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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 your 'July' edition of our club Chronicle. It's been quite a busy month both on land and water. Starting with the Clubs Sailing Regatta on Sunday 5th, a full day of races including the novice race for new sailing members. On the following Saturday the club then held its annual Triple B race, sailing from Coldham (Brundall) to Breydon and Back, this year the route had to be altered to include a loop owing to the closure of Reedham Swing Bridge to river traffic.

On Thursday 16th our annual end of Try Sailing course get together BBQ and social evening took place with our house band the 'Stoke Holy Cows' entertaining us throughout the evening. The cooks in the galley as usual doing a great job, good food with great music. Special thanks to all.

On top of that plenty of sailing and paddling for all to get on the river, maybe to cool a bit.

Notes from the Committee held on Wednesday 15th July by Teams.

Club Commodore David Taitt opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. June 2026 minutes were agreed and signed, matters arising covering Start Box window replacement to be completed.

Hon. Secretary-. Thanks received from Broadland Paddle Club for use of slipway and park, whilst having a break 'training for Scotland distance Paddle'. Also thanks from Yare Sailing Club for use of club for annual BBQ Social prior to Yare Challenge Race.

Treasurer – Club finances detailed. New membership, two separate applications for Single Paddle membership and storage. All in favour. RYA club census completed. A check with website providers as some mention unable to Open Race Results page, CHSC web site working, advise users to check/refresh there provider- Goggle etc.

Bosun – detailed cost of Club House roof, also thanks to all involved: Chris Hovey, David Greenacre, Mike Roll, Ben Adams, Colin Brown, Paul Parker, Colin Hinsley & Dave Taitt. Jobs to do, Start box window replacement and gate to dinghy park from tavern

Race Officer – Triple B planning ongoing. Race instructions issued to 23 entrants. Communication with Marshalls and entrants by Whatsapp. YSC Safety Boat not available, hiring Snowflakes safety boat, check insurance. All in hand. Club regatta 4 novices took part in the race from Try Sailing.

Social Secretary – Club BBQ/ Social with Stoke Holy Cows playing in hand.

Partnerships- Ongoing Discussion with Tavern in preparation for Triple B, including breakfast and presentation.

Upcoming Events 2026/27

August

Saturday 8th	Reedham Race

September

Saturday 5th	Yare Navigation Race
Sunday 13th	Cecil Howard GWYC
Sat/Sun 19th /20th	CHSC/Waveney OD

October

Sunday 18th	Commodores Day
Sunday 25th	Winter Downriver Series starts

December

Wednesday 2nd	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 13th	Christmas Pudding Race

January

Saturday 16th	Annual Dinner & Prize Giving

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 are on the club website.

AOB.

a. Safety at the club was discussed where non members using the club to access the river including Swimming, (Swimming is prohibited at CHSC)
    1. Membership cards were discussed to identify users at the club, 2 in favour and 8 against.
    2. Enquires will be made regarding footpath access, and/or deployment of CCTV.
b. YNR set for Saturday 5th September, the sub-committee is aware of Reedham Bridge problems. The Tavern is planning a promotional Ale and other events leading up to and Race Day, including Hog Roast/breakfast and band. Committee has produced a history video of the YNR, 50th year Pennants, YNR T-shirts etc.

Reedham Swing bridge Update

As majority of members will be aware the Reedham swing bridge has broken down and cannot be opened to allow river traffic to pass through. This has already caused a change in course for our recent Triple B race and is potentially an issue for the upcoming Yare Navigation Race.

The 123 year old bridge has suffered a major bearing failure and is unable to swing. Unfortunately, a new bearing has to be sourced from abroad and will result in the bridge having to be raised on jacks in order to replace it. What is likely to be major undertaking will inevitably take some time to carry out so along with the time to obtain the parts potentially could lead to a significant period that the bridge is out of action.

The club committee, along with other boating organisations have sent letters to our MP asking for urgent action and pressing to ensure that the bridge continues to operate once repairs have been made and that Network Rail cannot use this to permanently obstruct the navigation. The YNR race committee are carefully monitoring the situation and will take any action required to enable the 2026 YNR to take place. Any other members wishing to pass through the bridge, if unable to lower the mast, should check with the BA and Network Rail for further updates.

