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Commodore's Report

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy 2014.

Elsewhere in this edition of Flotsam you will find the 2013 AGM minutes which include my report and a round-up of the year.

So now let's look to the future. There have been some major changes to the Dinghy Sailing Programme which will hopefully encourage, and enable, more people to take part. There are also great plans to restart a cadet section at Up River.

Graham Lazell and Carol Thompson have arranged a set of Navigation training sessions for interested members. Cruise in Company activities are also included in the Programme of Events booklet for 2014-15.

For all the latest up-to-date information please use the club website at www.upriver.org.uk

May I remind all Cruiser owners, and other members who kindly come along to assist, that the insurance issues we had at the end of 2013 have not changed anything regarding our L&R operations. Our guidelines for the Safety Procedure for Launch and Recovery Sessions remain the same and are in your copy of the cruiser Register. They are also in the Members' area on the club website.

The Insurance Company were provided with a description of the L&R system that we use. This means that any use of club equipment will only be covered by the club insurance if used in full accordance with this description.

Julia Hall, Commodore



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2014 SEASON

All monies are to be paid by the 31st of March 2014. Late payment shall incur a levy of £20. All fees remain the same as last year and are listed on the reverse of the renewal form.

Renewal forms have been sent out. All members are required to complete all the relevant sections annually in order to maintain up-to-date records.

Mooring Renewal and CHA Pad forms have also been included where appropriate. You may choose to obtain your CHA plaque direct from the CHA office. All information is on their website at crouchharbour.org.uk

As usual the Crouch Harbour Dues vary according to the length of the boat. These charges are listed on the Membership Renewal Forms.

The Crouch Harbour Authority have set the Mooring Fee at £130 for 2014.

Cruiser Members Please Note - The Mooring Renewal form must also be completed, signed and sent to the Membership Secretary with your Membership Renewal form. No mooring form may result in the assumption that you do not wish to retain your mooring.

Please remember that applications and payment for Summer Lay-Up need to be made to the Executive Committee in advance.

Once you have returned your forms and fees you will be issued with the combined club Programme of Events and Tide Tables for 2014-15 and CHA Plaques as appropriate.

Just a reminder not to dispose of your copy of the Programme of Events and Tide Tables for 2013-14 as the tide tables and programme of events for Jan - Mar 2014 are included in this.

Please send your completed renewal forms and payment to the address given on your renewal form.

Chris Hall, Membership Secretary.

Two Reminders to Cruiser Owners:

1. Please lock up your ladders!

An unsecured ladder poses a security threat to other people's boats as well as your own!

2. Please secure your halyards etc.
so that the noise does not disturb local residents.

Thank you



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Lightning Travellers

In total, 7 club Lightning 368's travelled from Up River YC to compete in the 2013 National Travellers series. Matt Hopkins once again was top dog with 4 open meeting wins and narrowly missing out on the overall title. Who knows what would have happened if his mast had not snapped in the pre-start at the Up River Open. Further congratulations to Penny Yarwood for retaining her Lady's National Champion title as the 3 boats that attended from URYC took 4th, 5th and 6th. Full results are listed below:

- Matt Hopkins:** 2nd overall – 2013 Travellers Series
4th National Championships – Northampton SC
3rd Sea Championships – Weston SC
3rd Inland Championships – Haversham SC
1st Northern Area Championships – Manor Park SC
1st Broxbourne SC open
1st Fishers Green SC open
1st Rum & Mince Pies – WOSC open
2nd Hunstanton SC open
- Simon Hopkins:** 4th overall – 2013 Travellers Series
5th National Championships – Northampton SC
4th Sea Championships – Weston SC
2nd Up River YC & 3rd Fishers Green SC opens
3rd Broxbourne SC & 3rd Hunstanton SC opens
4th Cookham Reach SC & Oxford SC & Rum & Mince Pies
WOSC opens
- Penny Yarwood:** 7th overall – 2013 Travellers Series
6th & 1st Lady - National Championships – Northampton SC
2nd Northern Area Championships - Manor Park SC
3rd Up River YC open
4th Hunstanton SC open
- Paul Beven:** 13th overall – 2013 Travellers Series
- Nathan Beven:** 14th overall – 2013 Travellers Series
4th Fishers Green SC open
- Graham Lazell:** 25th overall – 2013 Travellers Series (not completing enough races to qualify)
- Luke Lazell:** 34th overall – 2013 Travellers Series (not completing enough races to qualify)

