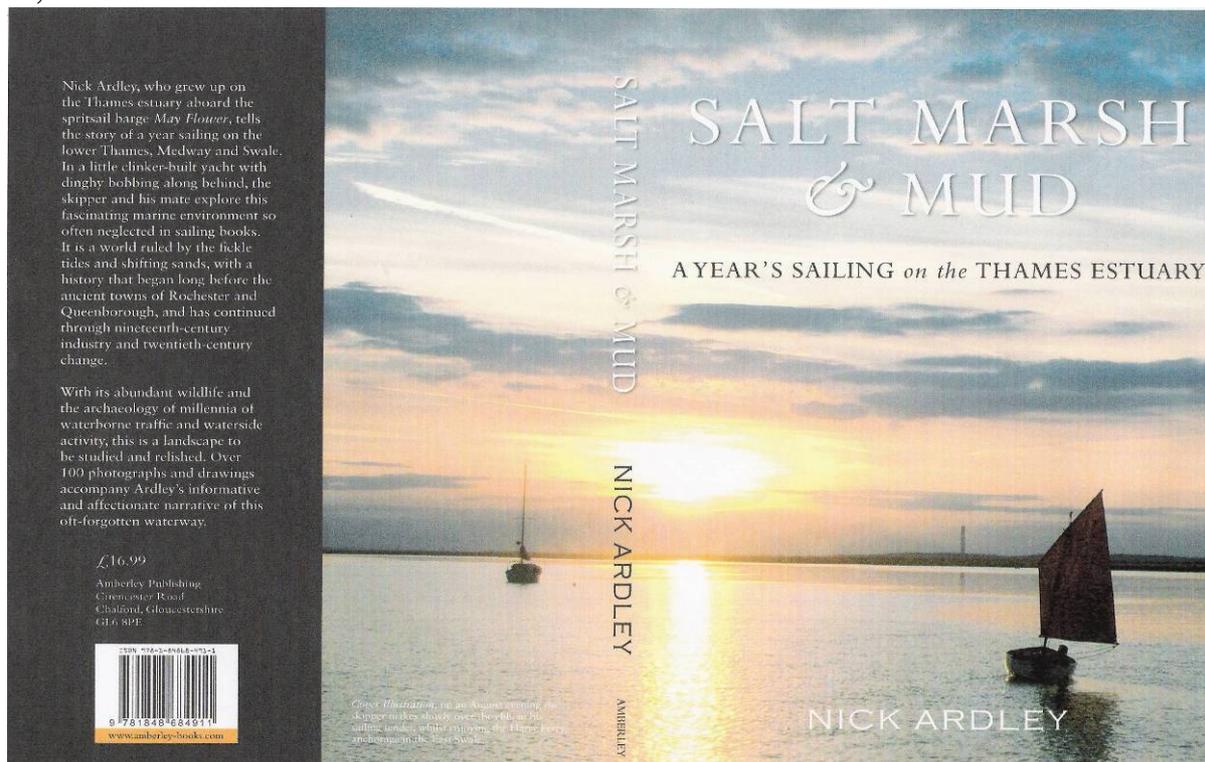
Overall	Helm	Total
1st	Mark Wood	2,560.9
2nd	Lloyd Turner	2,440.9
3rd	Clinton Turner	2,412.7
4th	Mark Mawditt	2,307.8
5th	Kevin Turner	2,299.7
6th	Darren Wood	1,823.3
7th	Gary Marshall	1,354.5
8th	Andrew Dobbs	1,267.2
9th	Steve Whittaker	1,242.9
10th	Julian Linton	1,008.2
11th	Geraint Helps	989.0
12th	Brian Keenleyside	906.9
13th	Alex Burling	759.4
14th	John Bell	607.4
15th	Mick Flaherty	601.6
16th	Mick Leavitt	557.6
17th	Paul Soderberg	499.4
18th	Ian Cuthbertson	431.1
19th	A Linton	347.5
20th	John Metson	346.5
21st	Adrian Pharro	212.4
22 nd	Pam Soderburg	204.0
23rd	Dan Bell	197.8
24th	Peter Powell	83.6
25th	Colin Ebdon	10.0
26th	John Dobbs	5.0
27th	Luke Bullock	0.0
27th	James Marshall	0.0

ICYC BOATING ACTIVITIES

Date	HW	HT	CRUISER RACE	MOTOR & SAIL CRUISE	DINGHY &	CADET
SEPTEMBER						
Sat 5	13:53	5.6			Canvey Supply Race	
Sun 6	14:22	5.7	Norton Novice Race		Forward hands	
Sat 12	18:13	5.0	Blackwater Race (EYC)			
Sat 19	13:36	6.1			Open Meeting	
Sun 20	14:16	6.1			Open Meeting	
OCTOBER						
Sun 4	13:18	5.7	Greene King Race		Whitbread Race	
Sun 18	13:12	6.0			Gin & Rum Race	
Sat 24	17:04	5.2	Laying up Supper	Laying up Supper	Laying up Supper	
NOVEMBER						
Fri 13	09:16	5.3		Gentlemans Cruise		
Mon 16	11:49	5.8		Gentlemans Cruise		

New book from a club member ...

