

EACC Newsletter

Winter 2024

Welcome to the New Skipper

A Note from Jamie!

Didn't January feel a long month! Finally, the nights are starting to draw out and Spring is on the horizon. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and are fully refreshed and ready for another year of sailing and socialising with EACC.

With another packed calendar of events for 2024 there will be plenty of opportunities for us all to sail and mingle throughout the year, which is after all what EACC is all about! The dates for your diary are to the right, and for more details on what's coming up you can visit the website, www.ea-cc.org

Our next social events include the Winter Walk in February, followed by the pub night in March and then our fabulous Rigging Out Supper in April which will be held in the beautiful Ranworth Village Hall. Home cooked food supplied by our very own members and a well-stocked bar will kick off our 2024 sailing season.

In the absence of a Social Secretary, we are currently looking for volunteers to support with organising and/or helping with all our social events throughout the year, so please contact me if you would like to support the Club on any events.

Claire Markham has kindly taken on the role of TMOR co-ordinator. Claire will be looking for support in the coming weeks, so please see more details at the end of the newsletter and if you can give us an hour of two, please let us know!

Jamie Bennett

Skipper



Dates For Your Diary

Sun 11th February

Winter Walk
Neatishead

Sat 2nd March

Pub night – location TBC
(look out for an email!)

Sat 20th April

Rigging Out Supper
Ranworth Village Hall

Fri 3rd to Mon 6th May

Spring Cruise

Sun 12th May

Spring Regatta

Fri 24th to Mon 27th May

Thurne Mouth Open Regatta

Sat 22nd to Sun 23rd June

EACC RCC Open

Sat 29th June to Sat 6th July

Southern Rivers Cruise

A bad day sailing is 100 times better than a good day at work

EACC Updates

A quick glance of events completed or coming up!

Charity Update

I am very pleased to confirm that EACC raised £500 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance over 2023, and Liz Chettleburgh and Tom Moore have been to the air ambulance base station to present the cheque to their Team. More details on the cheque presentation and their visit are on the website.

Our charity for 2024 is NANSA, who are the Norfolk and Norwich Send Association. They provide specialist support and provision for people of all ages living with, or caring for others with, special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Please give generously throughout the year to help support the works of this fantastic charity.

Membership Forms

We have held our membership fee for 2024 at £25 which is incredibly good value compared to many other sailing clubs across the country. Your membership forms will be landing on your door mat soon, so please look out for them and return them asap to the Membership Secretary. Thanks to Colin and Frankie for completing this.

Club House Update

At the AGM in December Tom Moore presented an update on the proposed clubhouse on the moorings, which included details on potential construction methods and materials, with options to keep ongoing maintenance to a minimum. Following a few questions from the attendees a vote was taken on whether the Club should progress with moving to the next stage of site investigations and this was approved.

However, before we can progress with site investigations we need to understand if there are any grants available to fund these works, so if any members have supported other sailing clubs with grant applications, please could they contact Jamie (Skipper) – your knowledge will be invaluable in helping us to make successful applications to fund what will become a great asset for the club.

Support For Racing Events

The calendar of events for 2024 has been agreed, however we are seeking volunteers to come forwards to support on the line and provide safety boat cover to enable EACC to hold these racing events safely and with a full team on the line. If you can lend a hand on our events as line support or on the safety boat, please contact Second Mate and we will slot you into our calendar of events.

If you may be thinking that you couldn't volunteer as you don't have experience on the line please don't worry! Our members are very happy to buddy up and show you what is required during an event, so literally anyone can volunteer and learn the ropes!

Our events cannot run without your support for which the Club is always very grateful, so please volunteer your time so that we can run a full calendar of events in 2024.

Updated EACC Website

Thanks to Paul & John who have redesigned the website. Please go to www.ea-cc.org to check it out.

Follow EACC!

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/eaccfacebook>

X (Twitter): @EACruisingClub

WhatsApp: Please contact colinchett@outlook.com to join!

EACC Updates

Thurne Tables

Don't forget that we are endeavouring to support The Lion at Thurne through the winter by reserving a table for EACC members every Friday evening at 19:00.

Come for a meal and/or a drink and catch up with other EACC members! If you are planning to go and would like some company, please use our EACC Facebook page, Twitter page or WhatsApp group to let everyone know.

To join the EACC WhatsApp Group, please email colinchett@outlook.com and we will get you added into the group. It's also a good way of keeping in contact to see what else the group are doing throughout the year!

TMOR 2024

TMOR planning is well underway for this year, and we are looking forward to another regatta full of sailing, socialising, eating, drinking, music and maybe a little dancing as well!!

The event only runs due to the phenomenal generosity of several volunteers who give up their valuable time to help with the planning, building and running of TMOR, but we desperately need more volunteers this year to help us!

If you can spend a couple of hours helping in the week leading up to TMOR with site preparation, and/or during the weekend of the regatta before/during/after races please let us know. We particularly need help with serving food throughout the day and help on the bar. The good news is that no previous experience is required, as training will be given. We can find a role for every volunteer! If you can help, please contact Claire Markham via email at tmor.eacc@gmail.com.

As my teacher used to say – “if everyone does a little, no-one has to do a lot”.

Moorings Working Group

Due to the amazing work of our Moorings Working Groups, we have been able to repair and maintain the condition of the moorings ourselves saving the Club thousands of pounds in maintenance costs by not having to get a company in to complete the work! Please support the Mooring Working Groups if you can, as we would like to keep saving money by completing the work ourselves.

Safety Boat

Ian Mason has very kindly offered to hold a safety boat training day again this year for our members. This fun and informal day is open to both new members who would like to volunteer on the safety boat, to members who would like a refresher day to improve their skills. The session will cover retrieving a boat in trouble and returning boats back to moorings etc. The training is completely **free** but spaces are limited, so look out for an email soon to register your interest

A final thought!

I will leave you with this thought for next season:

“On a day when the wind is perfect, the sail just needs to open, and the world is full of beauty.” *Rumi, Parsian Poet*

I look forward to seeing you at the pub night and the rigging out supper. If you can support the club in any way, please contact me!