



Up River Yacht Club Newsletter
September 2014

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REGATTA

Sunday 21st September

From 10.30

Free Admission

**Dingy Racing @ 11:00 as part of "Bart's
Bash" World-Wide Record Breaking Attempt**

**On-shore activities for all the
family**



Duck race @ 1pm.

**Children's Games • Books • Tombola
BBQ • Refreshments • White Elephant**

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FOUNDATION***





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Commodore's Report

Welcome to this Regatta "Bart's Bash" Special edition of Flotsam.

Although it has been some months since the last issue (January 2014) we have kept you all informed via email newsletters and updates, the club website and Facebook page.

It has been a busy year for the club and there is still lots more to come!

We took part in the RYA Push The Boat Out Day in May and had a splendid turn out. We had a good take up for our new Cadet Section and all twelve cadets are now half way through their training sessions. The new club boats are being put to good use by the cadets and also by other members at the Family Fun Sail sessions. I would like to thank all the club members who have given their time to make all these events possible.

Elsewhere in this Flotsam you will find booking details for the Dinner & Dance which is being held at The Chichester on 25th October.

You will notice that this year we have decided to hold the Prize-Giving as a separate event. This will be held at the club on Saturday 11th October. Refreshments for this occasion will take the form of a "Ploughman's" and so it is essential that we know who will be attending.

Please will all 2013 trophy winners return their trophies to the club as soon as possible.

Whilst mentioning refreshments I would like to take the opportunity to inform all members that the House and Executive Committees have decided that we will no longer charge members for tea or coffee in the club kitchen. This should not have a major impact on club funds but will obviously be reviewed at a later date.

The Friday Eat-In evenings start up again soon and are on September 12th, October 10th, November 14th and December 5th.

The South Woodham Ferrers Firework Display is being held on Saturday 1st November and our clubhouse will be open on this evening. Your club Programme of Events gives two dates as the SWF event had not been confirmed when these were printed.

This is a reminder that the 2nd Launch & Recovery Work Party is now on

**Don't forget that Up River is now on twitter,
hook up @UpRiverYC**



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Sunday 5th October at 9:00 and will be followed by the Cruiser Annual Meeting at 12:30.

The Dinghy Annual Meeting is still on Sunday 28th September at 16:00 after Autumn 7 & 8 at 14:00.

The club AGM is on Sunday 7th December at 14:00 and although this seems a long way off I would ask all members to think about how you might like to become more involved in the running of your club. All committees would welcome some new faces and fresh ideas. If you are interested in taking a more active role do please speak to any of the Flag officers or Committee members.

Whilst mentioning December please remember that we have the Christmas Parties on Saturday 13th December. Alex will be collecting names for the Children's party which will be from 11:00 to 13:00.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Regatta. With the aim to get as many boats on the water as possible we will be needing extra people to help with the shore-based stalls and activities.

Happy Sailing

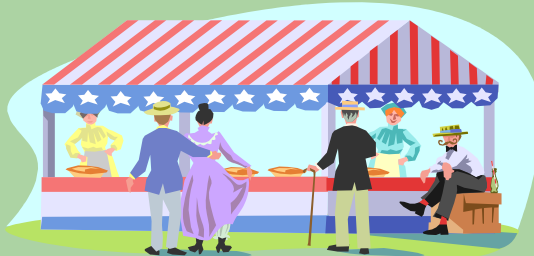
Julia

UP RIVER YACHT CLUB REGATTA

Sunday 21st September

As usual we are looking for people to run the stalls at the Regatta. If you can help for an hour or so please put your name on the list at the club or contact a member of the House Committee.

Thank you.





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Bart's Bash

On 21st September we will be holding our annual Regatta. However this year it will be a regatta with a difference as it coincides with 'Bart's Bash' and we need YOU to take part in this amazing world record attempt.

What is Bart's Bash you may ask? In short it is going to be the biggest sailing event ever organised, and you can take part! Here is a little information about how it came about.

In January 2013, sailing journalist Andy Rice wrote in *Yachts and Yachting*, Page 13 (detail important for the geeks) "I've been wondering if there is a way of having a club race simultaneously across the whole country.... pretty much every club in the country has a race on Sunday morning, with all kinds of boats taking part... why can't we get all the race results mashed together to create one big national race on a Sunday Morning?"

