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Saturday 30th October 2010
7.00pm for 7.30pm

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Annual Dinner/Dance & Prize Giving

Saturday 30th October 2010

At

The Clubhouse, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge

7:00pm for 7:30pm

In this edition of “Flotsam” you will find the menu selection and booking form for this year’s Dinner/Dance and Prize Giving which will take place at Up River Yacht Club on Saturday 30th October.

As previously, there will be a seating limitation of 70, and allocation will be strictly on a first come, first reserved situation.

All booking forms and corresponding cheques, made payable to **UP RIVER YACHT CLUB** must be received by:

Adrian Reynolds

147 Manners Way, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6QP

Telephone 01702 330358

no later than Friday 1st October 2010

The House Committee look forward to welcoming you to this premier event!

If you have any articles or photographs you would like to have included in Flotsam, please send them by email to flotsam@upriver.org, or post to URYC, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge, Essex



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COMMODORES REPORT

Once again its Flotsam time, and it heralds coming events, news and items of interest. Unfortunately, I have to start on a sad note. THEO STANLEY one of the founder members of UP RIVER and skipper of the sailfish BLUE MARLIN passed away aged 83. He had been suffering from an illness for the last year and never recovered. He will be remembered by me for the series of very interesting and informative articles published in Flotsam about his exploits in his beloved Blue Marlin. His son Mr D Stanley will inform us re any funeral arrangements which we will pass on in due course.

On to happier news. So far (I write this during the July heatwave) the weather has been above expectations and club events have been well attended. Reports' coming back show a great time was had by all. Our regatta was to my mind a success with new ideas and events staged and a fair profit was made, my sincere thanks to all those who gave of their time so generously. I now look forward to the annual prize giving/dinner, the food once again being prepared by 1777, the menu and booking forms are to be found in this edition of Flotsam. Get them returned a.s.a.p. as there is sure to be a waiting list.

Things are moving at the clubhouse. The new kitchen furniture has been ordered and delivered and thanks to Craigs stirring work and with the assistance of a band of helpers will soon be installed. The hallway has been replastered after the burst water pipe and awaits painting , this will most probably be done at the same time as the new floor tiles are laid later this year. With all this work the main room of the clubhouse is looking a little jaded. If any members have ideas for a “spruce up” please let the committee know so that the ideas can be mulled over.



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As many of you know I have always been on about security and protection against theft, recently Brandy hole Y.C. had a burglary and an engine tools and other items stolen to my chagrin on the same night my new 2.7 mtr seago inflatable was removed from the club grounds Yes, don't say it, I TOLD YOU SO Seriously, if you leave it lock it. Two seconds of stupidity causes hours of grief.

I will finish now by wishing all members all the very best for the coming season and may it be all that you wish for.

Derek

Membership Update

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following members who are new to the club this year:

Paul Beven and family

Terry and Christina Hall

Tony and Tim Parfett

Ian Kenlin

Eric & Wendy Bender

We were very sorry to hear the sad news that Maureen Vince passed away in March. Our condolences were sent to Cameron and his family. Maureen had been a regular volunteer in the kitchen on dinghy racing days as well as being a highly respected member of Rochford District and Parish Councils and a leading force in many organisations in the Rochford Area.

Ron Cook has left the club this year having been a regular crew member on Venti Too. We will miss his cheerful smile as he rode around the club on the mower. We wish him well in his 'retirement'. We are grateful to Alan Parker who has kindly stepped in to help Ken Letch with the grass cutting.

Dave Raven has also left the club this year having sold his Pirate, Mimi.

Julia Hall, Membership Secretary.



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Purser's Stores

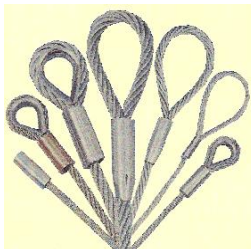
Wear the name of URYC with pride! For Club regalia contact

Peter Bailes - 01245 322786



pcbailles@hotmail.com

Mens and Ladies Rugby Shirts	£25
Mens and Ladies Polo Shirts	£14
Mens and Ladies Fleece	£23
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Launch and Recovery Syndicate

Second Work Party

Sunday 12th September 2010

9.00am

To refresh your memories, all members of the syndicate must attend both Work Parties where maintenance is undertaken on:

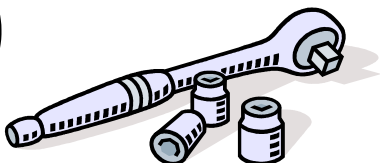
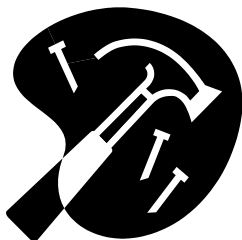
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Lifting Strops / Turning Block / Stern Lines Warning Boards / Tender
Trolleys

You should bring:

Chipping Hammers / Wire Brushes / Paint Brushes / Files / Grease
Guns / Socket Sets / Ring Spanners etc.

