



**THE ELECTRONIC NEWS LETTER**  
of  
**HAVEN PORTS YACHT CLUB**



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## FROM THE EDITOR

You will notice a serious lack of pictures this month, hopefully this will be put to rights in October but please feel free to send anything of interest from the cruising exploits, racing, social events, etc.

**The website:** information is gradually being added to the website so do take a look from time to time [www.hpyc.com](http://www.hpyc.com)

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## FORTH COMING EVENTS

10 <sup>th</sup> September	Talk – Scotland Eventually	7.30 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> September	Cruise to Ipswich	
25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> September	Cruise to Walton and Frinton – last cruise of the year, flyer on its way	
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Guided tour of Felixstowe Docks (Sold Out)	2.30 pm from chandlery
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Get Knotted	7.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Autumn Fair & Laying-Up Supper	



## FROM THE BRIDGE

With the main part of the season drawing to a close, it is both time to look back and reflect, I hope, on the good points of the year; like the success of our racing fleet during the summer, and the adventures of some of our cruising sailors. As well as a time to prepare for the winter social scene and the autumn race programme.

Our racing fleet have done exceptionally well again this year, with outstanding performances from Fatjax, coming first in class and second in the black group at Cowes. With one race to go it is also believed we have become top club in the EAORA series, and won the Cutler Trophy in the Haven Series. Well done to all our crews. But this is not the end of the racing season with our own Autumn Series and Club Championship still very much alive. This will of course be followed by the Frostbite Series.

It has also come to my ears that the cruising fleet have once again been travelling far and wide, with Jock Smith heading for the frozen north and 'Brave' going well to the south, no doubt you all have stories to tell and I'm looking forward to reading some of the logs you have written. Don't forget, the Club recognises the best log for the year and the best log for a motor boat, as well as acknowledging the achievements of members in other ways.

With all these successes it may be a good time to remind last year's winners of the Club's various prizes to start to return the trophies for recycling. If there is no one in the office when you bring them back, can you please leave them behind the bar, and either Peter Martin, Des or I will find them.

Looking forward, Dave Taylor already has a pretty hectic social programme planned for the coming weeks, including a now fully booked trip to Felixstowe docks, a Get Knotted evening, and of course the Autumn Fair, and the annual dinner and prize giving, which will once again be at Seckford Hall.

The other great event planned for this autumn is the RNLi pursuit challenge. This is another Peter Martin idea and will be a lot of fun for all, with a host of really good prizes, including a £100.00 cash prize, dinner for two in the club, bottles of various substances, (largely wine) and anything else we can get hold of from willing sponsors. We are hoping to get 50 boats on the water, each with a minimum entry donation of £10.00 to go to the RNLi. You can enter in anything that sails, as long as you start at your allotted time. Oh the date - well that will be Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

On a serious note, a rumour has been spreading round the Club that the Committee are not concerned about unauthorised visitors on the Lightship. This is contrary to the bye-laws of the Club. I wish to assure all members that the Committee are there to manage the Club within the rules and by-laws that have been agreed by all the members, and that berth holders of Suffolk Yacht Harbour who do not wish to become club members are not allowed to use the Club's facilities. Of course it would be nice to encourage them to become members and welcome them into the Club, we also welcome *bona-fide* visiting yachtsmen from reciprocating clubs, and guests of club members. It is up to all of us to help with these rules, and if you see someone in the Club, who you suspect is not a member, feel free to politely challenge them. If you don't wish to get involved yourself then bring the matter to the attention of a Flag Officer or committee member, but above all remain friendly and try to encourage new members into the Club, not frighten them away.

Well that's it for this month, enjoy your autumn sailing, and I hope to see you in the club.

Bob Browne  
(Commodore)



## FROM THE MESS DECK

Another summer has absolutely flown by and we are now thinking about and organising the Club's social activities up to the end of the year. A main event during this period is the Club's Annual Autumn Fair in aid of the RNLI. This year the Autumn Fair will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and from now on we shall be chasing Club Members for prizes for the Tombola, books for the Second-Hand Book Stall, cakes for the ever popular Cake Stall and, of course, any surplus boat gear you may have for the Yacht Grot. This year will be a larger event than previously as it will not only include HPYC's activities in the Harbour Room but the adjoining marquee will be devoted to the "professionals" of the marina who will be manning displays of their particular expertise.