Simon Hopkins



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF UP RIVER YACHT CLUB 2013

HELD IN THE CLUB ON SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER AT 14:00

Attendance: Adrian Reynolds, Pauline Reynolds, Chris Hall, Julia Hall, Alex Gore, Mick Groombridge, Jim Craven, John Luff-Smith, Derek Underwood, Steve Harris, Alan Parker, Alan Donker, Keith Hills, Doug Payne, Alan Maynard, Keith Pennington, Ron Osler, Mike Nutt, Alan Fuller, Pip Rodgers, David Dean, Tim Harris, Pat Harris, Gerry Ledger, Marcus Ingram, Malcolm York, John Hodges, Terry Sumerfield, Dennis Haggerty, Eric Bender, Grant Cobbing, Ian Dawson, Chris Staggs, Michael Ettershank, Graham Lazell, Simon Hopkins, Alan Brown. (37)

Apologies: David Willsmore, Jane & Paul Pelling, Michael Aarons, Ian Kenlin, Ian Gore, Steve Hatley, Les Heath, Alan Turner, Amanda Harris, Colin King, Allan Adkin, Ben Harris, Paul Osler, Daren Brown.

Minutes of 2012 AGM

One small correction to the attendance list (Keith Halls should read Keith Hills).

Jim Craven asked why the comments regarding the use of motor boats had not been included in the minutes. Alan Parker read out the relevant section from the 2012 minutes.

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the 2012 meeting.

Proposed: Gerry Ledger / Seconded: Steve Harris

Matters Arising: Julia referred to two items under 2012 AOB:

Ringlenatz - The feeling of the Executive is that there has not been a problem, even in the recent strong winds. Any attempt to move the boat and trailer may indeed cause more problems than if we leave it where it is.

Waterlogged fields - The drainage pipes in the lower field were cleared as were all the drainage ditches. The trough at the top gate has helped to some extent but needs some more work. The water leak that we discovered may well have been an ongoing problem for quite some time. This whole area of the country has been waterlogged in recent weeks. Our problem is not unique.

Commodore's Report

Welcome to the 2013 Up River AGM.

We started the year with some interesting Friday evening talks which were well attended. We are looking to arrange some different speakers for next year and Graham Lazell is also arranging some training evenings with Carol Thompson.

The Kids Fun Day was a new venture this year and was a great success. There



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are plans to build on this next year but Marcus will be speaking about that.

The new club website is up and running but sadly is not being used to its full extent by the members.

Around the clubhouse and grounds apart from the usual maintenance, CCTV was installed, the flag pole was repaired, the drainage pipes in the lower field were cleared as were all the drainage ditches. The tender park was cleared of old abandoned tenders. This was done in preparation for work on the boundary hedge. We also had a repair to the main water supply after a serious leak was discovered.

The major project for this year has of course been the improvements to the Gent's Showers, toilets and changing rooms with the additional facility of a large family toilet. Although various people have helped at different stages of this project I can not mention it without giving a very special thank you to Alan Turner and Dave Willmore.

The New Handicap for Cruisers has been implemented this year. It was hoped that this may have encouraged more cruisers to take part in the racing programme but the numbers were still very low.

Speaking of cruisers, as you are all fully aware, the start of the season was delayed due to the ground conditions. Unfortunately, the recovery season was also delayed for Insurance reasons. I would like to thank Ben Harris for his help in dealing with this unfortunate situation. I would also like to thank all those members that rallied round and attended many recovery sessions within one week in order to get everyone out of the water as soon as was possible.

The Heads of the River Combined Clubs Committee was reformed this year after a gap of a few years. Idris Lewis of Eyott sailing club is the Chairman. He is also our link to the CHA.

After a meeting literally in the river we have moved forward slightly on the matter of Moorings at The Smugglers. The CHA have agreed that there are now only 3 legal moorings in this area which will now come under our management. Two of these have now paid their mooring fees and harbour dues and are aware that they will do this through Up River for next year. The owner of the boat that went adrift from the third mooring is unknown to us or the CHA.

