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'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'

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Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy &
Keel Boat Race

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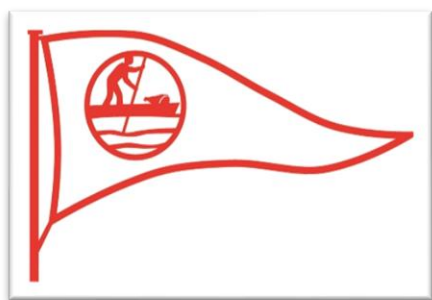
As we approach the end of our sailing season it seems a good time to reflect over the year's events. Unfortunately the weather especially the wind has not played ball this year with a number of postponements and the 'BIG' one for the first time in its 49 year history the YNR was cancelled owing to the high winds and storm Amy. The YNR Committee have started planning for next year's 50th 'Golden Anniversary' year. Let's make this Golden year of The YNR extra special.

Importantly, we must thank all who have been involved in many ways making Coldham Hall Sailing Club so welcoming and friendly, with sailing and paddling together, our membership continues to grow.

For those who are preparing to lay their boats up for the winter remember the River Yare is always there quietly waiting for you to return, feel the calm, breathe in the crisp air, make a connection or just some reflection and joy in the moment. Paddlers don't put away your paddles yet...continue planning for some beautiful winter paddles. Paddling through the winter can be absolutely beautiful and very rewarding, it helps keep you active and fit. Recently members have enjoyed paddling in the early November sunshine and light condition, let's hope for some more nice sunny days.

As our sailing year comes to its end we have already started on next year's planning, the first of which is the clubs Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd December. It is when your clubs committee get elected, finances are discussed and an opportunity for an open discussion, come along and make your ideas heard.

Finally, November has certainly been wet; so just for a bit of fun and to inform we have some November stats inside.



Notes from the Committee held on Tuesday 11th November

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

Hon. Secretary- In discussion with Julia Kilner and Race Officer Ben regarding 2026 Sailing Programme to be discussed with NSBA.

Treasurer – Discuss clubs Finances and provisionally club accounts to be personated at AGM along with 2026 predictions. YNR 2025 accounts ongoing.

Bosun – Club House roof, outstanding. (DG has temporarily fitted some roofing felt at rear of club house which seems to have stopped main water leak).

Race Officer – Ben attending NSBA/ Green Book Race Officer meeting. Ben is currently drafting 2026 Sailing calendar. NSBA will be aware for publication of Broads sailing events.

Social Secretary – AGM. Mulled Wine, mince pies to be provided. Annual Dinner discussed owing to circumstances beyond control, change of date to 7pm for 7.30pm on Saturday 10th January 2026 at The Old Feathers, Framingham Pigot. Email membership. Rigging out Supper planning in progress.

Partnerships- Nothing to Report

AOB. Surlingham Parish Christmas event at club cancelled.

Upcoming Events 2025

December

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

2026

January

Saturday 10th Annual Dinner & Prizegiving
(REVISED DATE)

April

Sunday 26th Open Day

May

Saturday 2nd Open Regatta
Sunday 3rd Open Regatta

July

Sunday 19th Triple B

September

Saturday 5th Yare Navigation Race

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.



Sunday 14th December

Christmas Pudding Race – Allcomers



Coldham Hall Sailing Club



CHSC Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at Bramerton Village Hall. 7.30pm

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Agreement of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM
3. Commodore's Report.
4. Race Officer's Report
5. Honorary Treasurer's Report.
6. To Adopt the 2025 Accounts.
7. To Adopt the Treasurer's Proposals for Fees for the 2026 Season.
8. To Appoint the Auditors for the 2026 season
9. The Election of Club Officers and General Committee for 2026.
10. Open Forum.
11. Closure of the Meeting.

Our full membership is invited.

This is an important fixture in the club's year for all members, if you are able to come along, please do. Doors open for mulled wine and a mince pie at 7pm



November Rainfall - has it been as excessive this year as we think?.

To confirm what we all think the short answer is **Yes!** However, this year as a whole has been one of the driest for our area, and November achieves the distinction of being one of the wettest.

Some stats,

Rainfall in Ashby Saint Mary.

Up to Tuesday 25th November we have had **129mm** of rain in the month, with a total for 2025 (so far) **548mm** of rain. For us sailors taking part in the winter downriver series though it just feels like it's rained nearly every Sunday!

Heaviest downpour in November was Friday 14th (Storm Claudia) in which **52mm** fell in one day

By comparison for the whole of 2024, we had **718mm** of rain, with just **66mm** over the whole of November.

So, despite being an overall drier year Novembers rainfall is certainly trying to make up for it. Following the rain on the 14th all of the Yeomans on the moorings were heavily filled with water, despite having covers on, and had to be bailed out before the race. Contrast that with racing on the Sunday 23rd when those taking part were hit with heavy rain



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causing the boats to be bailed at the end of the race – personally I bailed 3.5 galls (15.9 Litres) out after the race having started out with a dry boat (the other multiple litres I think went down the back of my neck).

