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# Flotsam

Club Newsletter Summer 2018



## Editors words

Hello and welcome to the slightly belated third edition Flotsam. Isn't it frightening how quickly the year is passing! It's been great to see how active the club has been this year, and I seem to see somebody new each time I am at the club and this is excellent. As always I am always looking for material for Flotsam to try and make it a worthwhile and enjoyed newsletter, so please if you have anything interesting you could add to Flotsam I would really appreciate it. Hope you enjoy.

Sail fast live slow  
Marcus

## In The News

**You probably cannot fail to notice that The Anchor has started landscaping its garden. Rumour has it there will be plenty of new trees and bushes as well as a new fence.**

**Eric has finally launched his longtime project 'Pearl', it's great to see it out on the water and looking splendid.**

**Push the boat out came and went (report further on).**



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# Commodore's Column

Well, what a marvellous start to the club's summer season of sailing all helped by this amazing spell of fine weather... shades of 1976, (the year your Commodore sat his GCSE exams at Fitzwimarc.)

Looking back at the club's calendar for May and June every event has been spectacularly supported and enjoyed by everyone. Do you remember the cruise & cricket match on Burnham green under blue skies; Work Party no.2 ... blue skies; Push The Boat Out ... blue skies; the foreign cruise for cruisers ... blue skies; various dinghy races & fun sails plus the Friday 'eat-in' evenings... all under blue skies. Isn't this country of ours a fantastic place when the sun shines!

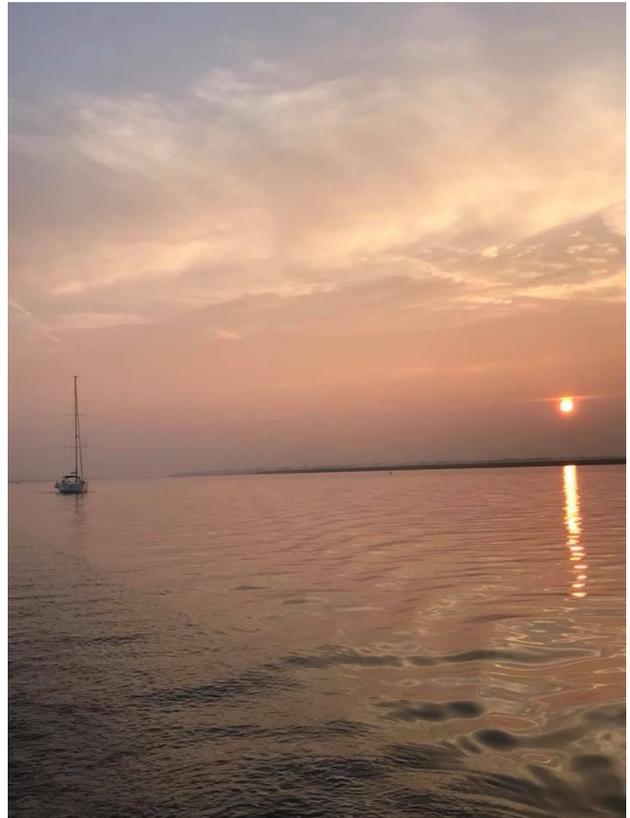
And there is plenty more still to enjoy. The club cruise up the east coast and return in time for the football World Cup on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Dare we dream? On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July we have the cruise / race to Cliff Reach for dinghies & cruisers. We are assured a warm welcome by our hosts, the Creeksea SC. There's Norfolk Week for the dinghy sailors, (Matt Pickett or I can put you touch with other members thinking of going.) More cruises for the cruisers in August. The Family Fun Weekend over the August Bank Holiday. It's not compulsory to bring children ... just a boat. Then it's a week of dinghy racing held by our friends at Eyott SC. If you haven't taken part I would encourage you to do so... even if you try just one day you are assured a warm welcome.

I could go on and on and on but I can hear Marcus tutting in my ear & telling me to wrap it up! So enjoy this edition and thanks to everyone who has contributed.

