

ALEXANDRA



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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2006

LATE NEWS

Quality Craft Fair in the clubhouse on learn-to-sail day 8th.

July

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) will be at the club on Friday 21st April at 8pm and will be giving a brief talk about their work and the lifeboat station at the end of the pier. Everybody welcome.

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From Your Commodore

Spring is now upon us and heralds in a new management committee and the start of our 2006 sailing season, and on behalf of the membership may I congratulate the outgoing committee and the hard core of members for all their hard work and commitment, and for going the extra mile in order to make 2005 a very successful year. The Alexandra YC rejuvenation is now well underway; the club now has a new sundeck area built over the old men's changing rooms an ideal place for non-sailing members to enjoy the sailing and a cold beer, plus the completion of a family picnicking area just in front of the club. In addition the landscaping is well under way, the new entrance and boundary railings have now completed plus the sailing members have had a very successful 05 winning trophies in the Nore Race, Interclub Estuary race plus a very competitive club series.

Now looking forward to 2006, the year has started well for the club, the Cinders all at sea panto was very successful kicking off the safety boat fund to the tune of £600.00. And, I am pleased to announce that we have a full social programme hosted with many social events. On the sailing side apart from a comprehensive sailing program the club is to host its first interclub in over 30 years [The May Day Race on Sunday bank holiday] sponsors are two local companies LOOKERS LANDROVER at HADLEIGH and P SCOTT & CO Solicitors of Upminster also in conjunction with Southend Sea Cadets we are also applying for RYA training status which will benefit existing sailors, cadets new members this will no doubt provide the AYC with further opportunities. In order to support the sailing aspect of the club, the sailing committee &

club cadets have set a target this year is to raise £5000.00 towards purchase of a new safety boat mostly being raised by fun social events, raffles etc, so please watch for dates for your diary and support these fun activities. Whilst I have your attention I would like to advise that Sunday lunches are back on the menu in the club starting from Easter Sunday 16 April, with new cook Janice Connelly, the menus will be posted in the clubhouse with booking information. We look forward to another successful year, working on behalf of the club to achieve our goals for this year. Please remember that it is a team of volunteers who drives the AYC, where one only succeeds when the team succeeds, please do what you can to support your club.



Sailing At The AYC or Life On The Open Waves!



Just to let members know sailing at the Club will really get going from the 1st of April onwards right through to October. There is plenty of Fun and club level sailing. If you want to know more what is on offer why not pick up a sailing programme these can be found in full Colour (near the bar!). If you want a taster, then why not make contact with one of the sailing

members? A good occasion to meet us is at the start of the season sailing supper held on Saturday 8th April 2006 (look in the club for more details). We have regular monthly sailing meetings and these are very informative the last one for instance introduced members to Metrology as Stan Diggins kindly offered to tell us all about the weather. We have many events and the main one that is keeping all the sailing members busy is the AYC May Day

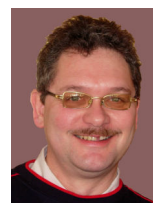
interclub Race held on the 30th April 2006 and the winner wins a day on some fantastic 'Land Rovers' courtesy of the races main sponsor 'Lookers'. Well done to Gary our Commodore for organising the special prize. So even if you don't want to get you feet wet can at least watch us sail and maybe get involved in the sailing side either on the water or not. Hope to see you at The AYC either on the water or supporting us to make the Yacht club a sailing club.

A New Hand On The Tiller

Hello everybody. Most of you will recognize me from the 'mug shot' and in an attempt to prove that I'm not just the lunatic behind the disco console on club party nights, I've volunteered to produce the newsletter and take a bit of pressure off of Linda who has done a great job in the past. I'll try and get a newsletter out every two months or so but it will depend on what articles I have received from the members (that was supposed to be a subtle hint).

I would like to put out a plea for your e-mail addresses. If I can send things to you electronically, it will save the club a lot of money. I can also send you any last minute changes to existing events or new events that have been arranged at short notice. I have a few addresses but please send me your e-mail address anyway so I can be sure I am sending things to the right place!

Please send anything to me at barry-harvey@tiscali.co.uk or leave a letter for me in the club office.



Your New Management Committee



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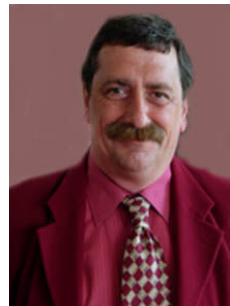
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Pantomime Success For The AYC Players

It was standing room only on Saturday 25th February for the first ever AYC pantomime – **Cinders All At Sea.**

With the disco after the show and a sponsored leg/back/chest waxing, we raised over £600 towards the new rescue boat.

If you weren't there, these pictures will show you a fraction of the fantastic night that you missed.

Sincere thanks to all the actors, helpers and audience.



Thought For Today, And Every Day

Although the AYC is primarily a sailing club, we have a social side as well. It is a simple fact of life that the club cannot survive without all members supporting all events. Without social events, we would not be able to afford to run the clubhouse so if you are a sailing member we need you at the social functions as well.

The council has been very lenient about some of the conditions on our lease because we are a sailing club but if we were not, they could close us down very quickly and that would be the end of any social events. If you are a social member, we need you at the sailing events. We hope to have a radio link between the jetty and the clubhouse so you

can hear what is going on but in the meantime, why not come and stand on the jetty? The sailing members will be more than happy to explain the course, the rules, why boats appear to be going the wrong way and so on. Our race officer will be more than happy to explain the intricacies of handicapping to the more mathematically minded!

