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Coldham Hall Sailing Club Est. 1951

'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'

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Coldham Hall Sailing Club



Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race

The Coldham Chronicle

A warm welcome to all our club member; new and old. I promise not to start off next month's editions with the weather, the early start to May was a discussion point.

The last few days of April were settling well, plenty of warm sunshine, mild winds, a little chilly in the evening but overall good, we were able to have some lovely beach time. Then came May! Thursday 1st May was the hottest on record on that day, warnings came and by Saturday the wind was from the north blowing around 16mph with 30mph plus gusts, it dropped to a very chilly 12deg at best but felt a lot colder with the northerly's and yes it was our clubs Open regatta over the weekend, more about the regatta later.

Fortunately, the very chilly north/easterly's dropped and spring was back with us, although the chilly NNE remains, especially in the evening, a drop of rain overnight would be good for the gardens.

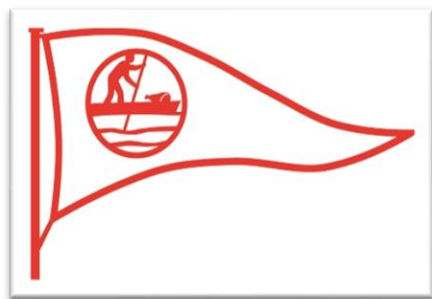
Otherwise, a busy month with plenty of water time both sailing and paddling giving us all an opportunity to get on the water. We welcome our new Try/Discover Sailing members to CHSC, the last two Thursdays spent at the club house, Mike Roll covering theory of sailing, familiarisation of the club, and rigging of a Wayfarer and a Yeoman and useful Apps on the internet.

Week two covers, revision, preparation and a dry capsizing. (We'll have a Try Sailing section in our June editions).

**TRY SAILING
IN MAY**



As I sit writing up and checking this edition, the weather has gone downhill, a typical Bank Holiday, hopefully all the fetes and rally's got the crowds in. June will blossom.



Notes from the Committee held on Monday 12th May

Commodore David Taitt opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. April minutes agreed and signed, matters arising covered.

Hon. Secretary- No report

Treasurer – The offer to regular members to pay a one-off yearly tea/coffee payment is currently £386. Anyone wishing to join contact David Woolston. The yearly rent to Criterion our landlord has increased by 3.4% to £9,302 plus VAT. Paid up to date. 3 new members discussed and proposed and all agreed.

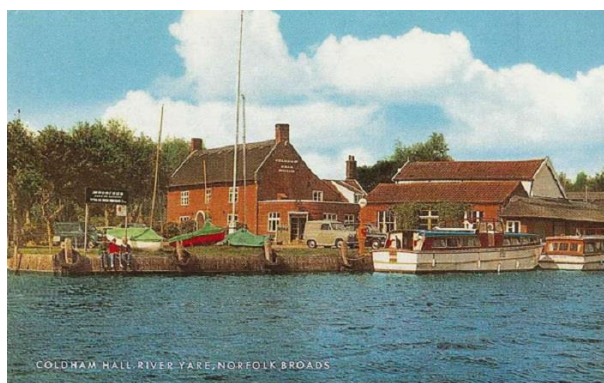
Bosun – Awaiting wood to complete quay heading replacement. Noted gate posts towards Tavern need replacing.

Race Officer -. Triple B planning in hand including notifying other clubs and sailors. Oulton week, planning in place to include two Yeoman races daily, 5 CHSC boats signed up, other club's and Yeoman/Kinsman owners to be contacted for interested parties. WOBYC team racing evening 21.05.25 emailed to members for interest. Plans well ahead. WOBYC/CHSC/FB's team trophy to be included in Autumn Regatta 29.09.25.

Social Secretary -. Proposed Old Feathers for Annual Dinner, all agreed.

Partnerships- Liaison with Tavern over CHSC functions discussed, DT will meet with David Linder 2 weeks prior to all events.

AOB. - Discuss enquiry from member/parishioner for Surlingham Christmas event/light switch on at club. Proposed in principle pending further information, agreed. Event enquiry to club insurers to be made.