See You There!





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Obituary – Theo Stanley

John Bowen, writes: "I am sorry to announce that Theo Stanley, C.Eng, MIET, Dip. passed away at home on Thursday, 8th July 2010. He was 83.

A brilliant Cambridge Graduate: he had an answer for just about everything. As an Engineer for Eastern Electricity, Theo was always in trouble for installing larger Transformers than his bosses could afford!

He also introduced Automatic Reset on the Distribution System that saved a whole village being off power to hours until a Chartered Engineer attended to reset the contactors which had tripped out due maybe to a storm.

Years ago Theo sailed me around a Fiat Panda which was in Tollesbury flooded Car Park - the water was up to the windows.

He was a wiz at Cambridge on the Canal sailing for the Cam Sailing Club at Waterbeach - he won a number of Glass Bowls there.

He was the skipper of a Sailfish boat called Blue Marlin and sailed on the River Crouch from Hullbridge, Essex where he was Vice President and Founder Member of the Up River Yacht Club."

Theo wrote many articles for the magazine. His joy of life and enjoyment of sailing shone through. I also remember him sailing past me in Blue Marlin. There could only have been a couple of inches of water. I told him I thought he must have added wheels! I also remember that he made the river a little safer by marking some dangerous piles on the edge of Bridgemarsh Island with poles and cones.

I'm sure he will be sadly missed.

Chris Nolan



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A SPECIAL REQUEST

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Up River Yacht Club Membership Fees are extremely reasonable when compared with other sailing clubs.

Your Executive Committee works hard to keep the running costs of the club to a minimum.

However, on several recent occasions the following problems have been encountered:

Lights left on in the toilets and changing rooms on bright sunny days

Taps left running – hot and cold

Gates left unlocked

External Clubhouse door to the toilet and changing room area left unlocked and nobody in the club grounds

Boat shed doors left wide open

Heating and hot water left on constant setting

All of these problems will lead to increased costs and reduced security for the club.

This will obviously have an impact on all members.

So **PLEASE** be vigilant and make sure that you

LOCK THE DOORS & GATES

SWITCH OFF THE LIGHTS

TURN OFF THE TAPS

TURN OFF THE HEATING



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HM Coastguard



New System for the Disposal of Time Expired Pyrotechnics

From 1st April 2010 if you want to hand over time expired pyrotechnics, like distress flares, to HM Coastguard for safe disposal you must contact your nearest centre to make an appointment.*

Please be ready to give details of the type, quantity, age and condition of your time expired pyrotechnics when you call.

Please note that it is illegal to put time expired pyrotechnics in the general rubbish or to fire them, unless there is an emergency.

* MRCC Thames 01255 675518

HM Coastguard

East Terrace

Walton on Naze

Essex

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Rear Commodore – House

The house committee has been very busy this year organising various events, some of which have been successful, others quite disappointing.

The 'At Home' was very badly attended by members with only one club person turning up who was not a committee member or Flag Officer.

On a lighter note, the Regatta was a great success with plenty of interesting stalls and even donkey rides. We had perfect weather and the Club and grounds looked a picture thanks to a very well attended work party the day before.

The next big event will be the annual Dinner Dance, which again is being held at the Yacht Club. This has proved to be very popular in the last two years so early booking is advised. Details of the event are elsewhere in Flotsam.

In August, we will be installing a new kitchen and thanks go to Craig Osler who with the help of a few other members will rip out the 'Old' and install the 'New'.

Just a reminder that the club and bar are open every Friday evening and Sunday lunch time with extremely favourable prices. Hope to see you there!!!

Pat Harris

Rear Commodore – House.



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R.N.L.I.