As I sit preparing and typing this it's a beautiful sunny & mild day outside but guess what the forecast for Sunday is yep more RAIN! Oh well, as Billy Connolly once said its not the wrong weather, it's the wrong clothes that make you wet. Hope Santa is listening!

if anyone's interested, the EDP publishes rainfall stats for the whole of the county.

Movember Month - Prostrate Cancer check up time.

Movember may now be over for this year, let's not forget Prostrate or any Cancer is not selective and doesn't work on a calendar.



Just prior to the festive season may not be the best time to get checked over, but you can book a check-up with a PSA test and an examination for the new year, make this your early resolution. And if your health centre is reluctant to give you the test don't take No for an answer. Keep on at them or go elsewhere!

High profile celebrities, recently including former PM David Cameron, as well as Sir Stephen Fry and Sir Chris Hoy state it's a priority to get checked!

You have to go looking for Prostate Cancer, before it comes looking for you. Stark but true.

Sorry Ladies for being slightly sexist with this please bear with us, but you ladies are sensible enough to get help if something feels wrong and have various screening programme's already. Us men though need a constant nagging particularly for medical issues! At least till the NHS introduce a screening programme for this.

NEW DATE

Coldham Hall Sailing Club Annual Dinner and Prize Giving

Saturday 10th January 2026 - 7.00 for 7.30

The Old Feathers, Loddon Road, Framlingham Pigot. NR14 7QB



This will be an opportunity for all our club members, partners and friends to get together after the festive season is over.

There will be a raffle and donations for prizes will be most welcome.

The meal will be £32.50 for three courses or £26.50 for two courses. This includes tea/coffee but not a gratuity.

Menus available from Social Secretary Amanda Blezzard

Sailing Section

OOD Duties - December

DATE	ALLCOMERS EVENT		OOD	SECOND OFFICER	THIRD OFFICER
7th	Allcomers Downriver	Winter (6)	I Barker	K Mayfield	R Whiting
14 th	Xmas Pudding Race		D Woolston	M Woolston	T Hyder
21 st	Postponement Day		TBA	TBA	TBA

Winter Sailing Series (6 downriver sailing races).

Sunday 2nd November, Winter Downriver 1. High water 0840hrs low 1611hrs. Sunset 1620hrs

Met office predictions of SW 10 to 15mph a bit high and drizzle until about 1020hrs which kept the breeze light. With the ebbing tide OOD Phil wisely choose the middle course as a turning point predicting a struggle back along Train Reach, he was right.

Following the high-water last week when the Carnser was knee deep even at low tide putting a few off getting stranded, this Sunday nine Yeoman's with Paul in the Club Comet came to the line under the direction of Phil, Stephen and Stuart. The boats jostling for the line most keeping towards the north bank, Trio got a clean start which they kept to the finish, for the first leg Shibboleth and Felspar close behind, the field soon got stretched out.

Following the turn mark and a change of helm Kingfisher who was trailing the field slowly caught up to second place, Train Reach with the light South Westerly winds and ebbing tide as expected slowing the fleet back, at the finish Trio followed by Kingfisher and 3rd Felspar.

At least the rain stopped at the start, the sun failed to show.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November, Winter Downriver 2

Met forecast Wind 7/16 mph SSW. High water 1520hrs sunny periods 16deg.

27 members gathered around the club flagpole to commemorate Armistice Day with a minute's silence and reflection.

Arriving at the club the river reflected like a mirror not a ripple in sight, just the occasional movement from the fisherman on the Brundall jetty.

OOD'S, Colin, Chris and Judith gave the options of the short course or turn in an hour, most thought getting to Ting Dene Marina opposite may be difficult. Conditions were lighter than forecast.

How wrong we were, 10 Yeoman's and the Club Wayfarer hovered near the start line concerned if they went too far away the low wind and incoming tide would push them upriver. All away keeping towards the middle and the north bank making slow progress, Diamond Lil edged ahead, all keeping away from the shallow side. Kingfisher holding in the river moving forward, Diamond Lil took the chance of a long tack, Kingfisher took the chance managing to point up keeping to the north side and pulled well ahead, the fleet started to spread out.



Kingfisher was first to turn at the short course, Gary in a dream having to be reminded by Mike to turn, Shibboleth was closing the gap along Train Reach.

At the finish Kingfisher crossing the line followed by Shibboleth, Contest making good ground along Train Reach 3rd.

All results on the clubs Web site.

Sunday 16th November Winter Downriver 3. High tide 0956hrs Wind 11/24 NNE.

After the full day of torrential rain on Friday with Storm Claudia hitting the whole of the country it was pleasing to have a dry day with an expected reasonable breeze for this downriver race. Even with the covers on the boats most needed a pump out prior to the start.

OOD's Mandy, Ben & Mike, considered options reasonable breeze but the ebbing tide along with the north-north east wind would make the return along Train Reach difficult; the second mark beyond Beauchamp was called with a possible shortened leg back.

