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The Newsletter of the **WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB** Founded 1899

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EASTER WEEKEND this year is a high voltage jump start to the summer season. The **Fitting Out Supper** on Saturday night will see the Long Room crammed with sailors washing away the antifoul dust in the best possible way: great food, great company, great music. Call the club office (see reverse) to check if there are any tickets left.

First race of the season starts Sunday morning at 1030 sharp, and the **Family Roast Lunch** from midday is followed by the **Easter Egg Hunt** at 2pm. Prepare for all this with the **Happy Hour & Fish Supper** on Good Friday from 6:30pm.

THE RE-JIGGED WEBSITE www.wmyc.org.uk is now your quickest way to get the **latest news** and information you need to enjoy your club to the full. There is a **forum** where you can dissect the racing, plan your cruises, get your party organised for events or ask the membership to help answer tricky questions of boat maintenance or seamanship. You may also find the **Crew Register** a help if you want to get yourself afloat or a First Mate.

New start line and new race mark

Two new race marks are being laid this season. The first, sponsored by our local MFOB fleet, is to form an additional start line giving the OOD more options to set a square start line. The new race mark No 17, sponsored by Moss Glen, will be positioned between No 2 and No 5 on the edge of the deep water channel to allow courses which include more 'corners' and short legs thereby keeping crews busy on deck. Expect to see some new courses this year on the race card making the most of the new marks.

Position for Moss Glen (No 17) is 0-55-50E and 50-45-25N

Thank you to our Race Mark Sponsors

Again, our racing fleet is grateful for the generous support of our race mark sponsors which enables WMYC to lay their big heavy marks for all to enjoy during the season. Hence, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their on-going support of the WMYC club. **THANK YOU!**

They are: Quest Motors of Braintree and Maldon, Island Landscapes, Van Cols Photographers, Caribbean Pools Ltd, Oyster Marine, Fox's Marina Ltd, Waverley TBS - The Total Drinks Company, Essex Woodcraft, Moss Glen Ltd, Dabchicks Sailing Club, SB² Property Ventures Ltd, MFOB Owners, Black Prince Holidays, Staines and Brights.

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Your news, anecdotes, log books, and photography in particular, are at the heart of Molliette. The website and Molliette News will feature shorter news based articles and photography as space permits, with the Club's flagship publication The Molliette Annual Review tending towards your more weighty contributions. Send your copy, preferably by email to the Club Office (see reverse).

New Catering Times

A classic Menu will be available on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 6pm - 9pm. This menu will be supplemented by a Specials Board, including Gourmet Specials on Friday and Saturday evenings.

A new lunchtime menu will be available from 12pm - 2.15pm weekdays and 12pm - 3pm on Saturdays. This will now include a Menu Prix - any 2 courses for £10 and 3 courses for £12.50

New for 2007 is our Racers Menu - tasty, filling and easy to eat food will be served every Sunday from 1.30pm when there is an organised race. This will be available until the last boat has finished. Slower boats are advised to ring the restaurant to request food be reserved for their return.

Sunday lunchtime Carvery will continue until April 29th alongside our new Racers Menu.

New Summer arrangements start on the first weekend in May when the normal lunchtime menu will be available from 12pm - 7.30pm.

Photographic Competition

Members at the Cruiser Lunch chose Ian Crossley (*Sea Otter*) as winner of this year's competition. He snapped this fishing boat dugout at Tema, Ghana during a volunteer stint as First Mate of the charity hospital ship Anastasis last year.



Cruising chute in action ©Ian Crossley

Launch Timetable 2007

March 31	Saturday	0830 - 1730
April	Weekdays	0900 - 1700
	Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	0830 - 1830
May to	Monday to Thursday	0900 - 1730
September	Friday	0900 - 1830
	Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	0830 - 1830

Cruising News

The first cruise in company will spend Saturday evening 5th May on the new visitors' pontoon North Fambridge, including dinner at the Ferry Boat Inn. Second night will be in Burnham Yacht Harbour and tables will be booked at the Thai Legacy restaurant. Sign up for an enjoyable weekend on the Club notice board or e-mail Dave Lewis on davidatfirs@keme.co.uk

Our foreign cruise this year will be to Calais 25-28th May where we have been invited together with RNSA members to join in a full programme of social events being organised by the Little Ship Club to celebrate the 80th anniversary of their first Calais Rally.