The Broads Authority website details the plan of action which is due to last until mid September. There may be some opportunity to swing the bridge and therefore allow boats to pass during testing of the bridge. Keep an eye on the BA site for further details. Additional details can be found at https://www.railadvent.co.uk/2026/07/norfolk-swing-bridge-set-for-urgent-repairs-next-month.html

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'LET US ENTERTAIN YOU'

Club BBQ & Social Evening. Thursday 16th July.

Our annual club BBQ and social evening, we were entertained throughout the evening by Stoke Holy Cows, James, Phil, Nigel, Jonathan, Nigel and Andy, playing a great selection 'set' including appropriately 'Sailing' getting feet tapping with a few on the dance floor, a great opportunity to have a get together with old and new members, importantly a lovely bit of food and entertainment.

Our caterers all 'fired up producing sizzling sausages and burgers, yes as advertised at 7pm, a lovely get together for club members.
Thanks to Mandy for arranging the evening and food, the burgers and sausages, the cooks Liz, Mike and Gary and all who helped throughout the evening in the galley, setting out the tables and chairs, great team.S**pecial thanks to 'Stoke Holy Cows'**

Yare Navigation Race, Saturday 5th September 2026.

2026 is the 50th 'Golden' Anniversary of our clubs prestigious Yare Navigation Race (YNR).

This race specifically for Traditional River Sailing Cruisers from across the Northern and Southern Broads is raced from Coldham Hall Sailing Club to a Mark (Buoy) set on Breydon Water and return.

If you able to help us Marshal the course, this includes Race Starters, finish recorders at the club, and time keepers at Reedham Quay, please contact Gary, email corbett01@btconnect.com

Sailing Section

OOD Duties - August

DATE	ALLCOMERS EVENT	River Cruiser Class	OOD	SECOND OFFICER	THIRD OFFICER
2nd	Downriver (7)		I Barker	C Logue	S Lee
8th	Reedham Race		B Adams	Phil Parker	T Duddle
9th	Local (10)		R Branscombe	D Branscombe	R Whiting
16th	Downriver (8)	RCC (6)	T Lewis	S Parravani	P Parravani
23rd	Local (11)		M Wells	H Wells	T Duddle
30th	Downriver (9)	RCC (7)	A Sach	T Moorse	J Moorse

Please check Officer of the Day duties on the club website, if you need to swap please inform our Race Officer Ben.

Club Regatta Sunday 5th July

Low water 1036. OOD's Sandy Watt, granddaughter Summer, on the River John Wells.

The first full club sailing event held in July was the club Regatta, a fine sunny dry day with the wind predicted WNW 11 mph with 23gusts, I believe all will agree it didn't get that strong, a successful day with a full day of sailing with 4 Allcomers races and Individual races for Novices and Ladies Race.

Officers of the day Sandy Watt with granddaughter Summer doing a great job keeping the days racing to time and in control, John made the odd appearance while enjoying himself 'weeding' only difference this was in the river trying to clear the mass of growth, trawling with cutter behind the safety boat, whilst getting the buoys deployed and on standby.

A three buoy course was set for the day, with an upriver start into the WNW breeze, buoy 1 was well upriver to Port, generally a close haul up to the buoy, after the turn most boats favoured the breeze on the north bank with a close reach/ beam reach back to the box, then setting the sails to Broad Reach to a run with some 'goosing' for a Starboard turn at buoy 1, it was then a close haul upriver to Buoy 2 set to Starboard, mostly requiring 1 or 2 tacks to get the line, the back over the line for lap 2.

After the lunch break, the Novice Cup was competed for by our new Try Sailing members, this time a Downriver Start with similar turning at Buoy's 1 & 2 then over the line to finish, a close event by all taking part with David Scott taking the trophy and Colin Hinsley close on his tail.

Ladies race followed, this event started Upriver for one lap of the course. A close event with newcomer Andrea Finegan taking the Trophy.

Cruiser challenge, two river cruisers, Anna and Morning Calm took part in a downriver race in the morning and a second in the afternoon.