This idea inspired Tony Bishop, the Club Secretary at the Queen Mary Sailing Club in South West London, and it ran around inside his brain for several months afterwards.

On May 9th, 2013, Andrew 'Bart' Simpson tragically died in a training accident in San Francisco bay while preparing for the America's Cup competition. There was shock across the sailing world at the loss of this truly great and selfless man, and there were clearly many, many people whose lives had been touched by him in some way.

A charity in memory of Andrew, the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation, was set up by Sir Ben Ainslie, Iain Percy OBE and Andrew's wife Leah to honour Andrew's life and legacy to inspire the next generation through the use of sailing to help young people to develop the personal skills to succeed in life and improve access to jobs and careers within the maritime sector.

Tony (an Optimist sailor with Andrew back in the day) wanted to get involved and do something to help, to make a difference and so he sent in a pitch explaining that the objective of his idea was: 'Bart's Bash' : To set a new Guinness World Record for 'The Largest Sailing Race in the World'; To hold a massive sailing event which is fun and inspiring across the UK and promote awareness of the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation; To raise £10,000 for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation (ASSF). And the rest they say is history....

So *our* regatta will kick off with the dinghy race starting at 11.00 a.m. And we need YOU to take part and make this the biggest URYC sailing event we have had! More details will be emailed nearer the time, however you can make sure you are part of history by signing up on the Bart's Bash website (you need to do this to take part).

Lots of URYC members have already signed up so well done you! Just visit



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bartsbash.co.uk and it is really quick and easy to sign up.

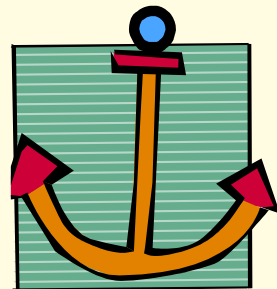
If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me. Once we have finalised the finer details of the race we will let you know.

I look forward to seeing you on the start line!

Alex Gore, Vice-Commodore

**Come along to the Regatta
for your chance to win the
RAFFLE
FOR A MEAL FOR
FOUR AT
THE ANCHOR, RIVERSIDE
PUB & RESTAURANT**

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South Woodham Ferrers Coastguard Rescue Team

As some of you may know that for the last 3 years I've been a member of the local Coastguard rescue team based at the fire station in South Woodham, it was a completely new team being set up as the station in Bradwell was closing and somehow I managed to become the station officer there.

We have seven team members at the moment and are in the process of getting some new recruits in to take us up to the 11 needed for a full team. There are roughly 400 teams all around the coastline of the UK covering the coast and rivers. The team went live at midday on the 19th July 2011, the first time my pager went off I ran out of my house forgetting to take my car keys/phone and leaving the front door wide open. Things are a lot more controlled now.

Our area is from Battlesbridge along the Crouch round past Burnham, Bradwell, Maldon and on to Goldhanger where the next team takes over from us, we even cover Osea island, it works out to be about 70 miles of coastline (a lot can happen in 70 miles).

We train a couple times a month and often do extra time just going around our patch getting to know every short cut and checking all gates and access points to the rivers, this includes all farmers gates, sailing clubs and caravan sites where we carry keys for all. I've been to places along the Crouch and Blackwater that I never knew were there and places that I would never have had the chance to see, Osea Island is the best example.

When the pager goes off (this can be anytime day or night) one of us would call in to Thames coastguard based at Walton to find out what/where the incident is. We then go to the station put our PPE on, then into our jeep which carries all our equipment and head to the job. Some call outs are more urgent than others, so if needed we can use blue lights. This sometimes doesn't help at all, as when people see the lights they pull over in the most awkward of places. It actually slows us down. The best thing to do is just keep driving and wait for a safer place to let us past.

Whilst on route to the callout we are finding out as much info as we can from Thames. We then can start to build a plan of action and delegate roles to save time. It really is a team effort but there is always one person in charge of the job, the officer in charge (OIC).

We often work and train alongside the RNLI, RAF, police, fire and ambulance services. The Coastguard is a Cat 1 emergency service.

