

ALEXANDRA YACHT CLUB

Newsletter

Points of Interest

- Check out our new revised web site.
- **Cadet Nights the last Friday in every Month.**
- **200 Club Increase** in prize money next draw will be 23 June.
- Every **Monday is Quiz Night** everyone welcome to attend from 8.00 pm
- **Foulness Bike Ride Sunday 9 September** the club would like to put a team 'The Saily Bikers' together for this event—notice will be posted on board soon .
- **REAL ALES** coming up next: Caledonian Coffee Porter; Hook Norton Cotswold Lion; Old Hooky; Woodforde Wherry; White Horse Village Idiot

Commodore

I am pleased to report that the first 6 months of this year has been very successful for the club with the bar winning two CAMRA awards and a very good year for the airshow thanks to all those members who helped on the days and for Philippa, Linda and Jimbo for the part they played in the organisation of that weekend. The sailing has gone from strength to strength competition has got very good with the members on the water and volunteers for the rib and race officer has

been excellent this year. Recently the work on the roof has been completed and other projects can now go ahead and we will have WiFi coming into the club shortly. Our cadet force has now taken off with the recent election of Captain Bobbie Solkhon and Vice Cadet Captain Becky O'Connell with successful cadet nights meeting being held on the last Friday if each month they are now looking into raising funds for their own boat and they have been helping

the club in events and on the water recently. I like to take this opportunity in congratulating the Vice Commodore Linda and Gary McKay on the birth of their grandson Jacob on 1 June. Also one of our cadets Liam Baker for recently getting an award from Southend Council for volunteer of the year. I look forward to the rest of the year and hope to see all members down the club at our events throughout the year. Thanks,
Andy Solkhon

We Are Top Club—CAMRA AWARDS

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The Campaign for Real Ale has voted 'The Alexandra Yacht Club' the best club in South East Essex for 2012. They are also so impressed with our range of Real Cider that they created a brand new award for us of 'Cider Bar of the Year'. I would like to thank all of the club patrons for helping us to achieve these honours. It was your support of the club that helped us achieve this success. Even in this time of recession the

club goes from strength to strength. The money raised by the bar have helped start a programme of refurbishment. We have been working on the outside fabric of the building making the clubhouse water tight, the next stage will be to replace the ceiling in the main bar. Whilst the club is entering into its 140 year mar, the clubhouse is now in its 128 year therefore your continuing patronage is

essential for works to be completed. The only downside is that I am now in the process of undertaking my first price review since taking on the role in December 2010. Increases will be kept to minimum and should take effect from mid July. Please keep supporting the club and I look forward to continuing to entertain and refresh you. Jimbo – Rear Commodore House

Sailing News—Chris Plappert



Day Sail to Leigh Sailing Club

Dear Members,
Welcome to the new Sailing season at the AYC.

The season is well and truly underway with the Spring Cruise, and five races now been and gone!

As I write this the Centenary cup is looming and Midweek Two was a very close race. After a recalculation of the results the difference between 2nd and 3rd place boats was 0.39 seconds!

As you can see racing is getting tighter.

The rest of the season is

ahead of us though and I am sure we will see more exciting times ahead.

Amongst other events (all of which are on the sailing calendar in the clubhouse) our annual open race The Matt Trophy will be held on 7th July.

This is a great day of racing for cadets with a BBQ and disco in the evening with presentations to the winners.

Ongoing work to the jetty is being carried

out and we also plan to recover the boat shed roof to make it water tight. The safety boat is also going to be serviced soon and is having some work done to it to keep it in tip top condition.

I look forward to seeing many more people out on the water over the coming weeks.

Midweek 2 had 11 boats racing!

Best Regards

Chris Plappert
Rear Commodore Sailing

Sailing—June to September

Percy Prior Cup	Sunday 3 June	10.:30 am
Midweek Series 4	Weds 13 June	19:00 pm
James Gibb Cup	Sun 17 June	10:30 am
Sailing Pageant	Sat 23 June	14:00 pm
Nore Race	30 JUNE	
Matt Dear Memorial Trophy	Sat 7 July	14:30 pm
1878 Bob Sealey Cup	Sun 8 July	15:00 pm
Summer Cruise	Sat 14 July	Meet at 08:00 am
Push the Boat Out	Sat 21 July	Meet at 12:00 noon
Colin Ford Trophy	Sun 22 July	14:00
Commodores Day	Sat 4 Aug	Meet at 12:00 noon
Ray Day (Cadets)	Sun 12 Aug	Meet at 08:00 am
Hewitt Cup	Sun 19 Aug	13:00 pm
Topper Series 1 & 2	Sat 25 Aug	17:30 pm

Treasurer's Report Philippa Coe

Thank you for Malcolm Pinborough for a smooth, thorough handover and continued support of the Honorary Treasurer's position.

