

PORTHOLE SPRING 2010 EDITION



SPRINGTIME THOUGHTS

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Happy New Year to you all.

With the winter being as severe as it has been I hope you are all wintering well and took all necessary precautions before the onset of the cold snap. We have had it fairly mild for several years up until last year and it is all so easy to be complacent in our preparations.

It would appear from the news coming out from the club that we are going to have a very different team on the General Committee as well as the key roles of President and Treasurer. I for one would like to take the opportunity to thank all of those members stepping down from their roles and wish them well for the future. Thinking about the situation, we are going to lose decades of experience in the running of the club, which will in the short term, leave the committee with a very steep learning curve. But I'm sure that the new team will apply themselves and take the club forward.

During these long dark months I, as many others members do, look forward to the start of the season and try to plan objectives that can be achieved. After a year off we have decided to holiday on the boat again this season, although we haven't decided where yet. With the New Year comes the new challenge of Commodore and with this in mind I have

gathered together a committee I'm sure will be as effective and supportive as we have come to expect. We have always also had the support of club members in the organization and running of club rallies and the Regatta, and I hope that this will continue. In this edition of Porthole we are publishing a list of scheduled rally dates, which will give you all the opportunity to plan to come along to them. During Bob's term as Commodore I believe that we managed, on more than one occasion to have eighteen boats turn up, I'm not sure where this ranks in the history of the club (or whether in fact any such records exist) but I would like to think that we can beat this number during the season and set a modern day record. I have said it before and I will say it again, club rallies send our clear, distinct messages to other boaters on our river that the club is united and can enjoy cruising in company. With this in mind I hope to run a rally to the centre of York to fly the flag.

In news from the boating world it would appear that there has been a challenge to the Governments plan to introduce "e" borders by the E.U. who have claimed that it is illegal under E.U. law (I knew if we waited long enough that they would do something for us). If you haven't been following this item the Government had planned to spend 1.2 billion

pounds on an electronic tracking system which would have meant that every movement into and out of the country would have been logged, including every time you wanted to sail outside of U.K. waters, or on your return into U.K. waters, by informing a government agency in advance. The implications on personal freedom are there for all to see, apart from the fact that as we all well know that specific dates of travelling are often compromised by the weather. We await the response with baited breath.

In the present climate of rising costs and in particular the costs of boating I was grateful to receive a useful piece of information about boat insurance. A company called Trafford are offering boat insurance at a substantial saving claiming that they can undercut competitor's prices because they have don't have expensive offices in London to maintain. They are registered with Lloyd's and also offer insurance for light aircraft. It's always useful to have an alternative competitive price to look at. They can be contacted on-line at info@traffords-insurance.co.uk where you can fill in an application form and submit it. They will then e-mail you back with a quote and a paper application to send through the post. Alternatively they can be contacted at Traffords Ltd, 7 Doolittle yard, Froghall road, Ampthill, Bedford, MK45 2NW or telephone number 01525 717185.

Presidents Piece

Dear Members

As you will probably know I will be standing down as President. I would like to thank the officers and committee for their support and help during my two years office and also all members for their continued support. Rita has had a new hip joint fitted and is walking well now. See you all at the AGM. Keith Lavender

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Well this is my last contribution to the Porthole as Commodore of the York Motor Yacht Club. I have enjoyed my two years as the commodore and look back on various events and incidents with fond memories.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for the support, help and assistance given by the membership, I trust and hope that you will continue your support for the next Commodore's committee.

I have included a list of the trophy winners for the season of 2009. It will be seen that two trophies were not presented in this year.

The Geoff Store trophy awarded to the person under 27 years of age who has given exceptional service to the club. This is because there was no-one, in my opinion, who merited this award. So please all members in this age group take notice as I hope that this trophy can be awarded in 2010.

The second is the Humber Trial trophy as this competition has, for a variety of reasons, not been held for several years. Bob Woodham

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Boat</u>
1 Sari	Awarded to the boat over 35 foot with the most rally points	John Worsdale	SCANDALOUS
2 Warwick	Awarded to the boat under 35 foot with the most rally points	Alan Sillitoe	CHAMPAGNE
3 Capri	Awarded to the runner-up boat over 35 foot with the most rally points	Alan Ritchie	FIRE WITCH
4 Oakleaf	Awarded to the runner-up boat under 35 foot with the most rally points	Phil Lyon	STORM V
5 Rojanbo	Awarded to the boat completing the most adventurous cruise	David Cocker	OCEAN CREST
6 Lazenby	Awarded to the beginners boat completing the most adventurous cruise	Phil Lyon	STORM V
7 Linton Lock Commissioners	Awarded to the boat-completing the longest upstream cruise	Ken Austwick	KASIAN



Forthcoming Attractions.

