

135 Years & 130 Years Sailing Celebration in 2008

With the new sailing season starting with one bright day followed by another indifference day, we live in hope that this year will bring some fine sailing weather.

We commence this year with a winter series, followed by our sailing programme beginning with our first race on Sunday 6 April the AYC (Open) Spring Challenge interclub race this is our third year of hosting this event.

We continue the sailing program through the year, with various races and event which I encourage you all to join in.

Which leads me to some key events this year 2008, which sees the AYC celebrating 130 years of sailing with

Rear Commodore Sailing – Richard Caruzzi

Halfway through our winter series we are already looking forward to our Start of Season Sailing Supper. The 2008 sailing season proper begins with our first race on Sunday 5 April. The AYC Open Spring Challenge Race. The programme continues with various races and events, and I encourage you to all join in, either sailing or just enjoying the races from the clubhouse balcony. Sailing is the club's core activity and without the sailing, the club would cease to exist. It is about friendly competitiveness, sportsmanship and camaraderie and the jetty is buzzing with all of these even as early as January. We are proud of our sailing tradition and this is reflected in our overflowing jetty and full racing calendar. Did you know that AYC is the oldest yacht club on the

commutative race on 19 July, the clubhouse will be open all day with a display of historic materials, followed by cocktail reception all part of the celebration of 130 years sailing.

Another event in the programme this year is our learn to sail day on Saturday 5 July which is opened to all members, we encourage those members who do not currently sail but would like to take this opportunity to have a taster day to take partake part in the taster day.

Another milestone in the history of the club sailing, is the RYA accreditation awarded to the Southend Sea Cadets in association with Alexandra Yacht

tidal Thames, and the seventh oldest in the country? Two thousand and eight sees our club celebrating 130 years of sailing with an exciting commemorative event, our 1878 race on 19 July which will be an annual fixture honoring the club's first ever race. The clubhouse will be open all day with a display of historic exhibits followed by a cocktail reception. Our popular Learn to Sail day is on Saturday 5 July, and open to all members sailing or social.

If you want to approach your first foray into sailing more formally, we can now offer full Royal Yachting Association training with our newly awarded RYA training accreditation status in conjunction with Southend Sea Cadets. We guarantee to give excellent value in a professional and safe environment.

Best wishes and good sailing for 2008 and look forward to seeing you in the bar after the races.

Interested in joining the 200 club?

It's a monthly draw. You pay in advance £1.00 per share per month; you can have as many shares as you wish. Each share you purchase you will receive a unique number which is entered into the monthly draw, in which you have chance to win first or second cash prize.

To join

Completed attached direct debt form. If you want to purchase 1 share, that will cost you £1.00 per month, 5 shares = £5.00 per month.

Complete the form send back to the clubhouse, at which you will receive your number or numbers once the form has been cleared, then your number or numbers will be entered into the draw each month.

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WE HAVE A FULL
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**EVERY MONDAY
QUIZ NIGHT
From 8.00 pm**

Bar open when no social event organized so please come use your club.

**COME ENJOY THE
WONDERFUL
SUNSETS & SOME
GOOD WINE**

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