MINI Quiz

&

FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

Saturday 2nd October 2010

8pm

£5 per person

All profits to the RNLI



**RNLI Christmas Cards, Calendars, Gifts etc.
will also be available to purchase**

Please add your name on the list if you are attending



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DINNER, DANCE & PRIZE GIVING



Full details and booking forms are in this edition of Flotsam and on the club notice board. Please complete and return, with payment, to Adrian Reynolds no later than Friday 1st October 2010

(Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis!)





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Dinner, Dance & Prize Giving 2010 - Menu & Booking Form

Date: Saturday 30th October 2010
Venue: Up River Yacht Club, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge, SS5 6PA
Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm **Price:** £22.00 each

The Executive Committee has agreed to subsidise Cadets under the age of 16 to receive the same meal selection for a cost of £11.00 provided that each Cadet is accompanied by a parent or responsible adult paying full price.

Please make your selection for the meal from the list below and post the booking form, with your cheque, to Adrian Reynolds by **Friday 1st October 2010**.

Starter

- A: Hickory smoked chicken breast in a creamy Caesar salad presented in Cos lettuce leaves
- B: Smooth Pork pate served with French toast on a bed of lettuce with spicy roasted onion and apricot chutney
- C: Fresh Tiger Prawns and smoked salmon on a pillow of Rocket and Mizuno leaves bound with a Pine nut and roast tomato Olive oil dressing
- D: Fans of Honeydew melon served with a wild fruit and mango coullis dressed with compote of forest fruits

Main Course

- E: Sautéed chicken breast filled with fresh spinach, cream cheese and garlic, with compote of chargrilled peppers and sun dried tomatoes with a champagne sauce
- F: Braised shank of lamb with a melange of roasted vegetables and Merlot sauce
- G: Wholegrain coated roasted sirloin of beef chasseur, with a rich sauce of mushrooms, tomato and tarragon
- H: Grilled fillet of Sea Bass served with a lime basil dressing and a salad of mixed leaves

Dessert

- 1. Marbled Strawberry and Cream cheesecake served with Vanilla cream
- 2. Creamy Mocha Chino mousse served with a fudge brownie square
- 3. Traditional Summer Pudding served with mixed fruits and clotted cream
- 4. English Cheeseboard selection served with Chutney, Biscuits, Salad and Granary Bread

Coffee / Tea

(Please turn over for booking form)



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UP RIVER YACHT CLUB DINNER / DANCE AND PRIZE GIVING

Name:

Telephone No: Email address.....

Please reserve meplaces for the URYC Dinner and Dance.

I enclose a cheque made payable to UP RIVER YACHT CLUB FOR £

My/our choice of menu is *please state (A), (B), (C) etc. for each course*

<u>Name</u> (please state if a Cadet)	<u>Starter</u>	<u>Main</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
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**Please return this booking form together with your cheque
no later than Friday 1st October 2010
to:**

Adrian Reynolds,
147, Manners Way,
Southend -on-Sea,
Essex, SS2 6QP



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WORK PARTY No 4

Sunday 17th October



9.00 am

Please remember that if you have not already done a work party this year this is your last opportunity!

**NB: The Cruiser Class AGM
will commence at 2.00pm**



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URYC – Club Cruise June 2010.

With the date set, the itinerary agreed and the necessary Marina berths booked, the club cruise did not get off to a smooth start as the weather didn't look kindly on us at all. With a few days to go and much consulting of weather forecasts the Saturday and Sunday promised 4 to 5's with occasional 7's thrown in.

However most boats departed Hullbridge on the Friday evening and went to Burnham Yacht Harbour. It wasn't that warm and onboard 'Sinbad's Return' we were definitely dressed for anything but summer.

We held a cruise meeting and decided that Monday morning was likely to be the most favourable departure time. This was born out by strong chilly winds on the Sunday.

Gerry Ledger (Attila), who had sailed later than the rest of us had gone on ahead with his crew Danny Daniels and they made the choice of running for the 'Backwaters' as Harwich bay was very unpleasant.

On Sunday it was agreed that the cruise would start early on Monday morning but that we would go to Shotley Marina, cut out Ipswich all together and proceed to the River Deben from Shotley.

On Monday we had a reasonable passage to Shotley and all of the 15 boats going were together other than Gerry. The last leg of the passage from Clacton to Shotley was a bit uncomfortable for some of the crews but it was a great sail other than the 'Pots' dotted all over the place.

As with most of the club cruises the social side was excellent and it was lovely to have Bob Buckingham's mum Gladys with us once again (Bacchante)

Tim and Ben Harris (Estelle) left slightly earlier than the rest of us on the Tuesday morning bound for the River Ore and rejoining us a day later.



