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Editor's Note

This is my first edition of Flotsam as Editor and I hope that you will find it as informative and interesting as Chris Nolan always managed to achieve. My thanks go to Chris for helping me grab the tiller, and I'm sure that you would all join me in thanking him for his sterling work in the past.

The Up River Yacht Club is the most friendly and helpful boat club that I have ever been a member of, and that is due entirely to the membership.

This brings me to . . . (you knew there was going to be a catch!), contributions to Flotsam. I'm sure that each and every one of you has an interesting article, picture or idea that you would like to share via these hallowed pages, so just contact me via e-mail at: flotsam@upriver.org or by telephone (my number is in the 2011 members book).

Happy sailing,
Colin King

Extra Crouch Buoyage on the way

Many of you will be aware of the intention to use part of Wallasea Island, on the southern shore of the Crouch, to dump tunnelling spoil from London's 'Crossrail' project. From late 2011, this could mean up to five ship arrivals per day, which has raised the need for a new survey and improved buoyage scheme.

Details of the proposed changes can be found on the East Coast Pilot's web-site at www.eastcoastpilot.com.

There will also be a copy on the Club house notice board.

All Your Sailing Needs?

A Services Directory has been placed by the notice board in the Club house. It is there for everyone to view and add to.

If you were happy with those new sails, cushions, dodgers etc, or have experienced a good service from a company, feel free to recommend them by adding their details into the Service Directory.

* The Club House phone has been mended: 01702 231654 *



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Commodore's Report

First I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the past Commodore and Executive for all their hard work over the past two years. Also the House and Sailing committees and everyone who has contributed in making Up River a great club for all members to enjoy.

My forthcoming term as Commodore is a great privilege to serve the club over the next two years and with the help of all the committees and dedicated helpers, will continue to enhance the club's sailing and social activities.

Since becoming Commodore the executive has purchased a second hand rib together with a nearly new engine. This will undoubtedly enhance the rescue capabilities for the dinghy sailors and give the open events an additional rescue boat. The orange rescue boat will be a back up for the rib and serve as a tender for the cruiser launch and recovery. My thanks go out to Simon Hopkins for arranging the purchase and delivery of our new rib, and Steve Harris and helpers for making up a trailer, from spares in the L&R container. It is also hoped that a more substantial trailer for the rib will be purchased in the near future.

It is planned that we will be extending the electricity supply to the dinghy boat shed and then to the tractor container at the top field. This will give members who have their boats laid up in the top field an addition source of electricity.

Please remember that your executive is there to serve all members, so if you feel there is a problem or you have a new idea that might be of benefit to the club, please contact me or anyone of my executive (names in the club's 2011 handbook) There is also a suggestion box located in the hallway of the club.

The next big social event is our fitting out supper on April 9th at 8pm. This being our 75th anniversary we hope this will be a special event. There will be a buffet provided by the house committee and entertainment by Lee Pankhurst (guitar) for the background music. As always there will be a well stocked bar at very reasonable prices. Let's make this an event to



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remember, so please put your name on the list on the club's notice board. The price is £7.50 per person, which is very reasonable for a night out with friends.

The last eat in was very well attended with 35 members enjoying a meal and drinks with friends. Hopefully we can build up a very healthy social scene at Up River, which benefits the clubs finances and encourages members to meet other members in a very friendly atmosphere. Your executive is also looking at other ways to encourage new members to come down the club on a Friday evening or weekend. Options looked at are having a table tennis table / pool table located in the clubhouse for all members to participate. Maybe we could introduce a league in the winter months.

On the sailing front there is the Phantom and N12 open on the weekend 2nd/3rd April, which is always a good opportunity for the club to extend its friendship to visiting sailors.

There is also a full dinghy and cruiser race program throughout the year, and new participants would be most welcome.

The annual summer cruise is scheduled for August this year and more news on this will be advised by Chris Staggs in the coming months.

As this is our 75th anniversary the club will have some special regalia available to order. More details on this contact Peter Bailes.

Finally I would like to wish every member of Up River Yacht Club a healthy and enjoyable 2011 season.

Alan Parker (Tripper)

Waking Yacht Club "At Home"

The Commodore of Waking Yacht Club has invited all URYC members to attend their "At Home" on Sunday 10th April from 1.30 p.m.



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*Please join us in celebrating
the 75th Anniversary of*
Up River Yacht Club

at the
Fitting Out Supper
on

Saturday 9th April 2011
at 8.00 p.m.

***Buffet Meal and Live Background
Music by Lee Pankhurst***

Tickets £7.50

*Let's make this event a record turnout and
celebrate 75 fantastic years with an evening
of good food, drink and of course great
company*

*Please put your name on the list in the clubhouse if you will
be attending or email: alexandiangore@yahoo.co.uk*



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Vice Commodore

As most of you will know I am on an extended holiday at the moment and therefore give my apologies for not attending any of the meetings and events at the club so far this year.

However, I am in contact via the internet and have received the minutes of the meetings so I do think of you all and the club.

On my return I do intend to give my full support to Alan and the Executive Committee.

I have also agreed to take responsibility for the Cruiser Register this year and have already started work on this. On my return I will liaise with Michael, Membership Secretary, for the up-date on Cruiser Owners' details and have the Register ready to go out before the sailing season is in full swing.

The Cruiser Register will also include the Minutes of the 2010 Cruiser Class AGM.