Many of you will have completed the CHA Questionnaire regarding Speed Limits on the Crouch. The CHA are still awaiting a statistician to collate the responses.

I have tried to keep you all informed throughout the year and I thank you for your support. I would also like to thank the various committees for their support throughout the year.

Julia Hall



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Alan Fuller asked if the insurance issues had changed anything regarding our L&R operations. Julia replied that in order to receive the add on policy, to cover our third party liability on the public footpath, Ben Harris had provided the Insurance company with a description of the L&R system we use. This means that use of club equipment will only be covered by the club insurance if used in full accordance with this description.

Vice Commodore's Report

This has been a busy year for the yacht club and I'm pleased to have been involved with the various events we have held on and off the water. Without wanting to repeat a lot of what Julia has said and Derek is about to say, I will be very brief.

Since the last AGM we hosted the 2012 children's Christmas party which was a great success, with 23 member's children and grandchildren attending. This year's party is on the 14th December which will be even better than last year so please see me if you have children you would like to attend. This is a great event to introduce and involve children in the club, after all they are our future.

I used to work with Keith Musto and so on Friday 10th May he kindly agreed

Launch and Recovery Syndicate

First Work Party

Sunday 9th February 2014 9.00am

To refresh your memories, all members of the syndicate must attend a L&R Work Party where maintenance is undertaken on

Mobile Hoist, Launching & Recovery Trolleys,
Tractors / Launch & Recovery Cable & Drum / Lifting Chain
Blocks / 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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to come and visit us. He gave a very informative talk, which was of great interest to those members that attended.

I have helped out with organising our social functions throughout the year, the last of which was the Dinner & Dance, which was a great success.

Due to other commitments I have been unable to help with the changing room project, apart from a little painting. I would like to thank all those members who have given up their time in the last few weeks. In particular I would like to thank Alan Turner and David Willmore who have given their expertise and a great deal of time and effort to the project.

I would like to offer a vote of thanks to Julia, who has worked tirelessly over recent months sorting out the water, insurance and launch & recovery and working on the changing room project. In the last 5 weeks Julia and Chris have practically lived at the club, arriving at 7.00 a.m. and leaving at 10.00 p.m. on some occasions - which I believe is above and beyond the call of duty. They have done this for the benefit of all of us for which I'm sure everybody appreciates. Thank you, Julia.

Lastly I would like say that the committees are introducing some exciting changes for 2014, ensuring that Up River Yacht Club continues to be a thriving club. I look forward to serving you as Vice Commodore next year.

Alex Gore

Rear Commodore Sailing Report

Firstly I would like to thank all of the sailing committee members and executive committee members who have spent a vast amount of hours working to keep the club how we know it today,

Sailing has been pretty stagnant with regards to the dinghy racing, but is ticking on, there has however been a slight rise in participation in cruiser racing which is pleasing to see, Earlier in the year, URYC adopted the new RYA yardstick system for both dinghies and cruisers and I feel it's giving us all fairer handicap races. We intend continuing the use of these systems.

We have had a couple of really well attended open meetings this year, which does raise our profile and generate income to the club. We also ran a Kids fun day this year which again was really successful and I have received lots of positive feedback from club members who took advantage of the efforts from the people who help organise, run and support the event. The regatta again seemed to be popular with club members and public alike.

Going onto 2014, we have altered the sailing programme somewhat in a bid to freshen it up, and resurrect some races that have not been sailed for sometime.



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More excitingly the sailing committee with support from the exec and the RYA have started making plans to resurrect a cadet section. We have as a committee and no doubt yourselves, have become increasingly aware that if we as a club don't begin to attract people into sailing and give them the opportunity to learn, the club will slowly start to decline. It is my personal aim to give people the opportunity to get into sailing, to assist in teaching them how to sail, and also giving people a safe place to learn and develop, like I had here at Up River some 20 years ago. We obviously need volunteers to help support us in delivering this objective, so if you feel enthused as I do about cadets, your help no matter how small will be gratefully appreciated.