I am pleased to report that the Club's financial position continues to improve enabling much needed works to be carried out as summarised below:

A new cooker in the kitchen which is being well utilized. Roof and guttering repaired including: re-fixing of all loose tiles and replacement of all missing tiles, re-fixing of existing lead flashings and replacement of missing flashings, re-felting of flat roof areas and making good previous repairs to holes in top balcony. Showers in the changing rooms now working, also being well used.

Further works are to be carried out to the clubhouse and the jetty so more news to follow.

Many thanks to all those that have raised funds and made donations. In particular, to Ian and Sue Simpson, for selling off unwanted items from the Club on Ebay, raising £425.

More fund raising ideas and donations are always welcome.

Powerboat Level 2

Five AYC members braved the January cold weather to attend a two day training course in association with the sea cadets and everyone achieved the required standard.

Congratulations to those members.

Sailing Pageant & Carnival

Saturday 23 June

History Display

Fresh Coffee & Tea & Cakes

Clubhouse open day, watch the Sailing from 14:00 hrs and Carnival from 16:00 hrs.

After the Matt Dear Race

Saturday 7 July

BBQ & Disco in the evening

Push the Boat Out & Family Day

Saturday 21 July from 12:00 noon

Everyone welcome

Curry Night

Saturday 28 July

Ian Bailey—Curry Supper Night with alternative option.

See poster in clubhouse and book places at £12.00 per head.

Commodores Day

Saturday 4 Aug

Sailing activities from 12:00 noon.

Thames Barge Match

Sunday 26 August

Presentation & Buffet

Tickets for buffet available for members who wish to take advantage of the buffet some tickets will be one sale behind the bar.

The wonderful Thames barges race in the morning in which you can have a wonderful view from the end of the pier. Presentation in the clubhouse in the evening.

AYC Ladies Team Race for Life

Debbie Wright, Philippa Coe, Bobbie Solkhon and Linda McKay teamed up on Sunday 13 May at Garons Park, taking part as a group in the Cancer Research UK Race for Life.

Debbie Wright came 15th in the race with over 2000 ladies taking part with Bobbie completing in 50 mins, followed by Philippa & Linda just over 50 mins. The group raised over £152.00 on the Alexandra Yacht Club race for life web page with further funds being raised individually. The ladies would like to thank the members who sponsored them to help raise valuable funds for this charity.

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please send to:
news@alex yachtclub.co.uk**

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Members News—Views

Having been on the new AYC management committee for some 6 months, I thought it was time to reflect on my involvement so far.

My role has largely been in listening to discussions and considering what would be an appropriate action to take. This has involved me in many areas which impact on the club's life, such how we might promote membership benefits and services, the sailing rules, club finances and proposed social events.

It appears individual members on the committee have done much detailed and positive work to in keeping both committee and members aware of the club issues. I feel this has been amply demonstrated by the current and interesting articles which promote the club and sailing as can be found on the clubs website, on facebook and in the local press.

The committee works very much together and consider what the members have said they would like done. This was recently demonstrated when the committee considered the soundness of the club house roof and windows against the elements.

Once the specific issues requiring action were identified the committee and individual members actively sought out and what the options were available and then sought out quotes in this respect. It was only after considering this information and the necessary expenditure on materials that was required was the work taken forward and then with due haste.

I hope members do notice the work done, though I understand this may be obvious if you check out some of the club windows and the roof!

Finally when I attended the recent 'Airshow' work party I was pleased to see so many members very actively working on the grounds, which is wonderful to see from a committee member perspective, when this event is so important and beneficial to the club.

I also think that the good sailing atmosphere continues to grow as does the sailing with many events to come.

I look forward to completing the rest of the year on the committee and in seeing its role continue in making the club go forward.

Maurice Jardine – Committee Member