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Again in company, but without Jacquie and Steve Honour (Krystal Jaq) who were making for Ipswich, we all made our way to the River Deben. Jim McAvoy (Cestria) now had his grand daughter as crew and she thoroughly enjoyed her time, as did Jim having such a happy crew-member. It was not an outstanding sail but pleasurable all the same.

The entrance was reasonable for the state of tide and leading the convoy, we in (Sinbad's Return) made the first run in. This was quickly aborted as we dropped from 12 feet to 4 foot in a matter of seconds and in the swell this was not ideal.

Fortunately, a local fishing boat passed us and his course was much further to the south than indicated by the buoys. This time, Gill and Chris Staggs (Barbary Coast) were lead boat and found at least a further metre of water. So like a long procession we all entered the Deben with Alan Turner and Chris (Mirari) bringing up the rear.

We had a very pleasant evening sail up the Deben and arrived off the tide mill waiting for the tide to make over the sill. This wasn't a lengthy wait and we were soon all rafted up.

Woodbridge is a lovely stop and we had three nights there with the 'Club BBQ' held with every one in attendance. The weather by now had fully broken and was extremely hot. A good reason to keep quenching a thirst!

On the Wednesday, Graham and Tracy Lazell and family (Dream Catcher) had to return for exams on Thursday so we wished them off as the sun shone.

Sadly, Colin King (Jaffa) also had to get home before the weekend, and we wished him Bon voyage on the Thursday as he sailed straight back to the Crouch.

Whilst at Woodbridge we all said goodbye to Rebecca, Jim's Granddaughter, as she was collected by her mum and sisters.



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On Friday we all left the Tide Mill at around mid-day with a fresh breeze building which was promising.

Leaving the Deben under sail we notched 8.9 knots with ebb tide running over the bar and it was probably the best conditions I have ever left the Deben River.

It was at this stage that 'Estelle' and 'Attila' said their goodbyes, as both boats had to make the River Crouch and home for the weekend.

The return trip to Shotley was uneventful other than Chris and John (Foot Loose) who managed to find a lobster pot and get it around their keel and rudder.

'Barbary Coast' stood by and, via channel 16 Thames Coastguard; the local boat from Felixstowe Ferry came out and pulled Foot Loose free.

In the evening, everyone joined together and had a meal in the 'Shipwreck Restaurant' where the manageress had laid out an area for us to all sit together.

The last leg home was different for some of the crews, as they wished to get to their home moorings that afternoon. We locked out of Shotley from about 04:30 onwards with Chris and Julia (Pinar), Les Heath and Alan Fuller (Umande), Mike Capling (Serenade), Alan Parker and David Dean (Tripper), and Chris and John (Foot Loose) leading out first.

This left Sue and Peter Bailes (Janita), Jim McAvoy (Cestria), Gill and Chris Staggs (Barbary Coast), and us, Pat and Steve Harris (Sinbad's Return) as the rear guard bound for Burnham Yacht harbour.

We had a good sail home. We sailed all the way from Harwich pier to the Royal Corinthian at Burnham in just 6 hours, which wasn't too bad as the winds were fickle.

At Burnham, we were again joined by Penny and Rob Yarwood (Wizard) who had been unable to join the cruise this year due to it being in 'School term time'.



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We enjoyed our last night of the cruise with a very nice meal at the White Hart Hotel but were all shattered so an early night called having been up since 04:30.

On the Sunday we waited for the morning tide and attended the Burnham Life Boat 'Open Day', which was very good and had our life jackets checked at the same time.

Of concern was that my own jacket 'Failed' as the gas bottle had become loose/undone.

Prior to leaving we bumped into Chris Nolan our Flotsam Editor and he was keen that we should put pen to paper for Flotsam.

It was a great week and I know that many enjoyed, what was their first ever Club Cruise.

It was a shame that we lost one leg due to weather, which meant a double visit to Shotley, but that was a compromise based on safety and for the comfort of those new to coastal sailing.

Chris Staggs, as Cruiser Class Captain and organiser was thanked at the Shotley 'Shipwreck' meal for all his efforts and troubles in especially the Marina bookings and this year the cancellations.

I hope that I have not missed anything or person out as no notes were taken, and this is a recall of what was a very happy, pleasant cruise in excellent company.

Steve Harris

Sinbad's Return.