In the afternoon two more Allcomers races, all boats put to bed and back to the clubhouse for prize giving.

Congratulations to all taking part in the days sailing.

Trophy winners.

Cruisers	Bill Clark.
Ladies Race	Andrea Finegan
Novices	David Scott.
Half Deckers	Crispin Lambert
Dinghies	Paul Parker
Regatta Trophy	Crispin Lambert.

All members are invited to submit articles, photographs, comments, items for sale or anything they feel suitable to be considered for publication. Email to Gary Corbett corbett01@btconnect.com or Dave Durrant davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk The editors reserve the right to delay publication or amend/reformat/correct submissions as deemed appropriate.

Try Sailing 2026

Stats, Results and Thank You's

And so, we come to the end of a very successful Try Sailing year which saw 16 students attending the initial two land-based sessions where, Mike, David and Gary worked through the basics of safety on the water, rigging dinghy's and useful information to check before embarking on a river trip, and the following six weeks of water sessions.

In all we completed 70 water based trips with, an average of twelve students on the water each week. In all we had a minimum of 8 boats, and a maximum of 11, giving an average of 10 boats on the water over the six weeks. The weather has on the whole been kind to us and the windy days have been followed by calmer evenings, making it ideal training weather.

Try sailing members have gained in confidence over the sessions, some even taking part in the recent regatta Ladies Race and Novice Race and also Crewing generally.

In the final weeks session arranged to hold 2 mini races to wet the appetite of the new members to join in on the Clubs race programme and the results are below. Thanks to David and Gary for being Race Officer and David Woolston for setting out the marks.

None of this could happen without the generous support of club members giving up their time their knowledge and the use of their boats. I am very grateful to Gary and David T for assisting with all sessions Land and Water based, David W for manning the safety boat when we are on the water and for the following helms Nigel, Mandy, Stuart, David N, Gary C & David G, Ben, David T, Phil P, Chris H, Colin B, Kim & Mike P. My wife Shirley has helped co-ordinate on the bank in the early weeks as students get to know boats and helms. Others have helped launching and recovering boats, apologies if I have missed anyone.

Finally thank you to the students for your involvement in the sessions and hopefully the positive feedback you are about to give!!!

Race 1	Boat	Helm and Crew	Tutored By
1	Y174	Lauren & James	David Tait
2	Y6	Anna	Mandy & Mike
3	Y146	Vineeta	Ben
4	W3843	Bill	Phil
5	Y207	Christine	Chris
6	W9531	Caroline	Paul

Race 2	Boat	Helm and Crew	Tutored By
1	Y207	Christine	Chris
2	Y146	Vineeta	Ben
3	W3843	Bill	Phil
4	Y72	Andrea & Mark	Stuart
5	W9531	Caroline	Paul

TRIPLE'B'

Saturday 11th July

The Triple B originated by and from Buckenham Sailing Club is a passage race that now goes from Brundall (CHSC) to Breydon and back. The participants get to choose their start time between 8am and 12noon considering their boat speed, wind speed/direction and tides and this year a change of course.

Owing to the ongoing work to be carried out on Reedham Swing Bridge, the bridge has effectively been closed to river traffic since 12th June, only allowing craft to navigate under the bridge, the committee considered asking entrants to lower and raise their masts, this would have been on the outward and return leg to pass under the bridge, this would have been difficult for the 23 entries and logistically a challenge to help with a tow, the strong current and other river traffic.

Instead it was agreed to shorten the course to the Reedham Ferry pub and include a loop between buoys set at Hardley Mill (Starboard) and the River Chet entrance (Port) the helm deciding before the start if they would do the loop on the outward or return leg.

23 boats entered with 21 on the day taking part, this included 5 Norfolk Punt's, two Wayfarers, a Javelin helmed by Ben Fisher with dad Richard (previously Buckenham Commodore) crewing, a Kestrel, a Seafly, an RS400 and a Broads One Design, a good assortment.