Upcoming Events 2025

June

Thursdays	Try Sailing Water training
Saturday 21st	Hardley Mill Cruise & BBQ

July

Thursday 3 rd & 10th	Try Sailing Water Training
Sunday 6th	Club Regatta
Thursday 17 th	Social BBQ
Saturday 19 th	Triple B race

August

Saturday 2 nd	Reedham Race
17th – 22nd	Oulton Week

September

Saturday 20/21	CHSC/Waveney OD
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October

Saturday 4th	YNR
Sunday 19th	Commodores Day
Sunday 26th	Winter Downriver Series starts

December

Wednesday 3rd	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 14th	Christmas Pudding Race

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January

Saturday 17 th	Annual Dinner & Prizegiving
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The above list is correct at time of going to press but may be subject to change throughout the year. A full list of all racing and social events for 2025 will be shortly updated on the club website.



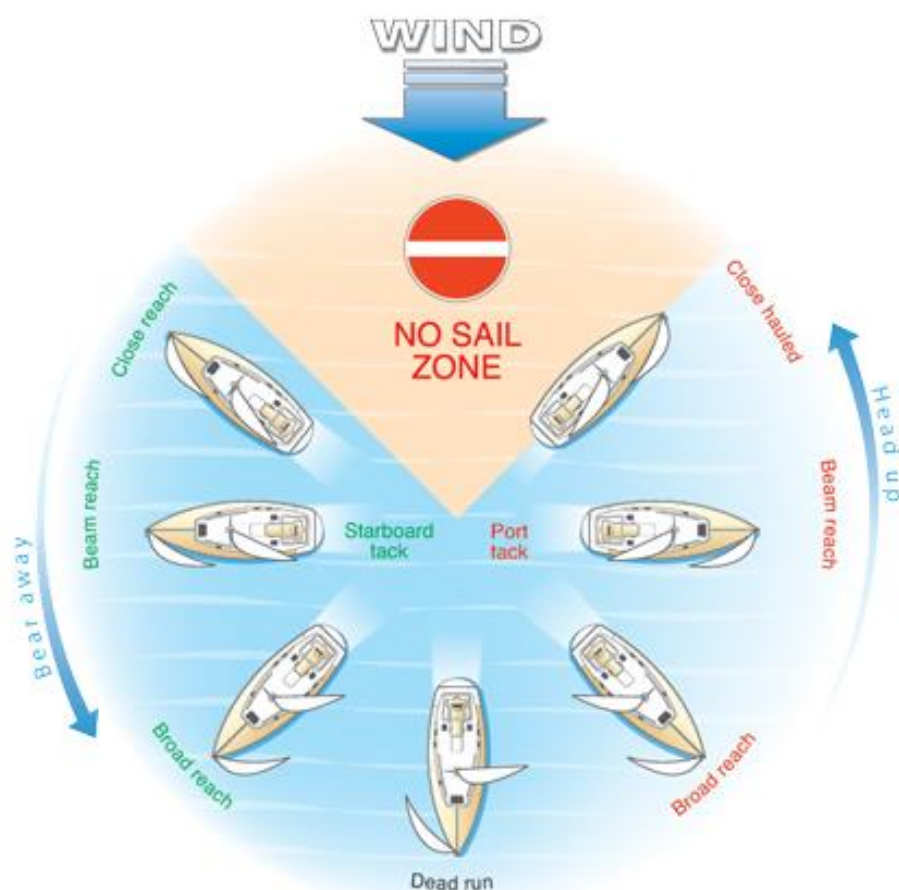
The clubs Norfolk Rudder displaying all CHSC Presidents and Commodores, displayed in the clubhouse.

Coldham Hall Inn 1960's

A little help with sailing terminology

For those hardened regular sailors the following is like teaching Granny to boil eggs, however for those new to sailing and to coincide with the start of the Try Sailing Course below is a little information to help you understand better the different points of sail so you can adjust your sails to control and optimise your boats speed. You can also steer your boat to make the most of the wind and move more efficiently through the water.

Points of Sailing



1. **No go zone:** This is the direction that you can't sail in. Your sails will start to flap, and your boat will come to a stop.
2. **Close hauled:** This is as close to the wind as you can go. You'll need to make sure your sails are pulled in nice and tight.
3. **Close reach:** Not quite as tricky as close hauled, with close reach you'll need to let your sails move about a bit.
4. **Beam reach:** This is the fastest and easiest point of sail. The wind will be on the side of your boat (beam) and you'll sail with your sails out halfway.
5. **Broad reach:** On a broad reach you'll be heading a bit further downwind, so you'll have to let your sails out a bit more.
6. **Training run:** Here, the wind will be slightly to one side of your stern making it a bit easier to steer than in a dead run.
7. **Run:** With the wind directly behind you this is the trickiest point of sail to steer as it can be quite unstable. On a run your sails can be let out on the opposite side of the boat to catch the wind, sailing goosewinged, or with a big sail called a spinnaker.

