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# COLDHAM CHRONICLE

**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

Welcome to our September Chronicle, certainly noticeable changes in the month's weather as we entered the autumn equinox in September. The daily temperatures have taken a dive after some glorious days, with the odd good day's, I for one managing to have a dip at Pakefield towards the end of the month. Sea water is warmer this time of year, getting out is the problem.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, our club hosts the Yare Navigation Race, now in its 49<sup>th</sup> year. First start is from 0930am from the club. Please pop to the club, Reedham, or other vantage points.

**Question.** Where would you see the following birds in under 90minutes:- Kingfisher (two pair's, twice?), Great spotted woodpecker (two), House Martin 3+, Marsh harrier 6+, Kestrel, Barn Owl, Grey heron (lost count...), Great crested grebe 2, Mallard, Gadwall, Mute swan - a drift, Graylag geese lots, Egyptian goose, Cormorant(s), Black-headed gull, Herring gull, Lesser Black-backed gull, Jay 6, Magpie, Carrion crow, Reed bunting, Blue tit, and a short eared Owl, well maybe. The answer is in this Chronicle, (maybe take a look at Paddling section).

We have a lot to cover this month with the visit of our sailing buddies in their Waveney One's from Oulton Broad. Club members entering the RAMUZ trophy, monthly sailing and paddling, our last evening a bumper night, our the group lit up the Broad, photo's included.

To help you through the reports we have some lovely photo's to browse Thank you to all contributors.

National and International photo's, reading the Chronicle, we will publish next month, the Ed may send one in. Thank you all, keep them coming.



### Notes from the Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Club President Gary Corbett opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. August minutes were agreed and signed, matters arising covered.

**Hon. Secretary-** Hygiene Inspection of Clubhouse carried out by South Norfolk District Council, Low Risk, next inspection in 3 years.

**Treasurer** – Club finances detailed. Quarterly rent paid. Two new membership applications, three single paddle and storage for 3 kayaks. Proposed and all agreed.

**Bosun** – Fibre Broadband link has been laid to the clubhouse gate. Club will be contacted in regard to any future connection.

**Race Officer** – Picnic 2 was cancelled twice owing to bad weather, unable to reschedule removed from calendar this year. Ramuz Inter Club Event at Barton Broad on 20th September 2025 in Yare and Bure One Design boats (White Boats). Email request for crew to members. Waveney One Design visit 20th/21st September 2025, advanced planning in place.

**Social Secretary** – Involved in arrangements for Waveney weekend.

**Partnerships- No report**

**AOB.** No AOB

**Clubs Hygiene Inspection by South Norfolk Council**, this has been carried out on site, CHSC is classed as low risk and everything was in order. *Please help us to keep it that way with a quick tidy up and wipe down after use, any problems you see please tell any committee member. Thank you in advance.*

## Upcoming Events 2025

### October

Saturday 4th	YNR
Sunday 19th	Commodores Day

### November

Sunday 2nd	Winter Downriver Series starts
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### December

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

## 2026

### January

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	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.

## Where Do you Read Your Chronicle?

Last month we published a picture of club member Chris Hovey enjoying a read of his Coldham Chronicle whilst relaxing with a cuppa.

Since then its prompted the question “Where do you read your copy”? Reports have reached us that the Coldham Chronicle is reaching not just throughout Norfolk and Suffolk but to much further afield and next month we will bring you photos to prove it.

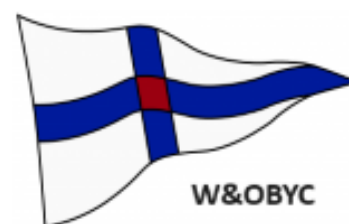
Meanwhile why not send us a picture of you reading your Coldham Chronicle and lets see if we can put CHSC well and truly on the world map! To start you off your September Chronicle in production in Beccles. **Where too next?**



## Waveney One weekend at Coldham Hall. Friday 19<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Photo's; Karen Langston & Shirley Roll

This year we welcomed 9 Waveney One Designs along with their supporting cruisers for the weekend, all making the journey up from Oulton Broad on Friday. A tough journey punching the tide all the way, motor cruisers with Waveney's in tow. Gladly all arrived safely, once boats were rigged for the weekends racing it was off to the Tavern for some food and liquid refreshment, good job there was no sailing Friday night. A good night had by all...what times the morning briefing.



