



The ORIENT EXPRESS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL NORFOLK & SUFFOLK YACHT CLUB

COMMODORES COMMENTS

We are in exciting times for the Club, and for me as the first lady Commodore

Our plans for the coming year promise a busy time ahead and I am looking forward to all the projects, including a packed summer season of boating and social events. I hope that many of you, both old and new members, will engage with our club's activities

I am delighted to announce that the Troika Gate project will go ahead. My thanks goes to the Immediate Past Commodore Anthony Knights for all his hard work with the planning of this project –making a dream become reality.

Next month we start the re-piling for the pontoons and the work associated with the new Troika gate with so much going on in the Marina in March there should be lots to see. We will let you know when the barge is to arrive, so why not come down and enjoy a coffee and watch from the comfort of the sun lounge?

On Easter Sunday we will be holding our Easter Egg hunt. All visitors, younger members and children and grandchildren of members are very welcome. Adults can enjoy coffee and Hot Cross Buns whilst the younger sailors take part in the hunt around the clubhouse.

In April we hope to be part of the Queen's 90th Birthday beacon celebrations on Thursday 21st when beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. The exact time of the Beacon lighting will be announced in March and we will keep members informed of our plans for the celebration.

I am often at the clubhouse and look forward to seeing you there too. We are so lucky to have such a special place to socialise, with great staff and fantastic facilities. As I sit writing this, the February sun is shining on a near still marina – blue sky and sun shine by the water what more could one ask for? (Perhaps a gin and tonic!)

Happy Boating

Ruth

Ruth Davies – Commodore

YOUR NEWSLETTER

These are exciting times! And we are now re-establishing the Orient Express to keep you all informed and updated on what has been happening at the RN&SYC and what is about to happen in the next few months

We will be publishing the Orient Express on a regular basis and emailing it to those Members who have email addresses and posting hard copies to those who don't

MARINA

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Clubhouse and Marina it is now time to replace the Piling. Following many hours of discussions and consultation we have instructed Walcon Marine. They will be lifting out all the Current Marina Piles and replacing them with steel tubes. The work will commence in early March and should take approximately three weeks. We hope to keep any disruption to a minimum and Members with boats currently moored will be contacted separately with regard to moving boats around within the marina.



The dredging is scheduled to start on 11th April and again we hope disruption will be kept to a minimum

TROIKA GATE PROJECT

Through very generous donations by members we are pleased to announce that the Troika gate project is going ahead. This project will start at the same time as the Marina piling to keep costs to a minimum. We are still raising money for the final part of the project – the link span- which we hope to be able to achieve whilst Walcon Marine are still on-site. Should any member wish to make a donation towards this part of the project please make your donation via the Club Office.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Commodore	Ruth Davies
Vice Commodore	Kingsley Farrington
Rear Commodore	Paul Jenkins
Rear Commodore	Richard Fryer
Hon Treasurer	Richard Dell
Committee Members	
Janet Farrington	Social & Housekeeping
Tony Furlong Osborne	Estates
Mark Drake	Estates
David Jobson	Estates
Dr Fergal O'Driscoll	Social

THE CLUBS COMMITTEES

After the last years AGM the Clubs Committees were reorganised to reflect what facilities the Club has to offer and to represent their interests

The Club Committees are :-

ESTATES COMMITTEE - Clubhouse and exterior Buildings

Chairman – Rear Commodore Richard Fryer

MARINA COMMITTEE Marina, Pontoons, Hardstanding and other Marina facilities

Chairman- Vice Commodore Kingsley Farrington

MARINE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – Responsible for racing and waterborne activities

Chairman- Rear Commodore Paul Jenkins

SOCIAL & HOUSEKEEPING- Planning & organising the Clubs Social Events along with a over watch of the Club's Accommodation and Public Rooms'

Chairman- Janet Farrington

SOCIAL / HOUSEKEEPING

A fantastic Christmas party season was enjoyed by many members. The social committee have many events planned for the forthcoming season and an Events programme outlining those in the next few months is enclosed. All members very welcome

The Committee has recently taken on the additional role of ensuring that the soft furnishings, décor and cleanliness of the bedrooms and function rooms are maintained to a good standard. The Club has nine letting bedrooms and these are available to members and their guests. Should you wish to see the rooms please ask a member of staff



Present Commodore Ruth Davies and party at the 2015 Summer Ball

MARINE ACTIVITIES

"Whenever I drive up to, or past the Club in the winter months, I am always impressed by the number of huge boats we have on the hard standing - and these of course are a fantastic reminder and advertisement to anybody who goes past the Club - that we exist !!!

But we not only exist, we have lots of fun, and now the days are getting longer, it won't be that long before we are all on the water again, for another years full programme of racing and events throughout the summer months. And along with our normal club programme, this year we are honoured to be hosting an International 12 Regatta at the Club on behalf of the Great Yarmouth & Gorleston Yacht Club with the vast majority of the competitors from overseas.



International 12's

If there are any of you reading this, who possibly don't own a boat, but would like to be more involved on the water - and get to know & understand how to be an assistant Race Officer - we would be delighted for you to join a 'Race Officers Crew' in Skylark when you have a free afternoon one weekend - and see for yourself what fun and indeed how rewarding it can be. Please let Club Manager Simon Cadle know if this appeals"

Paul Jenkins, Chairman, Marine Activities

ESTATES

Your Estate Committee have been busy continuing to upgrade and maintain the club facilities. Work has been completed in the Kitchen maintaining our 5 star hygiene rating. The perimeter wall of the car park will be repointed inside and out during March. There will be minor disruption to car parking during this work

The toilet ventilation system is being reviewed and upgraded to improve the environment. Refurbishment of the changing areas is in the planning and minor works to be completed by the sailing season

Date for your diary: Working Party on weekend of 16th and 17th April. More details to follow