Regards, Ian

## Cruiser Class Captain's Words.

Well after suffering a long cold wet winter and spring we have been rewarded with fine summery weather since mid-May, and the good news is for it to continue for July and August as well!!!!



The fine weather has meant a good start to this year's cruiser rallies. The beginning of May we had the Shakedown to Burnham with eight boats going along. On the Saturday night new members Mike & Yvonne Jacka hosted upwards of 25 on their boat 'Jarochim' for drinks and nibbles and at 45' Jarochim may become the party boat of choice! Sunday afternoon we had a game of hit & run cricket where the girls soundly beat the boys by some margin. We will need to put that right next year! The end of May bought the week long cruise over to Holland with Choc Orange, Bruca & Jarochim setting off on the Friday night with Dreamcatcher not leaving until Sunday due to a family wedding. For some it was their first overnight sail and what an experience it was, due to thick fog for almost the whole journey. Even for experienced sailors fog is unnerving so well done to all for getting through it without incident. The 20 hour crossing was well worth it though with everyone thoroughly enjoying the whole



week.

The boats were met in Vlissingen by the Gore family on Esmerelda who had made the crossing a week earlier. After arriving and going through the huge lock into Vlissingen everyone freshened up with a shower, before enjoying the friendly and welcoming Schelde Yacht Club.

On day 2 everyone headed 9 miles up the Walcheren canal before locking out into the Veerse meer. The Veerse meer is a long lake with several uninhabited islands with pontoon moorings for leisure craft which amazingly are completely free to stay on. They are serviced with toilets, rubbish bins and even an ice cream boat that goes from island to island (well Mike believed that story!). Bastiaan de Langeplatt was the island chosen to stay on and after an afternoon swim, the evening was spent cooking on the BBQ and drinking the night away.

Day 3 saw Dreamcatcher arrive. Her arrival could have been spectacular and would have been a contender for this year's 'Slip Up' trophy! Having located the anchorage where everyone was

enjoying a swim in the hot weather, I spotted Jarochim anchored with Choc Orange alongside. With Jarochim having a 2.1m draught, I thought it would be a good spot to anchor in and headed over to shouts of greetings and waving arms to welcome us or so I thought! They weren't so much welcoming us but frantically warning us of lack of water! Jarochim had anchored and settled back on the hook, Mike jumped off the back of his boat only to find he could stand up in less than 5 foot of water. He had come to a stop only a few feet from a ledge that we would have hit had it not been for the shouting and waving! We anchored in the deeper stuff and joined the rest for a swim before heading out across the Osterschelde to a marina in the town of Zierikzee for the night. We all enjoyed a mooch around the town and enjoyed a restaurant meal altogether in the evening.

Day 4 saw us leave Zierikzee late morning and head back to the Veerse meer to stay on the Island of Arneplatt for the night. After mooring in a small harbour which we had to ourselves, we spent the afternoon paddle boarding which culminated in a very competitive paddle board race won by Ben Harris to the annoyance of a certain Penny!

Day 5 started with a swim around the island before breakfast with some folk racing, a couple in tenders as support boats and Michael who had got the bug for paddle boarding. Following a BBQ lunch we left the Veerse meer before heading back down the





Walcheren canal to Middelburg. The evening was spent in the De Kemel yacht club for a fine meal and several glasses of wine.

Day 6 started with a drizzly morning which was spent walking around Middelburg market square. In the afternoon we headed the last few miles down the canal through 4 opening bridges back to the marina at Vlissingen for our last night in Holland. After eating on board we all met up in the yacht club for a few drinks before an early night ahead of an 0400 start the following morning to return home.

On Day 7 after rising at 0400 we locked out of Vlissingen into guess what, more mist and fog!

Dreamcatcher was again splitting from the pack and

headed off along the Belgian and French coast to Boulogne enroute along the south coast to Brighton. Esmerelda, Bruca, Choc Orange and Jarochim all disappeared into the mist heading back towards Harwich before turning SW around the top of Long Sand Head, down the Kings Channel and back into the River Crouch, arriving back at Burnham just before midnight and all looking forward to a good nights sleep.