Racing on Saturday started nice and early with a 9.45 briefing

### Ben Adams. Coldham Race Officer and event organiser

We welcome the Waveney fleet from Oulton Broad joining us with 9 sailing boats towed by 6 motor cruisers arriving during a very sunny Friday afternoon. The Saturday morning programme was 2 local races for the Waveney's and in the afternoon 4 of our Yeoman's joined them for a downriver race. We finished the day with a team race; sailed in Waveney boats competed by the Waveney fleet helms (WOBYC), Norwich Frostbite helms (NFSC) and Coldham Hall (CHSC). This race had not been raced since 2005 so a great achievement to arrange it again this year. The trophy, a quart pewter tulip jug dates back many years, produced between 1810 and 1860 and first raced in 1951. This historic moment saw WOBYC regain the title by just 1 point over NFSC with CHSC coming 3rd with the trophy presented to Geoff Little the Waveney fleet captain. Sunday saw the wind pick up and some challenging racing for 3 local races with the Waveney fleet starting their race 5 minutes after the Coldham boats. Lots of weaving between boats as you can imagine. The outright winner of the Waveney series was Pete Matthew and crew Mark in W8 "Thalia". A thoroughly enjoyable weekend was had by all.



**Geoff Little, Waveney Fleet Captain and joint event organiser.**

Thank you to all at Coldham Hall Sailing Club for a lovely interclub weekend. This event is highlighted in our clubs diary and 'not to be missed' It was lovely to see welcoming faces on our arrival on the Friday, it was a long trip up river from base, but we all settled in nicely for an evening at the Tavern.

As for the sailing. What a lovely weekend we were treated to and with 9 visiting Waveney's there was no shortage of people to appreciate your Coldham hospitality. Conditions on Saturday were lighter but enough to get us to the downriver side of the Beauchamp Arms on the Downriver race. On Sunday we were all tested by the remains of the wind that blew through strongly overnight having changed to the NW. Still, we enjoyed three more races and were finished in good time for the results, prize giving and rapid departure for the homeward cruise to Oulton Broad and other destinations.



Pete Matthews and Mark Langston cleaned up all the Waveney trophies, the other trophy to fight for was the WOD Cup, raced for annually in Waveney's as a team event between Coldham, Frostbites and WOBYC. It was last engraved in 2005 and may not have been sailed for since then, so it was an absolute pleasure to re-instate the event and renew some old acquaintances with friends from another club. Long may this 3 way relationship 'flourish'. The result is less important than the friendly spirit in which the race is sailed but it could be noted that David Mackley's excellent win was not enough to beat the WOBYC team with their 2nd and 3rd places. Coldham Hall were third despite a spirited sail by the evergreen Ben Adams.



That rounds off the "sailing report" but we'd like to finish with a huge thank you once more to all those involved in organising and competing. It's a big effort, we appreciate it, and we look forward to repaying your hospitality when you visit Oulton Broad next year.

**Of note;-** The WOD, Interclub, (Waveney's, Frostbites, CHSC)... team event trophy is a quart pewter tulip jug produced by Watts and Harton of 61 Shoe Lane, London sometime between 1810 and 1860. The first date this one was competed for was 1951 so I wouldn't like to say what it was doing in the intervening 100 years or so, maybe getting well used in a Fleet Street tavern.



More photos by Karen Langston can be viewed at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.1364045572088432&type=3>

## Ramus Interclub Trophy, at Barton Broad Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September,

Crispin Lambert

This year the event, organised by the NSBA, was hosted by the Norfolk Punt Club at Barton Broad, sailed in White boats (Yare & Bure One Design). Representing Coldham Hall Sailing Club, Crispin Lambert & Emma Crowfoot.

Thanks to all those who loaned their immaculate craft for the event, mainly from **Norfolk Punt Club** and **Norfolk Broads Yacht Club**.

Competitors and boats gathered at the Barton Turf Adventure Centre at 8.30am for a tow out to the NPC pontoon. The day was mainly overcast. Starting with a reasonable breeze, the wind gradually built throughout the day. Moments of sunshine and showers marked the afternoon.

