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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Sea Week has been and gone. It was very successful and despite a varied range of wind conditions, Race Officers Bryan and Jenny Riley managed to get all ten races away. Some races were sailed inside the sandbank and others outside on a variety of courses, with ideal wind conditions.

The Marina continues to welcome visitors from home and abroad and the lovely weather has added to their enjoyment.

Club social activities continue and everyone is welcomed by the regular groups that meet whether this is quiz night, book group, bridge club, Club lunch, Coffee mornings. If you have not tried one of these why not come along and see what is going on.

The next big event is the AGM on the Wednesday 30th September. We look forward to seeing as many Members as possible at the event.

Richard Fryer Commodore

SEA WEEK 2026

Report by Bryan and Jenny Riley

A glorious Sea Week, hosted by the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club, was enjoyed from Sunday to Thursday by at least 60 sailors in Squibs and Broads One Designs.

Visitors from USA, Sweden and Finland joined the mostly Broadland sailors who came from clubs at Barton, Oulton and Wroxham Broads as well as Waldringfield.

Courses were set inside the sandbank for four of the races and the other six were set outside the bank when the wind turned Westerly. The tide was most helpful in taking the fleets to the starting area and after two races back-to-back, brought them quickly back home. With the tradition of Sea Week going back 100 years, there were some splendid silver trophies to be won.

As usual for Sea Week, the courses were varied and the winds were of every strength and direction, making course setting a challenge for the Race Officers, Bryan and Jenny Riley, and providing a true test of skill for the competitors. Competition was very close in both the 15 strong BOD Fleet as well as the smaller Squib Fleet. Final results were only decided on the last day.



Sea Week Trophy Winners

A j Rix Trophy (First Race Sea Week)

Ian Tims

Tadpole Trophy (Morning Series)

Ian Tims

RJ May Trophy (Afternoon Series)

Chris Schonhut

Martello 1 (Tuesday combined)

Joe Warns

Martello 2 (Wednesday Combined)

Stu Rix

Curlew Cup (Wednesday, Thursday combined)

Ian Tims

Lady Mayhew Trophy (Last Race)

Chris Schonhut

Farrington Trophy (combined am/ pm series)

Ian Tims

Guillemot Trophy (Squibs am)

Chris Jordan

Bevoir Bowl (Squibs pm)

Chris Jordan

OFFSHORE CHALLENGE

Seven boats contested the challenge trophy under tricky tide conditions. The race was sailed North of the harbour towards Gorleston.

First over the water and winner of the Offshore Challenge cup was Tom Carr in his Etchells with Veronica Falat and Kyle Beamish on board.

On Handicap Marc Moncrieff and Gary Fuller in a Squib won the handicap trophy.



Tom Carr sailing his Etchells



Marc Moncrieff with the Offshore Handicap trophy

INSHORE CHALLENGE

Ten boats took part in the inshore challenge race.

This was the best turnout for many years. Richard Fryer crewed by David Houghton were first home to defend the Challenge Cup. Veronica and Ben Falat in their newly acquired Flying Fifteen were first on Handicap and Olly Jones was First Broads One Design to finish and claim the George Brooks Trophy.



Veronica and Ben with the Inshore Handicap trophy

IAN HAYWARD KAYAKER

Ian who left Lowestoft going South in late April has currently made it as far as just south of Berwick upon Tweed. Must have returning to Lowestoft in his sights now.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Why not ask friends to join you for one of our social events.

Thursday 3rd September

Monthly Book Club

Sunday 6th September

Jaguar Owners Club visit

Friday 11th September

Club Lunch why not bring a guest to join you.

Wednesday 16th September

Quiz Night meals from 6pm. Quiz 7.30

Friday 25th September

Macmillan Coffee morning 10.30

Hayley Pickering hosting

Also **Acorn Ladies Wear Pop up Shop**

Wednesday 30th September

AGM followed by Supper

200 CLUB WINNERS

1st £20

2nd £10

3rd £5

September Winners

Chris Merren Martin Roberts Ben Falat

SNOOKER TABLE

Please do not forget the snooker table has been refurbished and is ready for use. There are snooker balls and billiard balls available. So, the choice of games is yours.