The cover of this new book, about sailing around the Lower Thames, Swale and Medway waters, is an evocative scene indeed.



Nick Ardley, who grew up on the Thames estuary aboard the spinnaker barge *May Flower*, tells the story of a year sailing on the lower Thames, Medway and Swale. In a little clinker-built yacht with dinghy bobbing along behind, the skipper and his mate explore this fascinating marine environment so often neglected in sailing books. It is a world ruled by the fickle tides and shifting sands, with a history that began long before the ancient towns of Rochester and Queenborough, and has continued through nineteenth-century industry and twentieth-century change.

With its abundant wildlife and the archaeology of millennia of waterborne traffic and waterside activity, this is a landscape to be studied and relished. Over 100 photographs and drawings accompany Ardley's informative and affectionate narrative of this oft-forgotten waterway.

£16.99

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Many of you will know me, I sail a Finesse 24, *Whimbrel*, with my wife Christobel. We have owned the boat for over twenty-five years now and started sailing, together, in 1979 on a Yachting World Peoples Boat. That boat was a 23 foot plywood yacht which came out of a post WW2 design competition and was built in 1952. I was, of course, virtually born on the water. That has been told about in my previous book, *The May Flower A Barging Childhood*, published by The History Press, 2007.

Salt Marsh & Mud tells about a year's sailing. Shreds of some of the stories will be recognised by readers of the club's news letter – sometimes the article came first, sometimes not. All are based around real time out on the water, whether it was a sail on the tide, a weekend away or a longer cruise. Wherever I've gone, I have always looked at what's being passed by. The environment, often so natural looking ... is often historical.

Within the stories a little of that history along our shores, within the marshes and waterside towns is brought to life, intermingled with the skipper and mate's chatter. A few of the yarns jumped into the past, when the skipper 'nodded off' or rambled about what's been: the creeks and waterways that fringe our unique sailing area are thick with ghosts. The Island Yacht Club, a wonderful club, often the butt of conversation amongst mean minded folk, features as the base, and I'm proud of that!

Sailing around the Swale for instance, let alone the Medway, the industrial past is often only a veneer. It can be difficult to see. Sometimes a dilapidated wharf is the only sign of man's recent activity. But, too, modern developments have brought new and exciting amenities for the yachtsmen, in particular, Chatham Marina and comfortable berths up Conyer Creek. It's all out there, waiting for you to discover.

This book has been described as an enjoyable meander through all that we love. The stories are gentle: they don't deal with wild seas and foreign parts. That has been done by others. Creeks, deeply saline, heady with marsh and their flowers, and those from the land beyond are this book's domain. Whitstable, Faversham, Conyer, Queenborough, Chatham, Upnor and Hoo are some of the places delved into. Now and then a hint of places beyond the book's boundaries appear – they are for later.

My wife, who has seen much of it, read and cast comment, wielded a red pen (from time to time) on various drafts, is dying to read the finished work, 'It's a book ... very much for women ... as well as for men,' she said. 'Enjoy!'

The book: Salt Marsh & Mud – A Year's Sailing on the Thames Estuary, with 120 illustrations, is published by Amberley Publishing, August 2009. ISBN: 978-1-84868-491-1. Price £16.99.

Nick Ardley

Whimbrel

(For non publishing aware people – that's most of us – authors receive a mere 8% of the cover price ... not much!)

IYC Boats for sale

Listed on the IYC Web site where you can find more details.

IROQUISE CAT	BARRON	?	P.O.A.
MOTOR CRUISER	HERBERT	23	P.O.A.
BROOM FLYBRIDGE CRUISER	GRP	35	£53,950
SEAGLASS	GRP	24	£8,500ono
QUEENSLANDER	ASP	33	£4,000
SNAPDRAGON 26	KUBUKI	26	£7,000
MOTOR BOAT/WOOD	LUCKY EDDY	28	OFFERS
TRAPPER 300	FLYING FOX	26	£8,500
SAILFISH	WHICH WAY NORTH	18	OFFERS
FAIREY FISHERMAN	JENNY F	26	£13,000
MACWESTER ROWAN	MOUNTAIN ASH	22	P.O.A
ARISTO CAT	WESTERN ENTERPRIZE	33	P.O.A
McGREGOR	EMILY	26	£10,500
SEA ROVER	INCH	28	£10,000
VIVACITY	GRP	20	OFFERS

Down on the waterfront...