At 9am, Ben Falet and Cath Mason briefed all 10 teams for the day ahead. A very efficiently organized 'two flight system' dividing the teams into two race groups. This meant five or six boats on the start line for any given race with the top boats in each group moving up and the bottom boats 'moving down'. The wind was from the south but veered to the southeast later in the day. Starting with a good force 3 breeze at the outset, it then dropped, finally rising to a good force 4 at the end of the day.

From the start, Chris Bunn (Lady Yacht Club) and Flip Dugdale (Snowflakes) were battling for the lead, trading 1sts and 2nds in the first 3 races. Flip Dugdale took the impressive Ramuz trophy.

Seemingly always to be either in the lead or rapidly working her

way to the top of the pack. As all competent White boat helms do, she steered with her bare feet while 'sitting out' in the stronger breezes! Ben Falat kept the course the same throughout the day, a simple figure of eight. However, he did move the marks to allow for the change in wind direction in the afternoon. Having a simple course like this was a

benefit to the visiting sailors. Ben and his team kept the day moving very briskly along with minimal waiting around between the heats. Both these points were much appreciated.

The NPC did not disappoint in the supply of teas, coffees and the most wonderful cakes throughout the day. Thank you to Rachel Clayton and her team.

Thank you to Ben Falat and his team and the Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association for co-ordinating such a smoothly run day. Also, to Alan Boswell Insurance Brokers Ltd. For their continuing support.



## Sailing Section

### OOD Duties - October

DATE	ALLCOMERS EVENT	River Cruiser Class	OOD	SECOND OFFICER	THIRD OFFICER
4th	Yare Navigation Race		YNR Committee	YNR Committee	YNR Committee
5th	NO SERIES RACING				
12th	Downriver (9)				
18th	Commodores Day		Commodore	V Commodore	
26th	Downriver (10)		C Catchpole	E Crowfoot	P Jewby

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September Downriver 10 RCC 8

OOD's Jude, Asher and Gary H.

Met forecast 20mph with 36mph + gust South East High water Brundall 1316hrs

With the recent light winds, it was a treat to see lively conditions for today's downriver; the sun was shining throughout the day temperature in the low 20's. River Cruiser racing was called off, a tadde to strong gusts. The OOD'S set the long course, just prior to Langley Woods, the wind was from the southeast so a straight downriver start.

Tom chose to have his first downriver race this year in his Solo, the other crews looked surprised.

Crews realised quickly it would be full on trip, under starters orders and away, Tom made the first Brundall dyke when a gust hit the Solo and tipped her over, Tom got her back up to and realised another couple of miles wasn't going to happen today. Falspar got some clean air making a break which she kept to Langley. With the south easterly it was generally tacking all the way, strangely the wind was lighter some of the time on both banks, short tacks required.

Once turned it was a run all the way home, just picking out where you could Goose the jib. A tiring day, but a very enjoyable sail.

Interestingly it took about 90minutes downriver to the turn, the run home in less than 40minutes.

Full results on club website.

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Local 12,

OOD'S Dave and Maggie, forecast wind SSW 10/23 Low Tide 1158hrs.

7 Yeoman's and one club Wayfarer.

Although the forecast was for a reasonable breeze following Saturday's mid-afternoon storm including rain/ hail, thunder and lighting, the Full Monty and with predicted harsh weather on the way, suprisingly the met office didn't get it right, instead a light breeze all morning.

OOD, Dave held off putting the buoys in until 10am hoping for any increase in wind, downriver from the start box there was no wind on the water hence for the first race number 1 buoy was placed outside the Tavern, with the little breeze Upriver buoy 3 was placed a 200yds Upriver, number 2 outside the Boatyard.

A downriver start into the little SSW the fleet made their way to Starboard mark 1, a group gathering at the turn, then a close reach to run Upriver, the boom jibing with the wind running up the river, a Port number 3, tacking downriver to port of buoy 2 over 2 laps.

In for coffee and the wind filled a little, buoy 1 being moved downriver near to Tingdene, unfortunately the wind failed to really get going. The same for race 3 which was entered to 3 laps, a couple of Yeoman's got too close

inshore and caught out by the low water going aground on the north bank, including Kingfisher on race 3 who were forced to retire.