An indication of just how much our time in Holland was enjoyed by all, we will be doing it all again next year but this time it will be for 2 weeks!

So for those who would like to venture a little further afield why not look at joining us for next year's Dutch adventure. With so much of this season still to come we have the Osea Island BBQ, Brightlingsea and Bradwell rallies as well as cruiser racing including the Paglesham Oyster to look forward to.

So wherever the wind and tide takes us let's hope the rest of the season is as good as the start.

Fair winds to you all,  
Graham



## Meet a member



### Club Member and Boat

Ellouise Ingram (aged 8), Optimist 'Elsa'

**What's your profession?**

I'm still at school

**When did you start sailing?**

I started sailing aged 3 with my Dad in a boat called 'Peppa'.

**How long have you been a member of URYC?**

Since I was born.

**Biggest achievement on the water?**

Not falling in yet! Something my brother did last year at the family weekend.

**Most embarrassing moment on the water?**

Crashing my brothers boat twice. My dad has had to repair it.

**Why does URYC appeal to you?**

I like Up River a lot, I love coming down to make new friends and see old ones and to go sailing of course. I love the cadets and I like that people are nice and are willing to help me.

**What do you see yourself doing for the rest of 2018?**

To carry on sailing, I cannot wait for the club weekend and I look forward to the cadet sessions.

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# Events coming up

## **Eat in Evening first Friday of every month**

On usually the first Friday of every month I suggest arriving at the club for 19.00 for 19.30 start, next dates are September 14th and October 5th so please come down for a nice takeaway and a drink in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.



## **Summer Club Cruise**

Saturday 7th - 14th July, Another well loved and participated club event, cruise the east coast in company, please contact Graham Lazell for details.

## **Work Party 3**

Sunday 22nd July from 0900

## **Dinghy and Cruiser Racing and Cadet Sessions**

Various dates, please see notice board for details.

## **North West Norfolk Week**

Sat 28th July-Sat 4th August. Usually a well attended event by our racing dinghy members and also several supporting cruiser members.

## **Cruise to Burnham**

Weekend of 11th/12th August.

## **Osea Island Cruise and BBQ**

Weekend of 18th/19th August cruise in company with an added bonus of a BBQ please contact G. Lazell for details

## **Club Family Weekend**

Friday 24th-Sunday 26th August, not to be missed, camping on site with plenty of sailing, games and friends.

## **Eyott Week**

Monday 27th-Friday 31st August, our friends up Fenn Creek invite us to their annual sailing week, a friendly sailing club in unique waters always proves a challenging but rewarding sail. See notice boards and the Eyott website for further information.

## **Work Party 4**

Saturday 8th September from 0900, eve of Regatta.

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## URYC Regatta 2018

Sunday 9th September, Start 1200, volunteers required please.

## Brightlingsea Rally

Huge turnout last two years, please contact G. Lazell for further details.

# Mid-week Sailing.

There is a small but active group of club members who enjoy meeting during the week and going for a sail in their dinghies. Sometimes with the odd yacht joining them. Dates are varied throughout the year so please keep a eye on the Facebook pages as it is usually published when they are meeting on there.

## Lightning 368 open meeting at URYC by Paul White (visiting yachtsman)

**Another fantastic Lightning 368 open at Up River Yacht Club saw 6 boats travelling down for the first event of the year joined by 7 local sailors with 5 new Mark 3 Lightnings hitting the water.**