Finally I would also like to say please use the brand new club website. Simon has spent a lot of time revamping it and updating it, and I thank him for his continued effort and dedication on keeping it updated and online, for your information you will now find it at www.upriver.org.uk,

I hope you all have a fantastic xmas and a happy new year

Marcus Ingram

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

URYC are in the process of re-forming a cadet section with the aim of getting young people into sailing, and more importantly allowing people to develop in a safe environment. We have had assistance from the local RYA rep, to plan our project and as of now we have pencilled in a taster day and several sailing tutoring sessions.

We aim to attract local 10-15 year olds, and teach them how to sail with a view that they will hopefully get to a level that they would feel comfortable joining the club as a cadet member in their second year, and participating in racing etc...

We already have a core group of volunteers, we want and would welcome people who would be prepared to spend 2 or 3 Saturdays rescue boat driving, teaching or working the galley, for example.

For more information on our project or to notify your interest to get involved in helping to attract the next generation of members contact me, Marcus Ingram on 01702 747777 or email marcus_ingram@hotmail.co.uk

Marcus Ingram, Rear Commodore Sailing



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Rear Commodore House Report

Taking all things into consideration, this year has been successful on the social scene at Up River.

The inclement weather at the start of the year slowed everybody's plans and led to a delayed start to the yearly pleasure of getting our prides and joys ready. This also had an effect on attendance at the club's Xmas Eve and New Year's Eve drink, with only two customers on Xmas Eve and six on New Year's Eve, leading to a thought that these should be cancelled. This is still under discussion with all committees and Frank and Jean.

We had a couple of guest evenings when talks were given and they were well attended. The usual club events throughout the year have continued to show average attendances and all were financially successful although personally I would like to see more new and a lot of the older faces. Try it, I am sure you would be surprised and delighted by having a great time.

Club work parties have been well attended and my thanks go to Adrian for his conscientious work and special thanks to Pauline for the life-giving drinks and rolls.

On the sailing scene, sterling work by the sailing committee has led to Up River being used for open type events with other clubs/classes attending over weekend events with food being supplied and my thanks go to all those who put in the good work to make the events a success. I believe this will lead to a greater cross over between clubs and make all our enjoyment greater.

As you are all probably aware some major work has been on-going to club facilities and thanks to the club members, this is now almost complete and I am sure will reap benefits to all those using them.

And what for this coming year. The race box foundations have sunk and will need to be strengthened and re-laid. The gradual redecoration of the clubhouse continues and we await suggestions from the members.

Next year's events are already on plan stage with the Dinner Dance to be held at the Chichester venue with a slightly altered agenda. We will keep you informed. Other events include BBQs and a 2015 Valentine's Dance and possibly a Summer Ball. As they say watch this space.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committees for their great work and support over the last year and confirm to you that we will continue to give our utmost effort to ensure this great club continues to be great.

Derek Underwood

Ian Dawson - On behalf of all club members our thanks to all Committee Members for all that has been done on behalf of the club.



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Hon Treasurer's Report

URYC Accounts for the year ending 08/10/2013

	2012		2013
	£2,994.57	B	£2,402.10
	-£119.50	C	-£851.00
	-£3,006.05	E	-£2,584.03
	-£560.84	F	-£651.33
	-£3,842.56	G	-£2,181.68
	-£2,644.48	I	-£2,562.84
	£39.07	K	£134.31
	£25,788.36	M	£24,667.60
	-£533.61	P	-£444.14
	-£450.40	Q	-£573.69
	-£6,076.56	R	-£6,608.30
	£1,071.51	S	£1,186.11
	-£271.65	T	-£39.86
	-£2,275.54	U	-£2,281.37
	-£3,327.50	W	-£3,670.50
	£6,784.82		£5,941.38
Bank		Stock	
Bal b/f	£25,795.57	Bar	£2,089.78
P/L	£5,941.38	Regalia	£1,140.76
	£31,736.95	Kitchen	£69.00
Current Acc	£6,501.00		
Deposit Acc	£25,443.03		
Cash	£167.92		
Creditors	-£375.00		
	£31,736.95		



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Notes	Miscellaneous covers Commodore's Fund, PRS Fees, RYA Affiliation, Regalia sales,
	Bank Interest, Donations, Flowers, URYC website, Dinghy hire for Children's fun day, etc
	£10,000.00 expenditure agreed by executive for gent's toilet refurbishment from 2013 accounts. Work delayed until the end of October due to various activities throughout the year.