A little white hulled sloop sailed gamely up the creek, her sides were muddy, but no matter, it was a sight to gladden the heart. The wind was a comfortable, full sail, breeze - a southerly. The little boat came past me while I stowed my sails: recently in from a splendid sail. On the sloop were three grinning faces that seemed to fill the cockpit, we passed a remark or two and they'd gone by. I continued to watch as the little yacht came up into the breeze, sails fluttering as she lost way. She slipped comfortably into her berth. I quietly applauded the helmsman saying, to no one in particular, other than the soft breeze, "He's only been at it for barely a year ... puts many to shame with his keenness too." The owner has been seen many times through the last year, autumn, winter and spring ... out sailing. "He's a chip of the old block," I added, grinning, as I got on with stowing my own sails.

Its funny how people like watching others work - I do it too sometimes. I was up on the hard. It was time to apply a coat of paint to the old girl. The bottom had been done a few days earlier - the mate helped too, doing her stuff underneath. We had a weekend away sailing in between this visit. I was busy wet abrading the paintwork, feeling the run of the curvaceous strakes as I went - thinking ... fondly... Then I became aware of a watcher, wayward thoughts quickly put aside, I waited for the question, or comment.

The expected quip came, "...a lot of work there mate" drifted down to me as I craned my neck from under the boats buttocks. Then, "Not something I fancy doing ... rather you than me..." the voice trailed off in a sort of guffaw, as I looked round.

"Well its four years since her last fresh coat," I said emphatically, standing up to stretch.

"Oh" he exclaimed, then his jaws opened, but nothing was uttered - probably believing it was an annual job, like polishing the salt stained and faded sides of most plastic craft.

I turned back to those curving planks and rubbed them even more fondly - "they don't understand" I whispered!

When is it time to hang up those sailing shoes? This is a very good question. I was asked the very same recently around the yard. We'd been launching boats... People tend to guffaw at some of the antics seen.

When to give up is something that has haunted all sailors around mud creeks, posh marinas and every waterfront. In the midst of the club bar too, I expect.

In days of yore, when a smoke laden fug enveloped all, further blurring the image that you might have seen, hoary old wise cracks would have muttered, "He shouldn't be doin' that." Others would sit quietly, contemplating. Sip slowly at their pints of mild and bitter and reflect on their own decision to give up ... was it forced by an accident or circumstance ... wifely pressures - perhaps?

What do we do now? What would I do, would I know when? I'd like to think so...

Out to the east, on the estuary, was a fleet set sail. Spinnakers ballooned to the breeze. A collection of interclub yachts had set off on a race to Harty Ferry. It was a grand sight.

My thoughts though were upon another estuary. Up beyond the northern skyline is a place, named after our beloved waterway. There, lay one of the waterfronts older hands. He'd gone for a rest, we'd joked ... well he's quite ill actually ... anything to get out of oiling those locks or pumping *BJ's* bilges - "Get well bosun" I murmured.

He had a water bed, my wife and I found visiting later, and rather apt, really, for the old sailor. He had tales of young lovelies threading tubes ... bed baths and tender care. And, "food to die for" he said! Well, no, not yet old man!

I related the 'high jinks' of that morning. He laughed then grinned wryly. Reflecting, he said, "That launch always has its moments."

Our old hand was in good spirits and he'd a twinkle in his eye – especially as one of those young things came to measure his vital signs...

Water Rat



W.R. asked me, in his absence, to add a P.S. as sadly since writing the above article Dave Lane Passed away.

Dave Lane (aka The Bosun)

Unfortunately,, as most of you will now know Dave Lane sadly passed away. Bill French has already commented on his passing. But just to add to that, I don't think there is anyone in the IYC who did not know him, have a good word about him, or had the privillage of his assitance.

I can remember Dave when I was a Cadet and it seemed he never changed. I am sure there are photo's of him and yet I have been unable to find one on the Web site or in my own albulms. He was one of those people you just expected to allways be there.

He will be missed, and I am sure remembered frequently, as his stamp is on so much of our club.

Ed.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Mel Walker on behalf of the members for the superb job he has made renovating the bench that was donated by Mrs M Darby in 1963.

I found this bench against number three container in the compound and it was in a very sorry state of disrepair and I thought it basically was firewood until I noticed the plaque attached to one piece of the timber.

I spoke to our Commodore who agreed that it would be a good idea to put it in good order and in fact felt that it should be done.

Mel happened to find out about the bench and kindly donated timber, he then donated his expertise and finally his time and skills and has managed to bring back to life an item that was all but dead and buried, making use of probably 60-70 percent of the original.



This bench had been a donation at some time in the past, there must have been a reason for this donation and we would like to hear from anybody who has any information about this bench, who or what the donation was made for and anything which may be of interest about the donor and or family, if enough material is forthcoming then another item for the newsletter can be written.

Once more thanks to Mel and I hope this and all other donated items are looked after by our member in the manner befitting our club....Len Dow.

I am your Lifejacket.
When we are on the water,
I will make you feel safe.
And when we are in the water,
I will keep you alive.
I will stop you from panicking.
I will keep you afloat.
Even in rough weather.
Even if you are unconscious.
I will support and protect you
until help arrives.
All this I will do for you
if you do one thing for me.
Please, put me on.



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