With the traditional training day on Saturday we enjoyed beautiful sailing conditions with Mat and Penny putting us through our paces dusting off our boat handling skills before reminding us all how to start. Off the water in the afternoon the fleet decamped to the bar to review the pictures from the day and worry over the forecast for the Sunday. A late evening with great food from the local takeaways saw a merry fleet head to Penny's for the night with one very unsteady boat builder camping out for the night. Re-emerging on Sunday with some sore heads the travelling Lightning sailors were greeted by a force 2-3 winds from the north east (chilly). The first race started with a



fetch along the river with Simon Hopkins winning the start in his new boat and stretching out a lead which would not be challenged. Behind him Ben sailing the original Giles boat Penny used to such good effect last year, Marcus borrowing Robbie's Mark 3 boat, Penny in her new boat and Paul sailing his mark 2 #406 traded places along the river. Turning back towards the club the trick was catching the gusts whilst dodging yachts. While the chasing pack closed up on Simon he couldn't be caught, John dropped low down the river for clearer air but couldn't pull through. The final results

saw Simon take the win, Marcus Ingram second, and Penny Harris third.

The second race, back to back with the first started again with a fetch along the river, Simon got stuck on the start line and started behind, Marcus and Ben heading the way, turning back and racing up river Paul managed to slip past Ben and tried to catch Marcus but his boat speed proved too much and he held out for the win. Further behind Ben managed to hold off Penny and John with Simon scoring a 7th after his bad start. Heading back to shore the fleet refuelled on tea and doughnuts before heading out for the last race of the day.

With the tide turning the fleet made a short fetch down the river before turning up upriver with Marcus leading with Simon and Paul following, hugging the banks and staying out the tide. Turning the corner away from the club Simon headed straight for the southern bank and making up places along a screaming reach. Up the short beat Simon nearly caught Paul but he just held clear before turning back to the club. Marcus held onto the lead followed home by Paul and Simon within a few boat lengths of each other. Ben once again battled hard to keep his sister behind him. Marcus stole the day in his borrowed boat and proved he's still got what it takes to sail a Lightning, (watch out he is planning to come to the Nationals) with Simon and Paul finished on equal points, Simon taking second with his win in the first race. A big thank you once again to all of those at Up River for hosting the Lightings and putting on a great event, already looking forward to next year!



**Overall Results:**

Pos	Sail No	Helm	R1	R2	R3	Pts
1st	427	Marcus Ingram	-2	1	1	2
2nd	428	Simon Hopkins	1	-7	3	4
3rd	406	Paul White	-4	2	2	4
4th	324	Ben Harris	-6	3	4	7
5th	425	Penny Yarwood	3	4	-5	7
6th	429	John Claridge	5	5	-6	10
7th	413	Caroline Hollier	8	6	(DNS)	14
8th	417	Jason Gallagher	7	-8	7	14
9th	407	Bryan Westley	9	-12	8	17
10th	430	Graham Lazell	-13	10	9	19
11th	402	Steve Hodgeson	10	9	(DNS)	19
12th	294	Jamie Stevens	-12	11	10	21
13th	312	Mike Jacka	11	13	(DNS)	24

# Push The Boat Out 2018

by Dennis Haggerty.



Great day for Up River Yacht Club. Warm sunshine and a fair breeze. 120 people went sailing despite the competition from the Royal Wedding, Moto GP and FA Cup all held on the same day.

Sailing proved a great draw and several people wanted to join the club immediately with many others seeking more information and showing a very keen interest in the sport and sailing on the River Crouch.

**Vital Statistics**

Yes 120 people went sailing although technically it was 128 as several people enjoyed it so much they had another go. Three new memberships, two family's. Plus a lot of interest from people keen to learn to sail. Our ever popular coaching programme is, once again, bursting at the seams!





Fun sails are also proving a massive draw for new members who have done a little sailing before and would like to get out on the water again, with the benefit of full safety boat cover and lots of experienced members around to 'show them the ropes'.

### **Bonus**

Our facebook advertising for Push The Boat Out also attracted some cruiser owners to

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### **Waiting List**

Following PTBO our membership secretary Dave Willsmore has a list of families and individuals who are very interested in membership. They effectively represent a waiting list to join the coaching programme.

Existing members will always get priority over potential new members for cadet training places, so its worth encouraging people to join especially if a place arises due to an existing cadet dropping mid programme. We are also happy to get new members afloat in club boats during fun sails, so they can still enjoy being out on the water whilst awaiting a training place.



