



### Ed's Note

Does anybody want a job? It's just that I have been doing this for over 4 years and it's driving me mad. I would dearly like someone to come along and take over. It would help if you can operate desktop publishing on a computer but that's not essential.

To be honest though, it's quite a cushy number compared to "real jobs" like organising sail training, being commodore or sailing secretary, or membership secretary or social secretary or moorings master etc etc..

If you are interested, please tell a committee member.

Meanwhile, there is plenty of interest in this issue, not the least of which is John Buxton's account of his "cruise" this year, which encompassed the whole of Britain. When he and Roy Read were away people in the Club took a great interest in his progress and a surprise reception was discussed. However, as you will see it took them just four days to get back from Penzance and they were here before anyone woke up to their return.

### In the Next Issue:

- Richard Roadnight's sequel to his excellent and amusing book *In Valhalla's Muddy Wake*.
- "Brummy" Peter Hinks account "Single Handed to Noord Holland"

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### Commodore's Corner



Welcome to another edition of the club's newsletter which aims to inform, amuse and initiate discussion amongst members.

The main focus of this comment from me will be to sing the praises of all those members who have helped stage a variety of events this year and all those who keep the club-house "ship shape" on daily basis.

This summer we have held a Beer Festival, Regatta, Wedding Reception, Christening Party, Open Days and numerous lunches which have raised money for charity. ( Rumours that I am applying for license so that weddings can take place are... well wait and see!!!! )

All of the above events require a lot of planning, enthusiasm and hard work ( the tents have been up & down so many times this summer that they are now virtually self erecting) and responses to requests for assistance has been amazing. To name but a few .... Dusty, Cyril, Jim, Long John, Brian, Lionel, Pontet ....

Thanks also to those that have organised events such as the Curry Run ( Bob) and the 21 Mile Race ( Pete & Sarah). Forgive me if I have missed other events.

The crew involved in sail training and forming the junior cadet club have also worked incredibly hard generating alot of enthusiasm amongst parents and juniors.....Jenny, Sarah, Pete, Sharon, Robin and Tim etc. The back up assistance needed in organising the sail training has also been positive, so thanks to Paul for manning the safety boat and all those who volunteered to take children out on the river.

And that's not all...the club's premises/property need regular "tender love and care" and maintenance. Whilst Gerry Brown is our "Estates Officer" an awful lot of work is also undertaken on daily basis by Cyril, Jim, Long John, Lionel etc.

Also thanks to Dick for using his best tee-shirt to put the finishing touches on the starting hut !

On a final note, although the season has drawn to a close we still have plenty to look forward to. The Dinner & Dance is to be held on 22nd November (see details inside) and we are having a Xmas Party for the children on 14th December.

Once again, thanks to all who have helped this year's activities be successful.

Pete Shakespeare.

### Notices/ Odds & Ends

#### Regatta Photos

Jill Vicary took some excellent photos of the Regatta this year- see page 16..

#### Lift Out

Starts 7 November.  
**All dinghies not in racks** must be removed from the compound by 2 November. See separate leaflet

#### Trophies

Please return trophies to the club-house by **1st November**



#### Dinner Dance

See page 9 and separate leaflet

**New sign** to discourage trespassing in the compound :



**Watch found in the bar.** Contact Bob Sansom (perhaps the best method is to phone the club at lunchtime on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday)

**Cover picture:**  
Holly Pavey, Sarah Adie, Jo Pavey and Rheanna Pavey sailing Sarah and Pete's 'Smacks Boat' during the 2003 Stour Sailing Club Regatta. Picture by Jill Vicary

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