Remember, practice is key, so get out there and have fun!

Coldham Hall Sailing Club Open Regatta. Weekend of 3rd/4th May.

Importantly we start with a big 'thank-you' to many who helped and made the regatta such a success despite the weather. Starting with our own club members who bought along cake, sandwiches, pies of all sorts, and more cake. With the chilly day Saturday, Debbi and Jill mustered up two pots of delicious homemade soup for Sunday, it went down a treat. To all who helped in the galley, making the teas, serving and tidying up after, to the officials Dave and Ben with all our safety boat team who were on hand throughout both days, helping laying the course to standby, with the conditions except for a couple of tows, they maintained watch from the bank. To Penny our official in the clubhouse taking entries, preparing race sheets and results. To all club members who helped throughout the two days, with the marquee and chairs a 'BIG THANKYOU'

We welcomed our guests from Norwich Frostbites Sailing Club in their Norfolk One Designs, bringing back memories to when we had a few Norfolk's on our fleet, it was lovely to see Pixie, being well looked after by Philip and Jean Board, remember previous loving owner Geoff Pinder, do you recall this photo?



Two days previously, the hottest May 1st on record, the regatta weekend may have been the coldest; it differently felt that way with the wind chill from the north blowing straight down the river; throughout the weekend wind strength was at least 15/18mph with gusts, (most unexpectedly) over 30mph trying to catch those on the river out. Although the marquee was up the wind blew straight through, many retreating to the clubhouse to warm up.



The Officers of the Day set the course which stayed in place over the weekend, extended a little on Sunday. They tried to keep it easy for us setting all three buoys to Port. The start upriver was a beat, pointing the boat as close to the wind as she would go, the better wind hugging on the Brundall Bank to Buoy 3 set midway between the club and Brooms to Port, it was then a dead run back towards buoy 2, laid outside Sam's to Port, again favoured wind was on the Brundall side, passing the buoy a further run with at times a reach round the bend to Buoy 1 which was out of sight, again to Port, easy for us old ones to remember, well mostly. After turning the buoy, a close reach on starboard with a Beam Reach to Port back to the start box, for a further lap. The start time, our standard 5,4 1. Go.

The first race on Saturday afternoon at 2pm was the Combined Allcomers bringing 6 Yeoman's, 3 Wayfarer's and 4 Norfolk's, all jostling near the line, on the start a few got tangled up near the Brundall bank, too many wanting to tack at once, once clear all made their way up the course. As the wind picked up and the gusts came through, a few of us started wondering if we made the right decision to sail but we all continued. All back safely, we moved on to class events, which included a Cruiser downriver with Glory and Morning Calm reefing in for the challenge. Followed by Keelboat/Yeoman series, Norfolk OD and Allcomers/Wayfarer series.

Sunday morning brought no ease-up with the weather, some deciding a lay-in, a better idea. Further series races were held throughout the day, as Saturday the buoys were laid the same today with a longer course, the wind deciding to pickup and send some lively gusts through mostly when we were in the preparation stage to start. All boats continued sailed well and got home safely, the OOD's wisely bringing the last race start times forward.

Coldham Hall Open Regatta Winners, 2025.

Trophy	Winner
Merlin Challenge Cup- Cruisers.	Colin Brown
Redding Challenge Cup, Combined AllComers,	Sam Woodcock
Peter Daynes Cup- Local Boats.	John Wells
Jack Points Trophy- CHSC Combined 3a/b	John Wells
Yacht Trophy- Allcomers.	Willum Johnston
Youngman Bowl- Yeoman Series.	Sandy Watt
Silver Challenge Trophy- Norfolk's.	Sam Archer
Solid Silver Challenger Cup- combined Allcomer	Sam Woodcock
Harry Last Memorial Trophy Fastest corrected time	Sam Archer
Open Regatta, Junior Trophy-	Jasper Greeno

Full list of events and winners is available on the clubs website.



