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NEWS

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What a start!

You may have noticed a significant increase in number in the racing fleet with 12 or more boats regularly on the start line with more expected to join in the coming weeks. Combining IRC and LH has proved popular with all and hence if you would like to join the racing scene, please contact the Sailing Secretary Kay Linscott (kaylinscott@hotmail.com). You don't need experience as we will help you through your first races.

A night of Eastern Promise!

Join us on June 23rd in the Bedouin tent for an Arabian Night complete with belly dancing, just watch or why not try it out for yourself. Test your skills with the Bucking Camel and Magic Carpet rides. There will be traditional Eastern Food, music till late and much more ! Optional Fancy Dress.

Entry will be by ticket only so hurry and book your place at the club office.

John Corby Sailing Supper

Well what a night! Jonski's best rum punch followed by a riveting talk by John Corby on the future of yacht design and IRC racing. Some 45 people packed out the Long Room to listen to John's views. Thank you goes to John for driving all the way from the Isle of Wight to be with us on a bank holiday weekend. Watch this space for the next Sailing Supper coming to a club near you soon...

Cadet Week Goes 'Green'

Mersea cadets are taking steps to 'green' Cadet Week, taking advice from the RYA/BMF Green Blue Project. The cadets will be thinking about ways they can reduce, reuse and recycle at the same time looking at the effect they have on the environment as they wash their boats, launch and sail through the creeks and into the river.

Cadet Week will run from the 24th to the 27th of July and will be preceded by an optional two days of coaching on the 22nd and 23rd. Eight RYA coaches will join local volunteers to exchange training ideas and give the cadets a skills and confidence boost for their race regatta.

Around 160 children are expected to take part in the Week's activities which are once again generously sponsored by Van Cols Creative Design and Mersea Homes.

remember to visit the Club website for the latest news and gossip from the waterfront... www.wmyc.org.uk

CONTRIBUTE TO MOLLINETTE Your news, anecdotes, log books, and photography in particular, are at the heart of Molliette. The website and Molliette News will feature your 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. Please send your copy, preferably by email to the Club Office (see reverse).

Wallet Shield

On the 9th of June, the second Cirdan Two Rivers series will start in the vicinity of Batemans Tower and will be part of the Wallet Shield. The Wallet Shield is traditionally a longer race and hence competitors should consider bringing picnics to sustain themselves during the day. Please do support this second Cirdan race as well as help WMYC win the Wallet Shield trophy! The expectation is to have some 50+ boats on the start line so don't miss the biggest fleet of the year!

Centenary Cup

The Centenary Cup will soon be amongst us again. Held over the weekend of 2nd/3rd June, this year it will consist of three round the can races - two on Saturday, one on Sunday - racing will however be interrupted for a fabulous party on the Saturday night which will include Jonski's famous rum punch, food, music and maybe even a tug o' war with some beer as prizes to assess the strongest crews. Book now with house to make sure you get your allocation!

Mersea Week

This year the dates for Mersea Week are 12 - 17 August 2007. The closing date for entries is Saturday 4 August. The Programme will be available early to mid July.

Ellisons Solicitors

A big THANK YOU to Ellisons Solicitors for agreeing to sponsor this year's Round the Island race. Without the generous support of firms such as Ellisons, organising events like Round the Island would be very difficult. Again Thank You!



Close racing during last year's Cadet Week

Launch Timetable 2007

May	Monday to Thursday	0900 - 1730
to	Friday	0900 - 1830
September	Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	0830 - 1830

Reeve Tyler Trophy

Congratulations go to Douglas Ritherdon (on the left) on winning the Reeve Tyler Trophy. This trophy is awarded annually by the Sailing Committee for the best log book of the preceding season. This year only three entries were received so if you are cruising and keeping a log book, why not enter next year?



Cruising News

The Calais Cruise 25 – 28th May is nearly upon us - see club website or noticeboard for details.

The social programme beginning Friday 25th looks very inviting but we have to get there first! Playpen and some others are planning to leave Mersea on Thursday at 10.00 in time to sail through Foulger's Gat on a rising (neap) tide and reach Ramsgate early evening.

