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- ... Tim recalls his formative years
- ... in Barbados, Brittany, Corsica and more
- ... planning for the big night
- ... "I did think of putting a label on Brian too"
- ... love to go sailing, but not if it's too windy
- ... keen competition at home and away
- ... the quality and warmth of our staff
- ... a mix of rescues, fundraising and bombs
- ... from Heybridge to the rias of Spain
- ... before, during and after the Rio Olympics
- ... back again at last
- ... pile moorings, launches and City Road
- ... Pufnstuf meets them head-on
- ... Faith keeping order on the airwaves
- ... a carnival of fun both on and off the water
- ... three boats, three stories, many memories
- ... ask any grey bearded seadog
- ... adventure sailing after thee years in the Azores
- ... totalled 8 cruises and 37 boats
- ... those who deliver our club experience
- ... all welcome
- ... something to put on the sideboard



Cover photo: Hannah Mills and Saskia Clark win gold in Rio

Editorial

Well, here we are with our Olympic edition, squeezed in between a wealth of members' sailing (and laying-up) experiences far and wide: Russia, Finland, Sweden, Brittany, Corsica, Spain and the Azores, not to mention Rio. All this plus racing and cruising much nearer to home. Please enjoy!

2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the Molliette in its present form and 13 years since I took over as editor from Faith Tippett who first thought of it in 1993. The Molliette would not have developed as it has without Faith's original inspiration and the support and encouragement of successive Commodores, for which I am very grateful. I am now standing down as Editor and look forward to handing over to my successor early next year.

Meanwhile please send any contributions via the Club Office. Ideally send text in MS Word or as an e-mail attachment. Pictures, with suggested captions to identify persons/boats/places, are best as JPEG files, highest resolution possible but not embedded in Word files and, for large numbers, on a CD or memory stick.

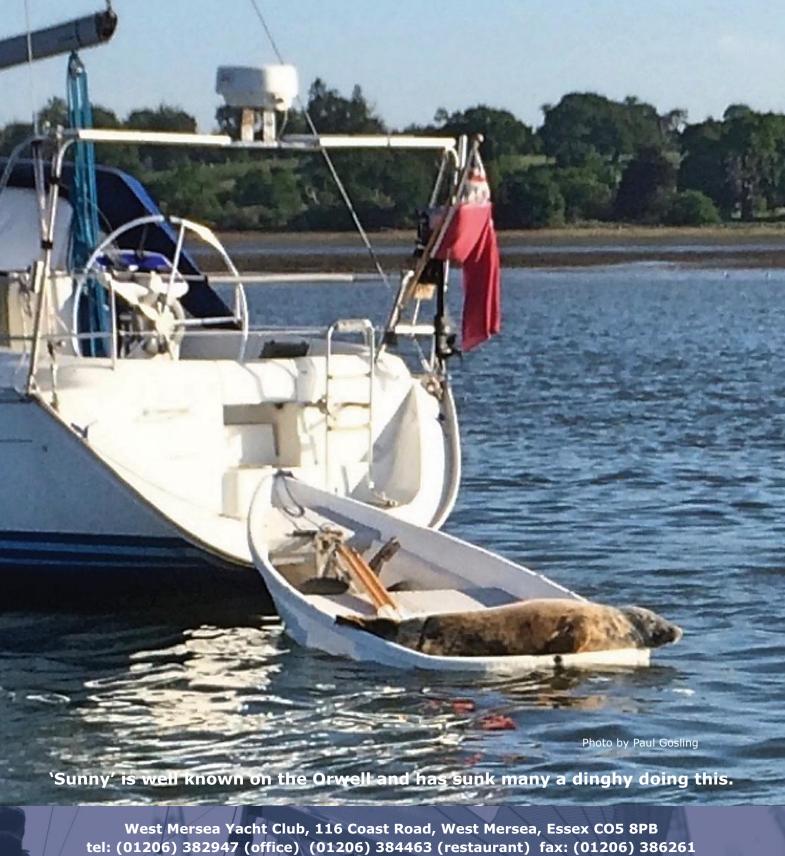
As always, early contributions and boat names in italics will be much appreciated.

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