The incidents we have can be anything to do with the coastline not just boats in trouble, for example: if the police need extra help in a search for a missing person



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or someone has fallen off their bike and are injured around the sea wall, we get called to assist, the types of jobs we get are always so different. We really never know what we are going to get.

Last December was our busiest month since we have been going, with 12 jobs, the average is 1 a week! One of the best jobs in December was a double decker bus that had driven off the causeway at Osea island. What a bus was doing on there I will never understand....also we had the very high tide at the beginning of December where we were deployed to West Mersea as it didn't look good for them but all past ok.

The team have had all kinds of call-outs, people stuck in mud, reports of distress flares (usually Chinese lanterns) boats aground, boats lost, dead dolphins washed up. It can be anything at all, even WW2 bombs found.

It's all voluntary what we do and we all really do enjoy it. I have learnt so much over the last few of years and every time we get called out we are learning and getting more experience. Starting a new team from scratch has been a lot of hard work but also a lot of fun along the way too.

Andy Dale

URYC EAT IN EVENINGS 2014

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

12th September

10th October

14th November

5th December





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URYC Prize Giving



**At URYC on Saturday 11th
October
19:00**

**A Ploughman's Supper will be
provided. Please put your name
on the list in the club house if
you wish to attend.**

**(A charge will be made to anyone on the
list that does not attend)**



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URYC REGATTA

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
2014

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:



Plants



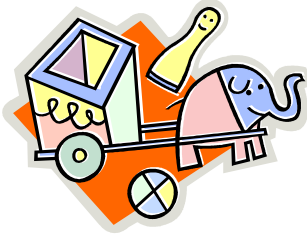
**Cans, Bottles, Gifts etc.
for Tombolas**



Cakes



Books



**Items for the 'White
Elephant' Stall**



Sailing items



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Sailing to Holland 2014 by Jack and Rosie Gore (aged 5 & 6)

Day 1 - **Jack:** This is my log book of my sailing trip to Holland. We left the yacht club on Friday 20th June 2014. We sailed across the North Sea to get to Holland.

Day 2 - **Rosie:** On Zelda we went very fast. We sailed to Vlissingen, it took 22 hours. When we arrived we went to the shore and I had an ice cream in a treasure chest.

Day 2 - **Jack:** On Zelda we went very well on the North Sea. When there was a massive wave Zelda went flying! Mummy and Daddy had to stay up all night. When we got there we got stopped by customs in a small boat.

Day 3 - **Rosie:** We went through a lock into the Veerse Meer. We stayed on an island. I went swimming in the lake with my dolphin. Then we had a BBQ.

Day 3 - **Jack:** We sailed to the Veerse Meer and stopped on an island. I went rowing (in my inflatable dinghy) and my boat sank!

Day 4 - **Rosie:** We arrived at Zierikzee and we went for a walk. I got Peso the penguin in a shop. I liked it. It was fun. We had dinner in the town. We visited a windmill.

Day 4 - **Jack:** We left the island in the Veerse Meer and went through a lock. We visited Zierikzee and I bought a massive blow up boat and I had an ice cream.

Day 5 - **Rosie:** We arrived at horsey island. We went swimming in the lake. I did not want to go in the lake. I was scared of crabs that's why! We had a BBQ.

Day 5 - **Jack:** We left Zierikzee and went to an island called Stampersplaat with wild horses on it. I went rowing in my new boat. For dinner we had a BBQ and I went swimming.

Day 6 - **Rosie:** I went in the lake. I was not scared today so I went in. I did some crabbing and caught 12 crabs which were really big!

Day 6 - **Jack:** I used my new boat a lot today, I love it! I also went swimming and caught 12 crabs!

Day 7 - **Rosie:** It was sunny today so we did lots of swimming. We went to see the horses that are wild on the island. They were very nervous but one pony let me stroke her.

Day 7 - **Jack:** Today we went swimming, rowing and crabbing. This time Rosie and I caught 23 crabs! That night we went looking for the wild horses and I stroked one.



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Day 8 - **Rosie:** Daddy showed me how to tie knots. I tied a figure of eight and a bowline. We left horsey island and went to Brouwershaven where we stayed on the town quay.

