



# *e-Beacon*

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**HAVEN PORTS YACHT CLUB**



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## Editor

**Website Tip:** If the website looks as though things are not in line or you have to scroll down a long way to read any content, try setting 'compatibility view' as 'always' on the tools menu of your browser. This has tidied up the site for a lot of readers.

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**Front Page: 'It's Not a Race'**

Cruisers having a rally when weather conditions meant alternative arrangements had to be made

**Copy Date for the next edition – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011**  
Any interesting articles or pictures are very welcome!  
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## Forthcoming Events

<b>Saturday 29 January</b>	<b>Atlantic Children, Talk by Juliet Dearlove</b>	<b>2000 hrs</b>
<b>Friday 11 February</b>	<b>Essential Sail Trim, talk by John Parker</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Friday 25 February</b>	<b>Little &amp; Large talk by Nick Hayward</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Saturday 5 March</b>	<b>Squib Dinner</b>	<b>1900 for 1930 hrs</b>
<b>Saturday 12 March</b>	<b>Bulgarian dinner</b>	<b>1930 hrs</b>
<b>Saturday 26 March</b>	<b>Fitting Out Supper</b>	<b>1930 hrs</b>



## Commodore

Dear Members

As of the recent AGM I have the honour to be your Commodore and it will be my task, along with the Flag Officers and Committee, to maintain the progress HPYC has made over the last few years.

The social side of the Club is currently very successful and it is the support of our members to these events that is making the difference for the survival of the Club. For those of you who are not regular attendees, I would encourage you to come along to an event.... I'm sure you will enjoy the evening.

I realise that many of our members, especially those with cruisers and motor boats are not into racing and our programme will provide some events where we can all join in with Club activities. In actual fact, cruiser racing is on the "up" with more boats now taking part.

Regarding the Club House, work is now in progress in the Trinity Room to restore it back after the recent flood. The main bar area has been partly repainted also the main stairway down to the toilets. The upholstery in the Cromer Room has been cleaned as well as the main bar seating and carpets.

Enjoy your year with the HPYC, whether it's Cruising, Racing, or Motor Boating, or just socialising in the Club.

**Des Cowan**  
**Commodore**



## Social

### Dates for your diary

#### **Saturday January 29**

Atlantic Children: talk by HPYC member Juliet Dearlove about her new book, recording her family's adventures on their recent Atlantic circuit. The talk starts at 2000, so there's time for supper on the lightship first – or come just for the talk if you wish. No need to book.

#### **Friday February 11**

Essential Sail Trim: talk by John Parker. How to get the best from your fore and aft sails. Ten primary controls that should be of interest to everyone whether they cruise or race. John will also answer questions on any aspect of sail design and manufacture. The talk starts at 2000, so there's time for supper on the lightship first – or come just for the talk if you wish. No need to book.

#### **Friday February 25 –**

Little and Large, talk by Nick Hayward about two very different projects he has been involved in, at opposite ends of the size scale – building his own strip cedar Golant Gaffer, a 19 foot day sailer, and working on the six-year total restoration of the sailing barge Thalatta. Both are scheduled for completion this spring.

#### **Saturday March 5**

Squib Dinner

#### **Saturday March 12**

Reopening of the Trinity Room with a Bulgarian dinner, giving Ivan a chance to show off his native cuisine. Those who attended the last Bulgarian feast will need no persuasion to come along again this time – look out for more details, coming shortly.

#### **Saturday March 26**

Fitting Out Supper. The traditional start to the HPYC Season. Don't miss it.

#### **Friday April 22**

Cruising Supper. Followed by talk on cruising North and South Brittany by Cathy Brown.

#### **Friday May 6**

New members' evening. We're planning a new format this year.

Please put these dates in your diary now, and watch out for further details and booking arrangements nearer the time. Also watch out for details of other events which are in the pipeline but details have yet to be finalised.



There will be more talks and maybe some “fun” events on weekends in February and early March, to help fill the dark days until the sailing season starts.

Events this winter have been somewhat disrupted by the flooding of the Trinity Room, but thanks to Suffolk Yacht Harbour, who generously made the Harbour Room available to us, disruption to the social programme has been a lot less serious than it might have been.