## **Swinging the Lead.**

I recently watched part of a program on BBC2 called 'Britain Afloat', and it was focusing on the Thames sailing barges. They interviewed an old deck boy about his life working on the barges, there was a humorous tale he told about swinging the lead. As you all probably know (some more than others) the east coast can be a perilous place to sail with the tides and changing sand banks etc.

One of his tasks in his early years was to 'swing the lead' which is basically a lead weight with  $\pm$  markers on the rope which you could use to determine the depth of water and it also took a sample of the seabed. Upon instruction the skipper used to shout 'swing the lead boy' and he would drop the lead and take a reading. He would then pull it back up and shout back the reading, sometimes the skipper would ask what was they over? (sand, mud etc.) One time the skipper played a rather humorous joke on this particular chap. The chap upon being asked told the skipper it was mud they were over, in which the skipper said 'are you sure? Give it a lick'. The green eyed deck boy did as he was told and licked the mud on the lead weight and replied 'yes skipper its mud' to which he said something along the lines of 'I suppose it would be as there's a sewage effluent outlet over here'!



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# Meet a member

## Club Member and Boat

Penny Yarwood, Westernly Merlin 'Wizard', Lightning 368 'Mischief'

**What's your profession?**

Accounts Manager

**When did you start sailing?**

Mum started us sailing when we were very small. We had a mirror dinghy, I think I got my first lightning dinghy when I was about 15.

**How long have you been a member of URYC?**

I have been a member through family for about 30 years.

**Biggest achievement on the water?**

When I won the Lightning 368 National Championship, I have also won the Lightning 368 ladies championship, which currently I hold.

**Most embarrassing moment on the water?**

Trying not to go aground on a falling tide at Ramsgate on a sand bank. The depth sound said 60ft under the keel (honest!).

**Why does URYC appeal to you?**

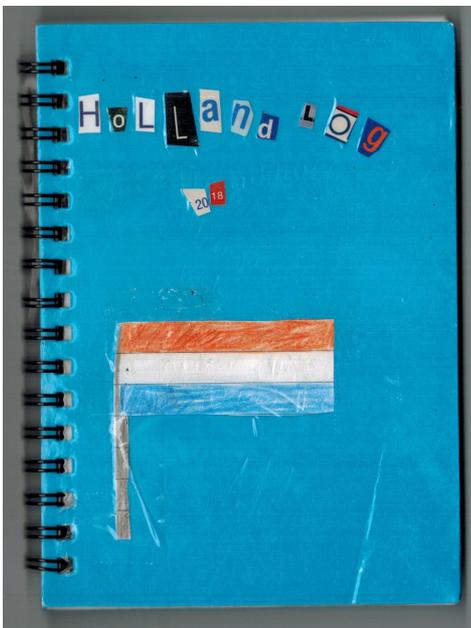
URYC is an extremely friendly club, the members make you feel welcome and are always very helpful offering advice on and off the water. I have enjoyed several cruises and love participating in dinghy racing.

**What do you see yourself doing for the rest of 2018?**

Hopefully get to use the big boat a little more.



## My holiday in Holland on Esmerelda by Jack Gore (age 10)



### Day 1

At 5.30, we left Farnbridge for Holland and I set my timer. We had chicken pie for dinner. I went to bed at around 10pm.

### Day 2

Today we motored all the way to Vlissingen and we arrived at 3pm. We rafted against a Seacat 380. As soon as we arrived we went to the bar and I had an ice cream (the treasure chest with a sticker). The owners of the bar recognised us and said hello. I had frickendale and chips for dinner. At the park, a boy had a unicycle! I had a go, but couldn't do it.

### Day 3

Today we left Vlissingen for Grevelingenmere at 8.30am for the 8.42am bridge. The canal had a range of bridges from upwards to sideways. In the lock, it was very crowded, but we made friends with people on a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 46. We sailed through the Veeres Meer under jib and mainsail.

The next lock was very busy. Very very busy. Then we sailed to the next lock which had about 6 boats in it. We got our

pass for the islands. The first was full, so was the second, so we went to Horsey Island.