Triple B Trophy Winner : Rupert Reddington in punt Redwing
Triple B 2nd overall: Richard Whitefoot in punt Comet
Triple B 3rd overall: Nigel Kippin in yeoman Talisker
First Punt: Rupert Reddington Redwing
First Yeoman: Nigel Kippin Talisker
First Wayfarer: Adrian Lincoln Perplexed
First Kestrel: David Hearsum
First Javelin: Ben Fisher Quicksilver
First Dinghy: Rupert Reddington Redwing
First Keel Boat: Nigel Kippin Talisker
ODD BOD: Swallow
Furthest Travelled: Tim Drew Kestrel Stoked - Filey North Yorkshire

THE NULSEC TROPHY
Awarded to the
fastest Javelin competing

Sunday Race Programme

Local 8 (back to local sailing)
Sunday 12th July. OOD's Crispin Lambert & Ben Adams.
High water 1148hrs Wind NE 16mph with 30 gusts.

All taking part will agree we had great sailing conditions all day; a constant breeze throughout the day.

The OOD's set a 3 buoy course all set to Port, with the wind from the north east it was an upriver start with a close reach/haul to buoy 3, a busy place with all boats together for the first round, then a run with goosing back to the box generally on Starboard, passing the jetty the sail swing round to port for a close haul to Buoy 1 set downriver by Strumpshaw, turning the buoy a close haul to beam reach to Buoy 2 set by the club moorings, then a close haul to the starbox line for 3 rounds.

All enjoying a good days sailing, Trio helmed by Kim Mayfield with David Catchpole taking the line in all 3 races.
Full results on the club website.

Picnic 2
Sunday 19th July OOD's Emma Crowfoot, Asher Minns & Stephen Lock
High water 1054hrs Wind NNW 13mph with 24 gusts.

This week's picnic 2 certainly lived up to its name, a race with two different halves. Asher and Stephen managed the start from the club setting the stop point at Cantley, 7 Yeoman's with Club 1 helmed by Try Sailor David Scott with Paul Parker.

Also out for her first downriver sail was Andrea Finegin (TS) sailing for his first time Daniel Loades in Kingfisher. Colin Hindsley crewing in Falspar.

With the North Westerly strong breeze all boats enjoying mainly a run and Broad Reach to Cantley wit Emma ready to ring the fleet in, from the start Shibboleth got a good distance ahead which she kept for the first leg, sailing time for the whole fleet just over the hour, with the breeze coming over the north bank, sails dropped to tie up for lunch, preparing for the 1pm bell and a hard journey home with the head wind and increasing gusts especially in the open areas, the tide was also in our favour for a quick journey.

A tough and enjoyable close haul with plenty of tacking all the way back to Train Reach, when it was time to find the best area to make ground, the south half of the river over the trees having the better breeze. Down river leg taking 1hr 12mins, return against the win in 1 hr 7mins, good workout by all. Leg two won by Diamond Lil, overall winners of Picnic 2 Trophy.

Canoe and Paddle Board Section

Paddle News – July 2026

Social Paddle Tuesday's

Photos by Mark Suckling

Tuesday weekly paddles continue averaging 15 paddlers venturing out for wellbeing and a great get together, our group meets and leaves promptly at 6pm a decision is made on direction depending on tide and wind direction. We have a club Whatsapp Group.

On 7th July we headed upriver across Bargate back on to the river to Marine Power seeing mum and dad Grebe with 2 very small chicks on ones back, the second adult diving for a snack. The six local signets are growing with only one adult with them.

Our Paddle on 14th July the group headed downriver entering Rockland by the long dyke; the Broad must have at least 100 swans enjoying the overgrown weed with little disturbance, except a group of paddlers passing at a distance. The call of the Cuckoo gone, well on his way back to the Congo Basin, Central and West Africa, the Swifts and Swallows waiting their turn to follow heading towards the Sahara, a round trip of about 14,00 miles with no duty free. Paddlers headed out along the short channel back to the Yare and home.

After paddling the group heads to The Ferry for ‘Cheesy Chips’, a snack and a drink to refresh’ some now adding an Ice Cream Sundae, with a flake. Mmm.

The growth of weed on Rockland and Bargate prevents any craft access, the channels to overgrown to enter, canoes manage to get through, a no-go for paddle Boarders.

Paddle membership continues to grow at our club along with request for more storage, if anyone has any ideas for storage or aware of any racking please tell Gary.

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