Day 8 - **Jack:** We went to Brouwershaven and moored along side the town quay. We went for a walk around the town and I bought a Zeeland flag and a blue wooden model boat. In the evening we visited the yacht club.

Day 9 - **Rosie:** We went to Ossehoek island and went to the beach. At the end of the day we went for a walk and I did rock climbing.

Day 9 - **Jack:** We came to Ossehoek island. We went to the beach and I went rowing in my boat. I dug a big hole on the beach which went to the water. In the evening we went for a walk around the whole island. I went fishing and caught 23 crabs (again!). Then rock climbing!

Day 10 - **Rosie:** We went to the beach. I dug a really deep hole in the sand and filled it with water. We went to Center Parcs in the inflatable dinghy. We went in the wave pool, the lazy river, the rapids (my favourite), the slides and the salt pool.

Day 10 - **Jack:** In the morning I went to the beach and dug deep holes and made a bridge with Daddy. In the afternoon we went to Center Parcs in our inflatable dinghy. My favourite was the rapids.

Day 11 - **Rosie:** We arrived at Den Osse marina. We went to the marina office and I was given a sticker. We had lots of fun canoeing.

Day 11 - **Jack:** Rosie and I ran around the island playing with our walkie talkies. We then set off to Den Osse marina and went canoeing.

Day 12 - **Rosie & Jack:** We had a lovely sail and went to Archipel island. It was very hot so we did lots of swimming. In the evening we built a campfire and I cooked marshmallows!

Day 13 - **Rosie & Jack:** We went sailing all day long and went through 2 locks.

Day 14 - **Rosie:** We woke up on an island called Arneplaat. Jack and I played in the sand pit. We went to Middleburg and got some food for the sail over the North Sea.

Day 14 - **Jack:** It was magic to be on my favourite island! I walked round it when I was 2, this year I rowed around it!

Day 15 - **Rosie:** We left Holland at 6.00 a.m. and crossed the North Sea. It took 23 hours to get back to Burnham on Crouch. It was sad.

Day 15 - **Jack:** We left Holland and sailed across the North Sea. I was cross with Mum and Dad 'cos I wanted to stay for another year!



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URYC *DINNER / DANCE*



Date: Saturday 25th October

Venue: The Chichester

Time: 7 for 7:30pm

Price: £30

Dancing to
“Jamie”

Full details and booking forms are included in this issue of Flotsam.
Please complete and return your form with full payment, to:

Alex Gore, 14 The Westerings, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4NX.
01702 204578 07771697755 alexdiangore@yahoo.co.uk

(Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis!)
Dress Code: Black Tie or Smart.





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UP RIVER YACHT CLUB DINNER / DANCE

Saturday 25th October 7:00 for 7:30pm

£30 per person

The Chichester, (Essex Barn), Old London Road, Rawreth, SS11 8UE.

Name:

Telephone No:

Email Address:

Please reserve me.....places for the URYC Dinner and Dance.

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

Please list names of all people in your group:

1.....

2.....

3.....

4.....

5.....

6.....

Menu choices are to be made on the night. However, if you have any
special dietary needs please give details:

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Please return this booking form **together with your cheque** no later
than **Friday 26th September** to:

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**THE PLACE TO BE ON
Saturday 20th September
PRE-REGATTA
WORK PARTY**

**We would really
appreciate a good
turnout for this
event to get the
club**



**grounds ready for
the Regatta as it is an
early start on Sunday.**

Thank you



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Saturday 4th October 2014

R N L I
Mini Quiz
&
FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

8pm
£5 per person

All profits to the RNLI



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

**Please put your name on the list if you will be
attending**



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U.R.Y.C. Cadets

Following our 'push the boat out' event in May, we signed up 12 very enthusiastic cadet members. I would formally like to welcome you all to our club and thank you for making the training sessions such a success. It's great to have a group of youngsters enjoying being on the water and learning to sail. The club certainly has a buzz about it when you are all there!

I would like to thank all the club volunteers who have put a lot of hard work into the training sessions. Without you we wouldn't be able to offer this great opportunity to our new members.

I would also like to thank the parents of our cadet members who have helped out.

Well done all!

Alex Gore, Vice - Commodore

Early Reminders for 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

Visit our club website at
www.upriver.org.uk