Alan Parker

Auditors' Report

The Auditors have reviewed the URYC Accounts for 2013 and agree that they are a true and accurate record of the club's financial accounts.

The Auditors intend to make a proposal for next year's AGM to change the ruling regarding the notification of Boat Registration fees as a separate fund.

Jim Craven & Pat Harris

Election of Officers & Executive Committee

As there were no further nominations and only one nomination for each post it was proposed to vote for the Executive Committee on block.

Proposed Keith Pennington / Seconded Ian Dawson.

The Executive Committee as listed below were voted in unanimously with no votes against and no abstentions.

URYC OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2014

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Julia Hall	Adrian Reynolds	Steve Harris
Vice Commodore	Alex Gore	Julia Hall	Marcus Ingram
Rear Commodore Sailing	Marcus Ingram	Colin King	Alan Parker
Rear Commodore House	Derek Underwood	Ron Pankhurst	David Willsmore
Hon Secretary	Ron Pankhurst	Derek Underwood	Alan Turner
Hon Treasurer	Alan Parker	Steve Harris	Julia Hall
Hon Membership Secretary	Chris Hall	Alan Parker	Colin King
Bar Manager	Steve Harris	Chris Hall	Adrian Reynolds
House Treasurer	Adrian Reynolds	Alex Gore	Derek Underwood
Flotsam Editor	Colin King	David Willsmore	Ron Pankhurst
Moorings Officer	John Luff-Smith	Julia Hall	Chris Hall
Executive Committee	Michael Armstrong	Derek Underwood	Allan Adkin
Executive Committee	Alan Turner	Marcus Ingram	Alex Gore
Executive Committee	David Willsmore	Chris Hall	Steve Harris



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Election of House Committee:

Derek Underwood, Adrian Reynolds, Alex Gore, Patsy Harris, Ian Kenlin, Marian Jones, Julia Hall, Michael Armstrong.

Voted in unanimously.

Notification of Sailing Committee:

Marcus Ingram, Graham Lazell, Penny Yarwood, Tim Harris, Michael Ettershank, Simon Hopkins, Gerry Ledger, Adrian Reynolds, Luke Lazell.

Election of Auditors:

Pat Harris and Jim Craven were both willing to serve as Auditors for 2014.

Proposed Tim Harris / Seconded Simon Hopkins

Pat and Jim were voted in unanimously.

Consideration of suggested rule changes & resolutions:

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It is proposed to maintain all fees and charges at the 2013 rate with two exceptions:

The Executive Committee propose that the Key Deposit charged to New Members be increased from £5 to £10 in line with the actual cost of getting the keys cut.

Under Rule (18) Third Party Insurance. It is a condition of membership that all members owning boats must have a minimum third party cover of an amount determined by the Annual General Meeting and published on the subscription form.

The Executive Committee propose that for 2014 this minimum amount should be increased to £2 million in line with the requirements of the Crouch Harbour Authority Licence.

This proposal was accepted unanimously.

The Executive Committee received only one proposal from members:

Proposed appendix to Rule Three (a)

Should an established member wish to have and use a *Motorboat (providing such a boat falls within the parameters set out below) from URYC then that member be allowed to do so.

*Parameters of a Motorboat that is acceptable:

The hull should be of the displacement type (non planeing).

Have a maximum speed not in excess of 10 knots.



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Be of a size and design that can be accommodated by the Launch & Recovery systems within URYC.

Proposed by: Alan Fuller / Seconded by: Les Heath

Alan Fuller presented his proposal to the AGM and explained that he and Les Heath had put forward this proposal after much discussion around the club and at the cruiser AGM after a member had recently not been allowed to bring a motor boat into the club.

Julia explained that a member informed her that he had purchased a motor boat and asked her to raise the matter at the Executive Committee Meeting in June.

When the Executive Committee considered this individual case it became clear that any decision made would automatically have to be applicable to all other members in the same situation.

The object of the club, as written in the Up River Yacht Club Rules, is to promote amateur boat sailing and racing.