THE CLUB NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS AT ALL EVENTS IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK DONE IN THE LAST YEAR



INTERCLUB RACE
AYC MAY DAY RACE

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AYC YACHT CLUB

ALEXANDRA YACHT CLUB MAY DAY INTERCLUB RACE SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2006

OPEN TO ALL SOUTHEND INTERCLUB SAILING MEMBERS
AN OPEN HANDICAP DINGHY RACE
TROPHIES AND PRIZES

NOTICE OF RACE

The Alexandra yacht club is proud to host the inaugural May Day interclub race. The race is intended to be an annual event held on the Sunday of the May Day Bank Holiday each year (subject to there being appropriate tides).

THE COURSE

The race starts and finishes off the Alexandra Yacht Club jetty and will consist of a basic triangular course of one or more circuits, depended on the actual course length, the wind and tide conditions on the day. The expected course(s) to be used this year are shown on separate sheet.

RACE AND ENTRANCE DETAILS

Date:	SUNDAY 30 APRIL
Start Time:	14:30 HRS
Entry Fee:	£5.00 before 23 April 2006 £6.00 on the day
Min Entrance Age:	16 years and over.
Registration:	AYC jetty from 12:00 noon
Race Briefing:	AYC jetty prior to the race
Tides:	High Tide: 15:10 hours Height: 5.70m
Social:	AYC clubhouse open all day from 12:00 DISCO in the evening from 20:00
Presentation of Prizes:	19:00 in the AYC clubhouse.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

First Overall:	ALEXANDRA YACHT CLUB HEWITT CUP
Second Overall:	Engraved Glass
Third Overall:	Engraved Glass

PRIZES

First Overall:	"LAND ROVER OFF ROAD EXPERIENCE DAY"
Second Overall:	New Lifejackets
Third Overall:	Musto Equipment
First Lady Helm:	High Street Vouchers

ORGANISING CONTACTS

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Entrance forms available on AYC web site or request via email or contact Richard Caruzzi, copies will be left at all interclub clubs.

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**Time to take the mickey again
folks!!**

**For a start, the UK “song”
is a man talking!!!**

Giant screen TV

Free popcorn (while stocks last)

Cash TOTE betting

**Saturday 20th. May
7pm onwards**

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MURDER

**Sheriff Take Noble was shot dead in the street
outside the Paradise Saloon.**

**Six suspects have been highlighted.
Can you solve this horrible crime?**



**Mosey on down to the Paradise Saloon
(AYC club house!) at
8pm on Saturday 17th June,
help us to find the culprit and enjoy a fine
selection of vittals during the evening for just
£10 (includes donation to rescue boat fund)**

**The cookhouse is gonna rustle up
Nachos, Cowboy Hotpot and Apple Pie with Cream**

Places very limited.

Tickets CANNOT be reserved.

ALL TICKETS WILL BE

**TICKETS ON SALE
SOON**

**AVAILABLE BY
SUNDAY 11TH JUNE**



PRIZE FOR THE BEST CORRECT SOLUTION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(SO NO EXCUSES ABOUT NOT KNOWING SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING!)

APRIL		
SATURDAY	8	START OF SEASON SAILING SUPPER (<i>Menu & booking sheet on main board</i>)
FRIDAY	21	RNLI PRESENTATION OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS
SATURDAY	29	LITTLE HAVENS RACE (TEYC)
SUNDAY	30	AYC Race AYC INTERCLUB MAY DAY RACE - DISCO IN THE EVENING (<i>We are hosting this event please support</i>)
MAY		
SATURDAY	13	FA CUP FINAL 3.00 PM - HOT BUFFET AVAILABLE (<i>informal</i>)
SATURDAY	20	EUROVISION NIGHT, watch the competition on big screen, fun evening for everyone
SUNDAY	28	SOUTHEND AIRSHOW
MONDAY	29	SOUTHEND AIRSHOW
JUNE		
SATURDAY	3	CADET YOUNG MEMBERS DISCO/KARAOKE (<i>FUND RAISING FOR SAFETY FUND</i>)
SATURDAY	10	OPEN HANDICAP (TEYC)
SATURDAY	17	MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT
SUNDAY	18	NORE RACE
JULY		
SATURDAY	1	MID SEASON BALL
SATURDAY	8	LEARN TO SAIL DAY AND BARBEQUE
SUNDAY	30	COMMODORES DAY "THEME VIKINGS"
AUGUST		
SATURDAY	12	OPEN HANDICAP (AYC)
SATURDAY	19	BANGERS & MASH NIGHT WITH THE COMMODORE (<i>Illuminated Carnival Procession</i>)
SEPTEMBER		
SATURDAY	9	INTERCLUB ESTUARY RACE (TEYC)
SATURDAY	16	INTERCLUB CRUISER CHALLENGE (IYC)
OCTOBER		
SUNDAY	8	INTERCLUB DINGHY TEAM RACE (LSC)
SATURDAY	21	AYC Race "CATCH ME IF YOU CAN" PURSUIT RACE
NOVEMBER		
SATURDAY	11	END OF SEASON SAILING SUPPER
SUNDAY	19	AYC PRIZE GIVING
DECEMBER		
SATURDAY	23	CLUB CHRISTMAS NIGHT & CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW
SUNDAY	24	CHRISTMAS EVE
MONDAY	25	CHRISTMAS DAY
TUESDAY	26	BOXING DAY
SUNDAY	31	NEW YEARS EVE

PLEASE NOTE

This calendar does NOT include any private bookings for the club.

Calendar does not include ALL the sailing events, only the interclub or special race's please see sailing notice board for all sailing events

More events will be added during the year please do not assume that if no event published on a date that the club is available, all events MUST be cleared and booked with club's secretary before booking.

REVISED: 17 MARCH 2006

If you can't see a social event that interests you, don't just sit there moaning. Tell us what you want to see going on at the club and we will do our best to arrange it if enough people are interested.