The Christmas Dinner went ahead in the Harbour Room on Saturday December 11. Numbers were slightly down on previous years, largely due to the snowy weather, which discouraged people from travelling very far, but everybody who attended agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening.

Thanks are due to Ivan and his team who overcame the difficulty of cooking on the lightship and serving “across the way” and laid on a magnificent spread.

The New Year’s Eve party had a slightly new format this year. Once again it was a “do it yourself” supper, but whereas in previous years this has meant a cold buffet, this year we asked for hot food, with members contributing a starter, main or sweet course – all for sharing. The result was a truly excellent feast, uncovering a wealth of culinary talent among the membership. The only problem was that we had a bit too much food! Once again numbers were slightly down, due to the wintry weather and also the flu epidemic, which caused a few last minute cancellations, but everybody there had a very good time.

Fortunately the skies cleared in time for the midnight fireworks, and once again we were particularly impressed by the magnificent display at Harwich, which is organised by the Lifeboat crew. Thank you to everybody who came to the party and brought such delicious food.

A big thank you, too, to Dot Marsden, who once again organised the coach trip to the preview day of the London Boat Show. This is a great day out, an enduringly popular item on the social calendar. It was good to see so many of the travellers enjoying supper on the Lightship when we returned.

Now we look forward to the reopening of the Trinity Room, and things getting back to normal for the spring social calendar. Please watch out for details of coming events as they appear.

All best wishes for sailing and socialising in 2011.

**Cathy Brown**

**Rear Commodore (Social)**



## SAILING

Since the last issue of the e-beacon we have completed the 2010 sailing calendar.

The frostbite series finished with some real winter weather. David Pinner with Kiss was the winner with the Cork 1720 of Chris Agar, Cheap Thrill, being the runner up. This was the last Series to be officiated over by Bob Browne after more than five years of stoic service to the Club; thanks Bob.

After the excitement of the AGM and Yachtsman's lunch it was the Christmas holidays that gave us the final races, but before that one of our cruiser/racers was doing well. Toby Rush with Tigris is now berthed in St Lucia after coming 36<sup>th</sup> in the cruising class of the ARC race with an entry of nearly 200. Well done!



*The Race Team at Work!*

On Boxing Day John Hall sailed his Hawk 20 New Tricks to victory with Cheap Thrill second and Red Macaw third. Alan Hazelwood was on hand to present the "Pots", hand out some bubbly and give a few words to remind us of Peter Hazelwood whom the race is named after. On New Year's day Kiss returned to the fleet and won the Ice Bucket Trophy with Cheap Thrill second and Red Macaw third again.



*John Hall in Tricks*

As that's it for the racing may I make you aware of yet another wind farm about to take shape in our area. The one on the Gunfleet gave us a restricted area for a while but now seems part of the furniture. Some of you may have been shoed away from the Goodwin Sands one while it was being constructed and it is now complete with 99 windmills. Last year the route from Harwich to Holland was blocked partially by a mass of activity on the Inner and Outer Gabbard and that is ongoing but there is more....



The Information is starting to flow about the “London Array”. I thought this was going to be in the area of the World War II forts – well away from where we normally go but no; it is going to straddle the Kentish Knock and Long Sand starting from SW of Foulgers Gat and going some way NE. This is only Phase 1 and will be 175 windmills! Construction is almost underway and is due to be complete at the end of 2012. I know this is some way from our usual cruising grounds but for anyone going to the south it seems that it will have an impact as the passage between Kentish Knock and Long Sand will not be possible and we are told that during 2011 Foulgers Gat will be restricted and it’s back to the commercial precautionary zone of Fishermans. We are assured that passage through Foulgers will remain after construction but the channel will be narrower as there will be a sub station built there and there will be windmills each side of us! I am sure there is a very good reason why it is not going just half a mile further NE and thus leaving the Gat clear but as ever it seems the Yachtsman has no say in these matters.