Nine boats at the line made a clean start, once round the jetty sails moved to a Broad Reach to a run, Kingfisher first away closely followed by Talisker and Club 1 Wayfarer who jostled changing places along Train Reach and Rockland straight, the NNE producing better sailing on the south bank, moving to the middle the water was flat and easily in irons.



Photo - Tina Pye

At the speed limit turn Club 1 was followed by Kingfisher then Talisker all had made a good space ahead of the fleet with Bluey making ground. Heading into wind and against a strong tide made for a lot of tacking but making good ground up to Rockland chimney then the fun started, plenty of tacks some making ground others

the tide pulling you downriver whilst trying to keep away from the trees fallen into the river. By this time the fleet all getting close together, once clear of the trees at Strumpshaw boats were able to power up back to the finish line at the club, first over the line was Club One a short distance behind Kingfisher followed by Diamond Lil who made good ground along Train Reach passing other boats.

Full results on club webpage.

Sunday 23rd November, Downriver 4 High Tide 1427hrs Forecast, right to start with, but. OOD's Nigel, Tina and Tim.

Let's start with the weather, one key part of the day which most probably put a few off attending, the day before the heavens opened all day, the same forecast up to 10am, heavy rain with a good breeze increasing by 11am to 15mph with 31gust from the SSW, prospect of some good sailing.

Six Yeoman's with the Club Wayfarer crewed by Jasper came to the lively line and it was chucking it down, all boats away, the breeze at the start encouraged boats to start off from the south bank, then moving to the north bank past the Brundall Jetty, Trio got off to a good lead followed by Diamond Lil then Kingfisher, skippers mostly keeping to a close haul with tacking along Train Reach.

The OOD's set the middle course just past the Beauchamp and it rained all the way, the crew getting additional water off the sails. Just prior to Beauchamp Diamond Lil gained the lead and took the turn first followed by Trio and Kingfisher, the rest of the fleet closing the gap. Having the incoming tide with the main full out and goose-winged along the Buckenham straight the boats got a good speed, Diamond Lil creeping well ahead. Entering Train Reach the predicted 15/31 wind dropped to very little to none, the sun had come out the boats relying on the incoming tide with the odd puff.

At the line, Diamond Lil, followed by Kingfisher, 3rd Shibboleth.

All boats packed away it was back to the clubhouse to enjoy the delicious homemade cakes provided by Tina, sufficient for everyone to have seconds. Yummy



Launch into the new season at the 2026 RYA Dinghy & Watersports Show

Tickets available now – RYA members and children aged 15 and under go free!

The UK's biggest celebration of small-boat sailing and water sports returns to Farnborough International on 21–22 February 2026, bringing together the community for a weekend of inspiration, innovation and practical know-how.

Whether you're into **dinghy racing, cruising, windsurfing, foiling, winging or paddleboarding**, the RYA Dinghy & Watersports Show is the ultimate place to kick off your new season, explore the latest gear and technique tips, and connect with people who share your passion for life on the water.

Discover new boats, cutting-edge tech, expert coaching sessions from leading names in the sport, and the latest kit and accessories from top marine brands.

Plus, you can enjoy a packed programme with talks, demos, simulators and interactive displays from some of the best-loved names in the business.

Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Social Paddlers

Most members thought the paddling season was over, but what better time to get out on the water. Under the guidance of Dave G; Shirley, Mike, Debbi and Gary met up at the club on **Thursday 6th November**, it was a lovely 16 degrees very light winds with a rising tide. Our group set off upriver with the tide for a gentle paddle to the Ferry for a coffee and maybe a nibble. Any concerns we had about getting ashore were forgotten as we arrived to find the water level was over the bank, so it was full ahead paddling onto the bank and then gently easing out of their craft. We were warmly greeted by Sonia and Fred who give a welcome bark, then it was coffee and cake and unbelievably warm enough to sit outside. As the second cup was being ordered Mill Chic moored up after a bit (lot) of paddling and we were joined by Emma, Mandy and Rod.

Time to return, the tide had turned and was gently ebbing, paddlers took advantage of the high water stepping into their craft still on the bank and edging towards the river, the mirror river reflecting the autumn tree colours. A gentle amble downriver followed, crossing the broad and back to base. A heartening day had by all. Let's hope we get further paddles in before New Year, especially if it stays warm.



On **Tuesday 25th November**, a group of club paddlers, missing the opportunity for a paddle meet at the Ferry for a mardle and Cheesy Chips, Fish or pie's for some, all looking forward to next opportunity to paddle.

CLUB NOTICES

CLUBHOUSE TEA'S and COFFEE'S

Polite reminder, as we approach the end of our season could we remind those with IOU's outstanding to either make a transfer to the club's bank account or pass any cash to the club Treasurer. Many thanks.

FOR SALE.

Tiger 11ft 6in Blue 110 Sector Sit on Kayak and paddle. Contact Brent on 07934064670

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