Open Regatta Junior Trophy.

This year the Racing Committee were pleased to award the Coldham Hall Sailing Club Open Regatta Junior Trophy to Jasper Greeno, aged 7 who lives in Surlingham, a family member sailing with his uncle Paul.

Jasper has sailed with Paul on a couple of occasions including our Open Day, certainly in lighter conditions, this year he took part on Saturday in the Open Regatta, not being put off by the weather, maybe more encouraged with the lively conditions.

On Saturday the Regatta winds in excess of 15mph and gusts of 30mph with white horses on the water, Jasper ventured out with Paul in the club's Wayfarer, they sensibly put in one reef. The pair entered and completed all three races on Saturday, Mum Lissie rushing home after race two to get Jasper a pair of gloves, the jib sail certainly under a lot of pressure and well hauled in, not put off Race 3 complete and as can be seen a lively day. We will see Jasper on the water training with Paul this year. Congratulations.

Hot press, Sunday 25th May, Wayfarer W9531 crew Paul Parker & Jasper Greeno, conditions 15mph westerly wind with 30 gusts. Lively to say the least, Jasper on the river, keen for another lesson.



Sailing Section

OOD Duties - June

DATE	ALLCOMERS EVENT	River Cruiser Class	OOD	SECOND OFFICER	THIRD OFFICER
1 st	Downriver (3) Picnic (1)	RCC (2)	A Blezard	M Dunne	I Shepherd
8 th	Local (6)		W Taitt	S Riley	Sarah Riley
15 th	Downriver (4)	RCC (3)	K Mayfield	J Mayfield	Jon Mayfield
21 st	Hardley Mill Cruise		B Adans		
22 nd	Local (7)		D Nunns	D Warner	T Frost
28 th	Downriver (5)	YSC/CHSC Challenge RCC (4)	Paul Parker	G Westwood	S Archer-Rand

An evening at Oulton Broad (WOBYC) with Waveney One Design's. (WOD)

WOD's; Length 20ft, beam 6ft 2in, draft 2ft 11in, sail area 290sqft, gunter rig, Designer W S Parke

On Wednesday 21st May, seven Coldham members went to Oulton Broad to take part in our yearly interclub evening of sailing/ racing in Waveney's. As a team Coldham came second but more importantly a good night together, was had by all.

Eight WOD's were made ready by owners for the challenge, 4 crewed by Coldham and four by WOD members competing on the Broad. Coldham Crews for the evening were Nigel & Jeni, Crispin & Emma, Mike and Gary, Ben with Kirk, (local member), the first race saw Coldham in the lower numbered boats with a swap for the second race. Following the briefing by Class Skipper Geoff Little, crews made their way to the dock. We were informed the starting (OOD) boat was located on the Broad with the course marked on the side; it could be any configuration of the seven turning buoys on the Broad, the finish will also be displayed.



The weather was a lively/brisk wind of 15mph from the North with gusts, blowing straight across the Broad.

Turning buoy markers on Oulton Broad are numbered 1 to 7, starting south of the clubhouse and proceeding clockwise around the broad, with No. 7 furthest east, These buoys are typically red or orange. In rare cases, they might be out of sequence, so they are identified by the number painted on them. The buoys are used as course marks in races, with the letter "F" on a blue background indicating a clubhouse finish after completing the prescribed number of laps.



The specific locations of these turning buoys can vary slightly depending on wind or tide conditions, so it's always best to check.

Just to add to the fun, additional boats will be racing on the evening over the same course. Our course, start between the Committee boat and a marker buoy with a 6-3 Go sequence, heading towards the club house to Buoy 2 with a Port tack, to buoy 5 to Port and then Starboard of Buoy 3 and then a couple more, basic rule follow one of the local crews in front. Then at least another lap, to finish between

the clubhouse and mark on the northern bank. First two home were local crews with Ben 3 and the rest following shortly'ish behind.

A quick return to harbour, a change of boats and off we go again, the wind/gusts eased slightly, first 3 boats across the line this race, local crews. Back to the clubhouse with no incidents and boats handed back for a social gathering and a lovely buffet supplied by our hosts who we thank for the lovely evening on and off the water.