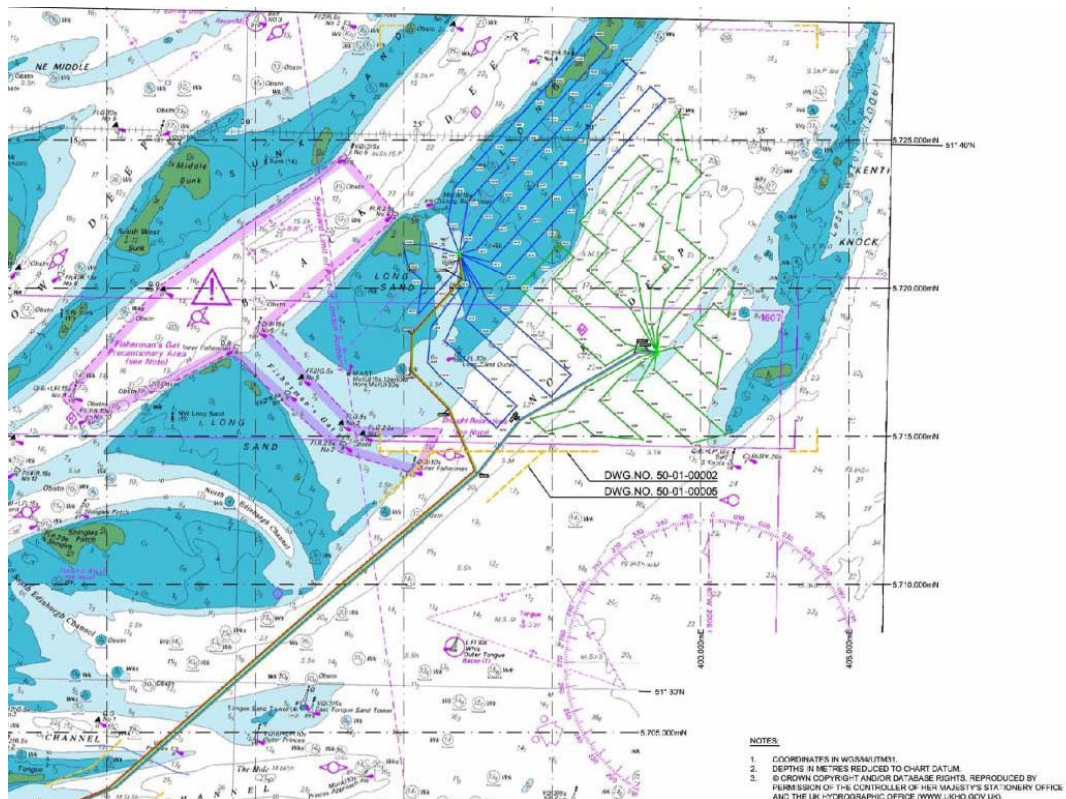
A rough map is below but here are a few web sites that may give some more information.

Notice of operations No 4 [http://www.ryaeast.org/new\\_site/documents/gunfleet/lr4.pdf](http://www.ryaeast.org/new_site/documents/gunfleet/lr4.pdf)

Array website <http://www.londonarray.com/>

East coast pilot <http://www.eastcoastpilot.com/>

This site is new to me (thanks to Cathy Brown for the tip) and it is very useful for a variety of information and I note that Garth Cooper is involved, one of our members.



**Peter Martin**  
Sailing Secretary



### **Cruising Dates for your Diary**

Our cruising season starts over the Easter weekend with a ‘cruising supper’ on Good Friday, followed by a talk from Richard & Cathy Brown on their cruise, last year, down the west coast of France in ‘Brave’. Cathy’s talks are always very popular.



*Rally briefing 2010*

On the Saturday we are having a ‘cruising rally’ similar to the one held last year (see front cover) when the weather was too awful to sail to our chosen venue. It was extremely popular and handicap prizes were generously awarded! This will be followed by a safari supper in the Marina at Levington.

Sunday will see a short cruise to Ipswich with a meal out in the evening, returning home on Easter Monday.

Look out for a flyer with details from David & Gill Hervey-Murray ‘Leading Wind’.

Looking further ahead, the last week in June, first week of July, we are cruising to southern Holland; more details will be on the cruising calendar and website.

Later in the year, Chris Field is once again organising a trip to Limehouse at the beginning of August.

**Mike Perkins**  
**Vice Commodore**



*End of Season Sunset*