

# EACC Newsletter

Autumn '23

## EACC NEEDS YOU!

### *New Year, New Challenge!*

I am forever grateful for the significant number of willing volunteers we have who organise work parties, keep the safety boats running, run the racing, produce the results, man the safety boats, keep the grass cut on the moorings, sell insignia, battle with our archives, keep you updated through the website and mailings etc etc. The list is huge. In my mind this is part of what makes EACC unique as everyone gives their time and expertise willingly and it is much appreciated!

Now is your chance!

We will have a few of spaces to fill on the Committee for 2024. Please contact the **Skipper** or the **Mate** if you are interested in finding out more about this. It is not arduous, just meeting once a month, and in fact is an enjoyable way to find out what makes EACC tick, plus the benefit of getting to know members a little better.

We are also still seeking a **Charity Co-ordinator** for 2024, and thanks to Tom Moore for doing the liaison with East Anglian Air Ambulance this year and for a few of you for organising donations at various events.

I am also putting out a call for a **Mate** for Jamie Bennett-Martin who has 'volunteered' to put himself forward as your new skipper for 2024.

We will also be seeking a new **Social Secretary** as Cally Smith has, after a good 10 years of gallant organising, decided to hang up her social secretary's hat.

If you are willing to take on this role or organise just one of our planned winter social events for 2024 please let me know asap.

**There are good ships and wood ships, and ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, and may they always be.**

*An old Irish proverb!*



## Update from the Skipper

Where did the summer go? I blinked and the weather changed from over 20 degrees in October and wearing shorts - to needing a hat, scarf and warm jacket!

I hope you managed to enjoy our 'Indian Summer' which fortuitously incorporated both our Autumn Cruise to Barton and our Autumn Regatta – sadly our last sailing events of 2023. Thanks to Colin and Frankie Little for organising the cruise up to Barton. Thanks to Steve Seeney and his band of helpers for running the postponed summer regatta races on the Saturday prior to the Autumn Regatta. John Aves also deserves a special mention as he has supported all of our racing events this year producing the results quickly and efficiently.

Apologies that this summer seems to have disappeared at a rate of knots without me drafting a newsletter. I blame retirement and enjoying myself too much!

Liz Chettleburgh

*Skipper*

# EACC Updates

*A quick glance of items completed or coming up!*

## *Seven-year lease – secured!*

Many thanks also to our trustees – John Aves and Roger Everett who have been working with me to secure a seven-year lease for EACC which is in its final stages of agreement. We have been running on a 'Heads of Terms agreement' for the last few years but this longer lease will provide more security and longevity. The last lease we had was back on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1990, when my Dad was EACC Treasurer – and much to my surprise signed the document!

## *Laying Up Supper*

**Saturday 11 November**

Our Social Secretary has secured The Lion at Thurne for our annual Laying Up Supper where we have a three-course dinner laid on for a very reasonable cost. I hope to see you all there to relive the 2023 season. If you have won a trophy, it would be much appreciated if you could attend or arrange for a crew member to collect your winnings!

## *AGM at Horning sailing Club*

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Don't forget to put this date in your diary as there will be a presentation and a members vote on the merits or otherwise of having our own clubhouse on our EACC moorings at Thurne as well as the usual voting to elect the committee and our officers.

The seven-year lease agreement as mentioned above also provides EACC with the ability to apply for grants if the members vote for the clubhouse to go ahead. If you have expertise in applying for grants and are willing to get involved, please let us know.

With a similar AGM format to the last couple of years planned – a reminder to please bring any drinks for yourselves. Tea, coffee, with festive homemade mince pies and sausage rolls will be on offer in return for a donation to our East Anglian Air Ambulance charity for 2023.

**Please make sure that EACC has your email address for us to email the AGM papers out to you!**

## **A final thought!**

I will leave you with this thought for next season:

“The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change, the realist adjusts the sails.” *William Arthur Ward, American Writer*

I look forward to seeing you at the Laying Up Supper and the AGM and I am looking forward to getting some new volunteers on board!

## *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](mailto: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 over winter!

## *Tin Tin - Safety Boat*

Please do not leave any metal items on Tin Tin. Any metal left can cause electrolysis, which can damage the hull of Tin Tin. If you do use the safety boats, please check nothing is left behind. Any problems, please contact a committee member.