The events coming up in the next two months are as follows:-

**Friday 10th September , 7.30 p.m.** - An illustrated talk by Club members Malcolm and Janet Bennett in which they describe the adventures and misadventures they had attempting to sail, some years ago, to the West Coast of Scotland from their then home base at Fleetwood. Please note that this evening has been arranged on a Friday in order that the weekend will still be available to participate in the Club Cruise to Ipswich.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October** - A Guided Tour of Felixstowe Docks. Club members have shown a great deal of interest in this event and although I have changed the coach from a 40 to a 50 seater, the event is already fully booked. Will those members, whose names are on the list, please meet at 2.30 p.m. by the chandlery to await the coach. REMEMBER please bring personal identification, passport, driving licence with photo etc. A charge of £3 per person will be made to offset the cost of the coach.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 p.m.** - "Get Knotted". An evening of knots and knotting introduced by Des Pawson who is a member of the International Guild of Knot Tyers. The aim of the evening is to provide tuition, to those who wish, in six basic knots used in sailing. Others may wish to take part in the group who will be learning to whip and splice. Finally, there may be members who would wish to join the group learning to make a three stranded Turk's Head for their tiller, wheel or boat hooks. Des Pawson will be available throughout the evening to discuss the art of fancy rope work and decorative knots or, indeed, any matter related to knotting.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30 p.m.** - Laying Up Supper. Once again this popular event will be held following the afternoon of the Autumn Fair. Please place your name on the list on LV87, should you wish to attend. Cost £15 per head.

If any Club member is considering attending the Southampton Boat Show and requires tickets at a discounted rate of £10, please contact myself for details of the required booking code.

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**WANTED**

**The RNLI Book Stand at the Autumn Fair  
23 October 2010**

**If during your Summer Holidays you read and enjoyed a particular book and it is now languishing on your cabin's bookshelf please consider donating it for this very worthy cause.**

**And don't forget to come and buy your next year's reading material at the Fair!!**

**(Books may be left on the Lightship during the month of October)**

### Cruising

Last month the Club's cruises were to Lowestoft and Tollesbury. Neither cruise enjoyed perfect weather. Both were modified to make the most of the weekend's weather.

At Lowestoft, torrential rain put pay to 'drinks on board' but the evening meal in the Norfolk & Suffolk YC was most enjoyable. The fleet were joined by the Commodore who presented a bottle of wine to Des Cowan, our Vice Commodore, for winning the passage race in 'Eclipse'.

The sail to Tollesbury enjoyed a good breeze but the following day a strong wind encouraged all but 'Mr Micawber', Mike & Margaret Stanway, to stay put. Ross on 'Fandango' reported a gust of over 40 knots. This was disappointing as the plan was to meet up with other HPYC boats at Brightlingsea. Happily the wind settled down to allow the majority of the fleet to enjoy a brisk sail home on bank holiday Monday.

We hear good reports of the cruise to Limehouse, more on this with pictures are promised for the next e-Beacon.

A flyer is about to appear for the last cruise of the year to the basin at Walton & Frinton, 25/26<sup>th</sup> September.

Mike Perkins

Rear Commodore Sailing



## Racing

### HPYC WINNERS!

Further to the comments from our Commodore - it is official



The HPYC participants of EAORA this year have won the Club Championship. This is only the fourth time that HPYC has held the very prestigious title. It is closely guarded by the Burnham Clubs these days and it is a fantastic achievement. The Club last held it in 1995. The role of honour is Cosmic Dancer (who has won Class 3 and will be top three overall), Oz Privateer and

Spirit. These boats have been supported by Red Macaw and Ocean Cloud II - very well done!

The Haven Series have tried several methods of scoring to prize the Wilkinson Sword Cutler Trophy from our bar wall, this year's efforts failed. Fatjax, Double Jeopardy and Eclipse again took the overall win. Many Club boats do Haven Series but we are only allowed to nominate one team so the choice is not always easy. Many boats could have been in the team, Upstart, Suds etc so let's consider that like EAORA, it was all the Club yachts that contributed to the win - well done.



It is Autumn Series time again; please get your entries in as soon as possible so that decisions can be made on combining Class 1 and 2 again or not. Cruising boats are more than welcome in the Club Handicap class and of course spinnakers are not necessarily the order of the day. You will be kept well away from the shouting IRC boats so stress levels should be low and fun levels high.

For information, every race of our boats away results are noted and details are posted on the Club's racing notice board.

The RNLi pursuit challenge that Bob mentions is in fact the idea of Paul Brant, many of clubs have a similar event and yes - the target is 50 boats and lots of fancy dress!

See you on the water

Peter Martin

Sailing Secretary

### Squib Fleet

After the traditional August break, Squib racing resumed on the first weekend of September. The WYSIWYG Trophy and the Bamford Bowl will be contested over four consecutive weekends, on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Trevor Chatting

Squib Class Captain