A sample of wonderful photographs taken on the night by Bob Girling, full set to view at <https://gnilrig.smugmug.com/Sailing2025/WOBYC-2025/21-May-2025/n-88vrqc>

Thanks Bob for some great photo's.



Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Paddling

This season we have joined together for some lovely Tuesday evenings paddling from the club, we have new members joining us, if you would like to come along meet at the club to paddle at 6pm, if you would like to give it a try and have no craft we can help out.

Our evening paddles have taken us upriver either into Bargate and up the dykes, or upriver past Brooms to Brundall Gardens and return, via the river or the Broad, interestingly we have observed from a distance a Great Crested Grebe on her floating nest, maybe the one from last season, hopefully see the chicks soon.

Then, craft away followed by a debrief and some cheesy chips.

Our last Tuesday of the month cancelled owing to the inclement weather, chilly and showers, very unseasonal.



Our Ambassadors have registered for Paddle Clean-up and received some pickers and bags, we hope the whole club is involved to keep our rivers tidy. if you can help and would like to be involved in the clean up contact Vickie and Clare.

Top tips for getting your inflatable paddleboard or canoe ready for the season

After months of storage, your SUP/canoe deserves a thorough check-up. To ensure a smooth start to the season, we caught up with Paul, founder of SUP Services and one of Paddle UK's official partners, to learn his essential steps for checking, cleaning, and preparing your board for its next great adventures.



Unpack and inspect your board

After months of storage, your SUP deserves a thorough check-up. Fully inflate the board and inspect it for:

- Punctures, leaks, or weak seams
- Any worn-out material and warping
- Wear and tear on handles, fins, and D-rings

A simple soap and water test can help detect small leaks – just apply soapy water to the seams and look for bubbles!

Check the pump and valve

Your SUP is only as good as your pump! Make sure:

- The pump hose isn't cracked or leaking
- The gauge is functioning properly
- The valve on your board is clean and tight.

A loose or faulty valve can lead to deflation issues, so test it by inflating the board and listening for any air leaks.

Clean your board properly

Give your board a clean to remove dust, dirt, or salt build-up. Use:

- Mild soap and water (avoid harsh chemicals)
- A soft sponge or cloth
- A rinse with fresh water, then air dry completely

Never store a wet board—it can lead to mould or material damage!

We'll be back on the water next week, or before.

Paddler Magazine

A new issue of the Paddler Taster magazine has been issued full of great info to paddlers.

Access it at <https://viewer.joomag.com/paddler-taster-issue-83-june->

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ELP TACKLE INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES

THIS INFORMATION IS FOR CRAFT OWNERS WHO MAY MOVE BETWEEN LOACTIONS ON THE RIVER, ALL BOAT OWNERS OR PADDLERS PLANNING TO SAIL/PADDLE IN OTHER AREAS.



Check, Clean, Dry motto. It helps keep our waterways free of species that will affect our ecosystem making it harder to paddle in the places we love. So every time you finish your paddle make sure to check, clean and dry your craft to help stop the spread of INNS.

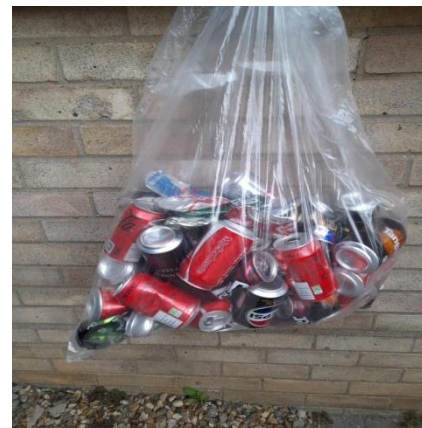
Club Notices

Grass Cutting

The club arranges grass cutting in the central and front part of the dinghy park only. The areas close to and under craft is the responsibility of the craft owners. If we all do a little it will keep the dinghy park and canoe racks tidy. 'No mow May' is now over, the club owns lawn mowers and a strimmer which are available for members to use. Your help is very much appreciated, thank-you.

Dave's cans for cash.

Reminder, please drop off your crushed aluminium cans at the club, collecting for funds.



For Sale

Freeman 24 – 'Emma Lee'

£10,950.00



1980 Manufacture, 47 hp inboard Perkins Diesel, 4 berths, 2 ring gas cooker. Current BSS and Tolls

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