Colin Campbell, *Playpen* - campbellhome@aspects.net

Fambridge and Burnham 5 - 7th May

With spring in the air 18 boats were entered on the list for our first cruise of the season. In the event, following a week of cold blustery weather – traditional for early Bank Holiday - 12 boats set off for North Fambridge: *Bargoose*, *Zaidinha*, *Phoenix*, *Tamsin*, *Kithros III*, *Barbarossa* and *Pelican*, with *Water Lily* following on Sunday. In addition it was a pleasure to welcome *Penbeagle 2*, *Lady Freyja*, *Effacious*, *Moonstone 8* and *Espirit* who were all new to our club cruises. We filled the restaurant at the Ferry Boat Inn to such capacity that Henry Mason and his crew ended up eating in the bar! We were very well looked after by Sylvia and her staff, had an excellent meal and a very good night.

With 4/5's gusting 7 forecast for Monday the decision by all but *Water Lily* and *Barbarossa* to return on Sunday could have denied the rest of us a fine meal already booked at the Thai Legacy in Burnham. But we rose to the occasion and a strong contingent drove back to Burnham to join Penny and John and the boys and Henry & crew. Once again we were very well looked after, with good food and good company – both good omens for the coming season.

Dave Lewis, *Bargoose*

WMYC Club Cruises -see website for more details

Date	Destination	Cruise Leader
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

Sailing Instruction Amendment No 2

Please note that we have posted Sailing Instruction Amendment No 2 – LH3 is now postponed until 23rd of September to coincide with MAP3 while the Ladies Regatta originally scheduled for Saturday 21st of July is now on Saturday 1st of September.

MYST Classic Boat Race

WMYC is inviting classic boats from up and down the coast to race in support of the Mersea Youth Sailing Trust.

The race will be a pursuit race around the buoys with time advantages for those who take a young person in their crew. It's hoped more than 30 classic yachts, traditional and day boats will join in along with the Mersea Brig fleet.

To be held on Saturday 11th August, the race will provide the perfect opportunity to prepare for Mersea Week which starts the following day.

The Mersea Youth Sailing Trust aims to get more young people afloat to benefit from the challenges of sailing. It's launched a fund raising programme which includes a 'Grow' into Sailing open garden day at Pond Cottage, Waldegraves Lane on Friday 15th June.

Smoking Policy

Just a reminder, that from 1st July 2007 new legislation comes into effect. This means that it will be against the law to smoke in virtually every enclosed public place, therefore there will be no smoking in the club or any outside covered areas. Consideration will be given for a covered designated smoking area outside. Plans of any such area will be displayed nearer the time.

THREE MONTHS AT THE CLUB...

June

- 1 – Fri – Happy Hour & Barbeque
- 2 – Sat – Centenary Cup & Party LR
- 3 – Sun – Centenary Cup Prize Giving, LH 2 & Racers Menu
- 9 – Sat – Two Rivers Event 2
- 11 – Mon – Packing Shed Mtg*
- 13 – Wed – Probus mtg LR 09.00*
- 14 – Thur – Ladies Luncheon Club LR*
- 15 – Fri – Rotary Dinner/Dance*
- 17 – Sun – Father's Day Lunch
- 23 – Sat – Arabian Night Summer Party
- 30 – Sat – Crouch YC Rally/Supper*

July

- 1 – Sun – LH 3 – Racers Menu
- 11 – Wed – Probus mtg LR 09.00*
- 9 – 13 – EAORA Week*
- 23 – 27 – **Cadet Week**
- 28 – Sat – Wallet Cup – Skeleton Crew race

August

- 8 – Wed – Probus mtg LR 09.00*
- 12 – 18 – **Mersea Week**
- 12 – Sun – DSC Regatta*
- 15 – Wed – RMI Race
- 17 – Fri – WMYC Regatta
- 18 – Sat – Town Regatta*

* Not WMYC events **LR** Long Room **LH** Local Handicap
MSP Mersea Spring Points **MAP** Mersea Autumn Points

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