Daddy and Wiggy put the inflatable up and me and Rosie played in it until 9pm, then we went to bed.

### Day 4

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Today we had sausage and egg muffins cooked by Mummy. We pumped up my inflatable jet ski and Rosie's new boat. Wiggy pulled me behind the big rowing boat. It was very unstable and I fell off a lot. The water was freezing cold, but I got used to it after a while. Then we went crabbing and caught 10 crabs and 2 jelly fish called Clive (Jack) and Geoffreyetta (Rosie). After, Wiggy, Daddy, Mummy, Rosie and me went swimming and found out my rowing boat had a puncture in it and Daddy fixed it.

That night we had a BBQ. After, me and Rosie went to Buttercup Field, which wasn't full of buttercups??! And did arrow helicoptering. We got lost and we then unlost and hour later. Then we went to bed at 9pm.

### **Day 5**

Today we had sausage and egg McMuffins and after I pumped up my RX3000 and rowed around in it. Then I had a go with my lifeboat which had been broken and then all the boats left, so we were the only people there!

After we played boule and then jellyfish catching, Clive (Jack) and Geoffreita (Rosie). We had lunch and then left for Brouwershaven. We arrived at 4.30 and got an ice-cream. We had a walk and saw peacocks, emu (very greedy), chickens, goats, goose, cockerill, deer followed by very, very, VERY, EXTREMELY, **CUTE!!** and wonderful alpaca.

Then we walked back and went to bed.

### **Day 6**

Today we went to the Spar Supermarket and I bought an £8 1/43 Lamborghini Murcielago GT model car. We had a walk and went to an ancient church. We went back and had lunch before leaving to go to Ossehoek Island .

We arrived at 3pm and as soon as we arrived, I went to the beach to make a harbour for my RC lifeboat. After I rowed around the island!! Then we had a BBQ and fire before going to bed.

### **Day 7**

Today we had cereal for breakfast and after we were meant to be crabbing, but I fell in while going to get the water!

After, we left for Port Zelande at 11am. When we arrived, we had lunch and then we packed our bags for the beach and I flew my kite. After I had a Super-Twister ice-cream.

Then we went to Center Parcs and we went in

the wave pool, lazy river, rapids and flume. The flume was my favourite slide (a long twisty dark slide that you went down in a ring). Oh, forgot, there was also a racing slide.

After we went to a Burger Bar and I had a frickendale (a soft meat sausage) and chips. For dessert, I had a vanilla ice-cream with sprinkles. Then we walked back to our floating home Esmerelda.

### **Day 8**

Today we went to mini golf at 9.30 and I came 5th, Rosie 4th, Mummy 3rd, Wiggy 2nd and Daddy 1st. After we had sausage and egg McMuffin and then we left and at 12 noon we arrived at C Island, Archipel. When we arrived, I pumped up my WIB (wobbly inflatable boat) and went rowing. Everyone went swimming but I stayed in my WIB. After, me and Rosie played and then we went swimming. I was the first in and I jumped off the side of the boat. Then we left for Vlissingen .

### **Day 9**

Today I woke up in the Veerse Meere because it was too foggy (to get there) the night before. We went to my favourite island Arneplaat and after an hour, we headed to Vlissingen . At the first bridge we had to wait for 2 hours! Finally they opened the bridge and started the Blue Wave. We arrived in Vlissingen and as soon as we did we ran off to meet Choc Orange in the lock, followed by Bruca and Jarochim. We had a Super Twister (my favourite ice-cream). We went and had frickendale (yah!) and chips (lots of yah!) and after, played in the park with Harry and Sam, my cousins.

### **Day 10**





Today I had a lie-in until 10.21am while Mum, Rosie and Wiggy went shopping. We left Vlissingen on the Blue Wave. We went to Veerse Meer and were hoping to stay on Arneplaat but it was full, so we went to Spieringplaat. We went swimming, rowed and then we had a BBQ, followed by me and Sam's wonderful fire, toasting gooey marshmallows.