However this is not for the faint hearted: typically, members muster on the Friday, hold a 'beer call' on Saturday on board a Royal Navy warship, followed by a three course dinner with wine at the Cercle Amicale Maritime overlooking the harbour.

On Sunday morning there is a 'bubbly recuperative party' (again on the warship) before a reception and prizegiving at the local yacht club. All this for £30 a head. Our thanks go to Norman Hummerstone (present at the lunch) as past Commodore of the Little Ship Club for this generous invitation.

As always, members of both WMYC and DSC with either sailing or motor yachts will be welcome on all these cruises. And if for any reason you cannot join us by sea then get in the car! Please direct all enquiries and bookings to the appropriate Cruise Leader.

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WMYC Club Cruises -see website for more details

Date	Destination	Cruise Leader
5-7 May	Fambridge/Burnham	Dave Lewis
25-28 May	Calais	Colin Campbell
16-17 Jun	Heybridge	John Haynes
14-15 Jul	Harwich Pursuit Race	Tim Wood
25-27 Aug	To be confirmed	Volunteer required

Fighting Fit - Pilates and Squash League

The club is running a squash league that is proving very popular for ladies and gents of all ages and abilities. If you would like to join in contact the club office.

Pilates classes are starting April 16th 7:30pm - please book via the club office

For Information - Water Ski Race Dates:

The Stone Watersports Club is holding water ski races on the Blackwater on five separate days this summer. Their course will run mainly between the Stone Watersports Club and Bradwell Power Station. The 2007 dates are as follows:

- Saturday 21st of April - between 2pm and 4pm
- Sunday 3rd of June - between 12.30pm and 2.45pm
- Sunday 15th of July - between 12.00pm and 2.15pm
- Sunday 16th of September - between 2pm and 4pm

Flare Demonstration

Guy Addington is the RNLi Divisional Sea Safety Manager (East) and is coming to give a talk and practical demonstration on the use of emergency flares on Sunday April 15th starting at 6.30pm in the Long Room.

After a short talk members will be invited to 'have a go' and let some flares off (the use of parachute flares will depend on the prevailing weather conditions).

Members will be requested to make a £5.00 donation to the RNLi which will be presented to the local station.



TWO MONTHS AT THE CLUB...

April

- 2 - Mon - Packing Shed mtg Bar 09.00
- 6 - Good Fri - Happy Hour & Fish Supper*
- 7 - Sat - New Members Reception 18.30*
- 7 - Sat - Fitting Out Supper 19.30 for 20.00*
- 8 - Sun - MSP 1*
- 8 - Sun - Family Lunch and Egg Hunt*
- 11 - Wed - Probus mtg LR 09.00
- 12 - Thurs - Ladies' Luncheon Club LR
- 15 - Sun - MSP 2 WMYC - Racers' Menu*
- 15 - Sun - Flares Talk & Demo LR 18.30*
- 16 - Mon - Pilates LR 19.30* booking nec.
- 21 - Sat - St George's Supper LR*
- 22 - Sun - MSP 3*
- 27 - Fri - Ralph Herring Supper*
- 28 - Sat - Ralph Herring Race*
- 29 - Sun - Pattinson Cup Race & MSP 4 WMYC Racers' Menu*

May

- 4 - Fri - Happy Hour & Carvery*
- 4 - Fri - Stella Assoc Supper LR
- 5 - Sat - Little Ship Club Rally LR
- 6 - Sun - MSP 5 and LH Shakedown*
- 9 - Wed - Probus mtg LR 09.00
- 12 - Sat - First Aid LR 08.30*
- 12 - Sat - Leisure owners Rally/Supper LR
- 13 - Sun - MSP 6 & 2 Rivers Evnt 1 WMYC Racers' Menu*
- 16 - Wed - Colne Housing Ass. Lunch LR
- 19 - Sat - Breakfast for Women LR
- 19 - Sat - Theme Supper*
- 20 - Sun - MSP 7 & LH 1 WMYC - Racers' menu*
- 25 - Fri - Dunkeque Little Ships Rally LR

* Open to members **LR** Long Room **LH** Local Handicap
MSP Mersea Spring Points **MAP** Mersea Autumn Points

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