Therefore the Executive Committee unanimously agreed that such a major change to the ethos of the club was beyond their remit and needed to be decided by the membership.

There followed much discussion around the proposal. The first point was that an “established member” needed to be defined.

Alex Gore suggested that members should hear the issues that had been addressed at the Executive Committee. The Commodore read out the list and the discussion continued.

Matters discussed included the types, size, speed and potential number of motor boats, availability, position and suitability of moorings, age and health issues, use of slipway, launch and recovery, day boats, trailers, use of sailing boats as motor boats, retaining members and encouraging new members, and the issue of motor boats left in the club upon demise of owner.

Doug Payne said that surely it was the role of the Executive to make these decisions.

Alan Fuller then proposed an amendment to his original proposal:

“an established member” should now read “an established member of at least 5 five years’ membership”.

This was seconded by Terry Sumerfield.

A vote was taken resulting in 15 for, 10 against and 8 abstentions. Amendment carried.

The amended proposal was then discussed at some length and some earlier



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points were re-visited. It was suggested that it would not be possible to cover all aspects in one proposal at this meeting and that the Executive Committee should be entrusted to sort out the details.

Alex Gore proposed a further amendment to the proposal so that it should read as follows:

“ Should an established member of at least five years membership wish to have and use a motorboat providing such a boat falls within the parameters set out by the Executive Committee then that member be allowed to do so.”

John Luff-Smith seconded this amendment.

A vote was taken on this amendment with 26 for, 4 against and 3 abstentions. Amendment carried.

It was suggested by Malcolm York that we were now back where we had started from. The Commodore explained that the difference was that we had now had a full discussion by the members on the subject.

A vote was then taken on the amended proposal:

“ Should an established member of at least five years membership wish to have and use a motorboat providing such a boat falls within the parameters set out by the Executive Committee then that member be allowed to do so.”

The vote was 22 for, 8 against and 2 abstentions. The Proposal was carried and now forms an appendix to Rule 3(a)

Jim Craven then asked if the Executive could ask members to speak to the Executive prior to any change to a motorboat.

Alan Fuller stated that as the original proposer he would like to thank everyone for their patience.

The AGM closed at 16:10.

Any Other Business:

Marcus outlined some of the plans for re-instating the Cadet section of the club and asked anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this to contact him.

Julia thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 16:15.

Up River is now on twitter,
hook up @UpRiverYC

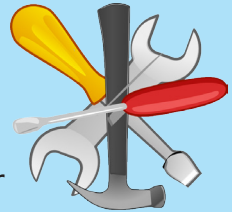


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Work

CLUB WORK PARTY DATES

Sunday 9th March
Sunday 11th May
Saturday 19th July
Saturday 20th September
From 9.00am



The Regatta is on Sunday 21st September

Play

URYC EAT IN EVENINGS 2014

Fridays at 7pm – For food orders to be placed by 7.30pm

10th January
14th February
14th March
4th April
9th May
13th June

No Eat-ins for July / August

12th September
10th October
14th November
5th December



Please note that these are not all
on the second Friday in the month
This is to avoid being too close to other social events.



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URYC Programme Jan- Mar 2014

January

Date	Day	Start Time	Dinghy	Start Time	Cruiser	Social
5	Sun	13:45	Ice Breaker			
10	Fri					Eat-In 19:00 for 19:30
19	Sun	12:45	Warm-Up 1 & 2			

February

Date	Day	Start Time	Dinghy	Start Time	Cruiser	Social
2	Sun	12:45	Warm-Up 3 & 4			
9	Sun			09:00	L & R Work Party	
14	Fri					Eat-In 19:00 for 19:30
16	Sun	11:45	Warm-Up 5 & 6			

March

Date	Day	Start Time	Dinghy	Start Time	Cruiser	Social	
2	Sun	11:30	Warm-Up 7 & 8				
9	Sun	09:00	Club Work Party 1				
14	Fri					Eat-In 19:00 for 19:30	
16	Sun	11:00	Warm-Up 9 & 10				
21	Fri			11:30	Launch		
22	Sat			12:30	Launch		
23	Sun			13:00	Launch		
30	Sun	11:30	Spring 1 & 2				