#### **Day 11**

Today I went for a swim in the morning followed by warm croissants and then we left Spieringplaat and anchored near a lock to let Graham catch up. When he arrived, we all

shouted "It's shallow, STOP!". Luckily he didn't go aground. Then we left through the lock to Zierikzee where I had a double caramel Magnum in the yacht club while Rosie, Mummy and Nanna went to town. At 6pm we went to a restaurant and after, we retired to Jarochim and played UNO with Harry.

#### **Day 12**

Today we went for a wander around Zierikzee and we went up a tall tower with Mike. We threw roses from the top and then retreated down the stairs to the bottom. We had an ice-cream and then went to Arneplaat (my favourite island). When we arrived, everyone had a go on the paddleboard (timed) and my time was 1.13. Then we went swimming. Then we had a BBQ but it tipped down so we had to have in on board Esmerelda.

#### **Day 13**

Today we had cereal for breakfast and after we swam around the island. We got 4 children on the paddle board. Then at lunchtime, we left and went to Middelburg. We tied up on the visitors pontoon and stayed there because it was very busy. We went on Grahams boat Dreamcatcher for a drink. Then Sam came over and had dinner with us, which was fake chilli. Then we went to the yacht club and I had a coke. I brought some playing cards and Harry, Samuel, Rosie and me played Cheat. Then at 11.30pm, Gerry and Penny danced to a Buddy Holly song.

#### **Day 14**

Today we went to Middelburg town and I saw a lego model of the Jos Boone chandlery (boat shop) and then I had a hot chocolate in a café with Sam. A nice old man and women gave me their biscuits. That's why I like the Dutch so much, they're just simply nice. Then we had a look in the market (in the rain). I bought a pair of clogs and a keyring as well as a magnet and a keyring for (my friend for) looking after Ollie my hamster. We had lunch and went to Vlissingen. We had a Pimms party on Gerry's Choc Orange. We had a drink and I had 3 ice-creams. We played in the park and then went to sleep.

#### **Day 15**

We left at 4.30am and it was really foggy. We arrived in The Roach and everyone except Rosie had a drink. I had a secret coke. Then we went to bed at 12.30am having arrived at 12 midnight.

## **Cruiser Owners**

Please lock up your ladders! An unsecured ladder poses a security threat to other people's boats as well as your own. Please secure your halyards, So that the noise they can make against a mast does not disturb our neighbours. Thank for your cooperation.

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# Slipped Up Trophy Nominations



After a well received and worthy winner of the first even presentation of the 'Slipped Up Trophy' we will be wanting to re-award it again this year. Can anybody beat Alan's faux pas from last year (sanding the gunnel of somebody else's yacht!) ??? So do you have a nomination you would like to submit? Let the executive committee know or alternatively email me at [marcus\\_ingram@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marcus_ingram@hotmail.co.uk)



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# Eyott Week 2018

Why not join us for a week of racing on the River Crouch ?  
Whether you can do one day or the whole week, you will be welcome

Date	Race Start	Social Event	Social Start
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	13:00	Rounders at Saltcoats Park	18:00
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	13:30	Treasure Hunt at ESC	17:00
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	14:15	Free Night	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	14:45	Quiz with Fish & Chips at ESC	19:00
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	15:15	BBQ and prize giving at ESC	18:00

There will be dinghy racing every day, with social events for all the family throughout the week, plus the infamous crabbing competition for the non-sailors.



This is an open event and we welcome our friends from Up River Yacht Club & South Woodham Yacht Club, who have dinghies which are under the club 13ft in length rule & RYA PY Number of 1128 and above to join us. Results are calculated using the RYA Handicap.



## Social Media

If you use social media please follow our social media pages. Facebook is particularly good for up to date gossip, photos, and there are a handful of videos on the YouTube channel.

Facebook:- [Up River Yacht Club](#) Twitter:- [@UpRiverYC](#) YouTube:- [Up River Yacht Club](#)  
Club website:- <http://upriver.org.uk/>