All results on club website.

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Local Race 14, OOD's Crispin, Chris and Steve.

Short report for today, the Met thought 10mph with 15gusts from the SSW, although the wind indicators pointed more to the east, low water at 1051hrs and boy it was shallow. The OOD's set a downriver start, number 1 buoy just past Heron's reach to Starboard, number 3 upriver about 200yds also starboard, number 3 just up from the boatyard to port, an ambitious 3 laps.

8 Yeoman's and Tom in his Solo came to the line, all getting away slowly the group soon spread out, reaching buoy 1 being careful not to overshoot and the ebbing tide takes you past, a broad reach back to the club, the OOD's wisely reducing to 1 lap.

After coffee the tide now turned the strength of the tide being on the Coldham Bank, also take a wide birth at Buoys 2 & 3 to avoid making contact.

Full results on club web page.

## Canoe and Paddle Board Section



## Social Paddlers Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 'Light the Broad'

As we go into October the Tuesday Social Paddles will take a break until we regroup again in April. It's been a wonderful year with increased numbers and interest.

Tonight 22 paddlers adorned their craft and themselves with lights, head torches, glow sticks, port & starboard lights and more, the largest creation a 'heart shape' held high above the canoe, all lit up, for an evening's 4.48km paddle upriver across the Broad and up to Brundall Gardens, once the darkness came the water was full of our reflections, residents in the river properties coming out to take some snaps and cheer.





At the evening debrief the first prize of 'Kraigs' freshly cooked yummy 'Brownies' was awarded to Liz & Chris for best dressed craft and crew, runners up being 'Georgie and Tina, we thank you all for taking part. From the team, a BIG Thank You to our ambassadors Clare and Vickie for arranging and keeping us in order all season.

**Answer to page 1 Ornithology question,** take an evening's paddling at Coldham with paddle member and keen bird



watcher Chris Dunlop, the only add on is the Short eared Owl spotted by Gary was the carved one on the fence by Rockland Chimney, Chris didn't count the Greylags flying high above us back to roost in case he capsized.

## Paddling month

Throughout the whole month of September we experienced some wild Monday and Wednesdays, even during the day on Tuesday's it was not pleasant but things changed every Tuesday at teatime, winds calmed, rain stopped, allowing us to get some spectacular dry/calm paddling in.

**Paddle Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September,** the forecast for the evening not too pleasant with expected showers/downpours, our fleet reduced to the hardy 12. A lovely trip over Bargate and up the channel searching for Surlingham Staithe through the overgrown weeds, on returning to the river near the club an eagle-eyed paddler saw a line trailing from a Swan, her right leg looking caught over her back, desperate attempts were made to have a go at releasing her from what we know was fishing line went on for ten minutes, anyone looking on 'a gust and maybe cruel, not aware of the line caught round the swan.

Trying to 'pen' the Swan, one last stretch and the line was grabbed, together pulling with the Swan it was free, the Swan reared up out of the water to full height it's wings stretched out, maybe saying 'thanks mate'

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September,** A pleasant late summer evening with a light breeze and ebbing tide, 19 paddlers met for our weekly outing, we know with the falling light maybe a couple of paddles left for this year. Thank you to members for loaning craft so other sailing members can join us. We set off against the tide upriver into Bargate going round the Broad along the channel back onto the river, heading up to Brundall Gardens, returning you notice the pulling tide to help us get home. We were treated to a pair of Kingfisher skimming the water and along the reeds on the north bank, immediately followed by a noisy Green Woodpecker crossing the river, maybe heading off to roost. Heading home, craft away and off to the Ferry to catch up on holidays and special trips, an enjoyable evening had by all. (photo sun dropping at Brundall Gardens).



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September



Paddle evening with bird identification, 17 paddlers downriver to Rockland chimney covering 4.48km including the carved Short ear Owl at Rockland, the water like a mirror with tide in our favour, heading back to the club with an amazing sunset.



All in a day's paddle,



Nipping to the club for a mid-day paddle in very light breeze with an ebbing tide, a decision to head for Bargate Broad and up the channel. Just meandering along when a Bittern flew out of the reeds about 15 feet in front, fully stretched wings flying low over the water, the width of the wings over a meter, the day couldn't get better.

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