SOCIAL REPORT

John Swatman had nothing to report.

Moorings Report

by Terry Hattersley

Happy New Year to all members from the Moorings Committee.

We hope you have a good boating season in 2010.

We have experienced probably the worst winter conditions for many years and we hope the winterization of your boat has been successful.

Temperatures of -16 have been recorded at the boat club moorings.

We hope this year we will see a dryer, hotter Spring & Summer.

HOUSE REPORT

by Michael Robinson.

My thanks to Barbara Moorhouse and Christine and David Patterson for helping to decorate the club house in readiness for the clubs Christmas Dinner. During the closed season we are presently on with updating the utility room and rear entrance /exit area. During the recent cold spell the shower in the club froze and now has to be replaced. The good news is, for all those people who use the shower, Robin has retiled the whole of the shower area and a new shower will be installed shortly. Many thanks to Robin for all his valiant efforts.

Happy New Year to everyone

GALLEY REPORT

BY ADRIAN FISHER

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas dinner, which was well attended and finished off the boating season. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I look forward to

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8 Yorvic	Awarded to the lady with the most rally points	Christine Sillitoe Karen Worsdale	CHAMPAGNE SCANDALOUS
9 Bill Giles	Awarded to the family member with the most rally points	Jason Devonshire	CA VA
10 Hawthorn	Awarded to the boat with the best kept log	Karen Worsdale	SCANDALOUS
11 Geoff Store	Awarded to the person under 27 years of age for exceptional service to the club		Not Awarded
12 Collinette	Awarded to the lady providing exceptional services to the club	Sally Robinson	KUDOS
13 Alister Brash	Awarded to the gentleman providing exceptional services to the club	John Worsdale	SCANDALOUS
14 Mayfly	Humber trial		Not awarded

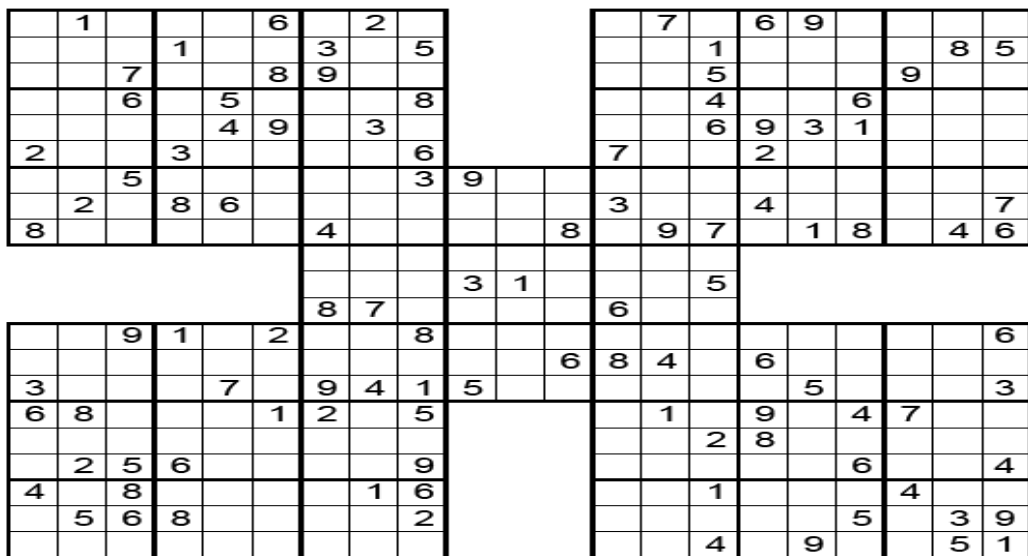
Proposed Rally Dates for your Diary 2010.

As yet these are not confirmed but hopefully they won't have to change. Also the Regatta dates will have to be confirmed but are provisionally 28/29/30th of August.

Date	Venue	Food
24TH APRIL	Quiz around York back to club.	Breakfast/Pie and Peas
29/30/31/MAY	Nun Monkton	Alice Hawthorn?
19/20 JUNE	Naburn Lock	BBQ
3/4 JULY	Naburn Lock	BBQ
End of July	Downstream trip(CAVA)	N/A
18/19 SEPT	TBA	Breakfast/Supper

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Can you believe it? These are true stories!!.

We had to have the garage door repaired. The GARADOR repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one GARADOR made at that time, a 1/2 horse-power. He shook his head and said, 'Madam, you need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used Garador repair since. Happened in Moor Park, Nr Watford UK

My daughter went to a local Kentucky Fried and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

From South Oxhey Herts , UK...