Julia Hall (Vice Commodore)

Purser's Stores

Wear the name of URYC with pride!



For Club regalia contact Peter Bailes
on 01245 322786
or at pcbailes@hotmail.com



Mens and Ladies Rugby Shirts	£25
Mens and Ladies Polo Shirts	£14
Mens and Ladies Fleece	£23
Unisex Tee Shirts	£8
Club Pennants	£18
Lapel Badge	£2

"To commemorate the Club's 75th Anniversary this year, any new item of clothing purchased from the Purser's Stores can also have 75th Anniversary embroidered on to it for an additional cost of £5 per garment. Please see the 'mock up' I have left in the lobby at the Club". Peter Bailes



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Rear Commodore, House

Our first social event of the year is the Fitting Out Supper on the 9th April starting at 8.00pm which is going to be special because we are celebrating the clubs 75th anniversary. Lee Pankhurst will be providing the background music and a delicious buffet is planned. The cost is £7.50 per head and we would be grateful if you could put your name on the list in the lobby as soon as possible or let a member of the House Committee know that you are coming, as trying to cater for unknown numbers is very difficult!

The Regatta is next on the calendar on the 5th June and we would be very grateful for any assistance on the day, either manning a stall, donating a cake, plants, or bric a brac, helping with teas, or anything else that you can think of that might be of help. Last year was a great success and this year we hope to have even more exciting things to entertain you. A volunteer list will be put up in the lobby.

This year the dinner and dance is being held at the Chichester on Saturday 29th October. Please book early for this event to avoid disappointment as there are only 75 places. More details and the cost will be published in the next issue of Flotsam, after which you will be able to buy your tickets. As in previous years tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

It has been brought to my notice that a lot of the rubbish in the skip is not necessarily generated from the yacht club. Please remember that although the skip is there for the convenience of members while on the premises it is not to be used for ordinary domestic use. Every skip that is ordered costs £160.00.

The telephone in the lobby is now working again after several months of being out of order. Just a reminder the number is 01702 231654 as this does not appear on the front of your membership booklet.

Finally I would like to thank all those members who have worked so hard at recent workparties or during the week to help keep our club and grounds looking so nice.
Pat Harris (Rear Commodore, House)

Selling your boat? Looking for an outboard?

Don't forget that you can advertise free of charge
on the club web-site.

Visit www.upriver.org and use the "For Sale & Wanted"
link to contact our web-master.



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Dear Up River types,

Here are a few words of my literary genius and wisdom interspersed with the usual diatribe. It has been some time since I contributed to these hallowed pages, but here goes.

2010 has been a funny year, at times thrilling and on other occasions dire hard and frustrating work interspersed with poor prospects given the economic climate. A bit like owning a boat really, quite a lot of work, usually costly at the same time with a big dollop of poor weather thrown in.

This poor weather and wrong tides usually coincide with when you do have spare time and have made plans for a trip. But remember the odd occasion when it all goes right and you get repaid for the effort invested, usually works out around 80% wrong, 10% indifferent and 10% deep joy!

Running my school 'Estuary Sailing' has broken this ratio but only because I now do it full time.

Now the ratio is 95% to 5% (not really). The year has certainly been interesting with a good mix of long passages and very interesting sailing etc. May to June I had planned to single handed sail to the Azores. This was changed to taking paying crew from here to Falmouth for Coastal Skipper training, then after restocking sailing across to Ushant (Ouessant) then following the Biscay coastline down to Portugal, we did 1100 miles non-stop in 10 days. We encountered high winds around days 5-7 with constant F6-7's which built to GF8 for a few hours. I was glad to have plenty of sea room as we only progressed about 25M in the direction we wanted (East) over 2 days, my position fixing on the chart looked like frog spawn with the fixes so close together. We returned from Portugal gladly as this coastline was having very bad rains. It was clear at sea when over 10M offshore but naff inshore. Funny really as this whole trip was an alternative to going to St Kilda off the West Hebridean coast.

Go South instead I thought for better weather!! The return journey was done with 4-5 3 days non-stop sails visiting a few ports:- Ria de Vivero, Bilbao, Isle de Yeu (stunning) and then anchoring in the Isle of Ushant - again stunning. We were down to 2 crew plus me by then. A crew member had jumped ship in Bilbao after admitting he disliked the constant Biscay swell. The swell varies from about 3 metres to what looks like a hill of water over 10m high. On a previous trip we saw dolphins above us! These large swell are ok as they are widely spaced, they get more daunting when you get the rough weather waves superimposed on them.

Anyway, after returning to Falmouth a somewhat foggy passage back was completed safely. This was similar to the outward leg when fog was encountered. One example was approaching Portland Bill area, two on watch using radar. Buy me a drink and I'll tell you the tale of Safe Return and HMS Campton. As we approached Dover homeward bound I received a request to do a Competent Crew course for 3 people the day after getting home over 3 days and the following



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weekend. Day 2 of this course we were in the Roach aiming to anchor in the westerly facing part of the river. With raw crew and a fair Northerly wind I sailed into Yokesfleet Creek past an anchored yacht in the mouth of the creek. Past the yellow poles we gybed Safe Return around at about ½ flood tide and proceeded to do about 14 short tacks to sail out.

The owner of the anchored yacht watched with some trepidation as we approached and then tacked around behind then in front of him. This was probably the best teaching sail I had done given the gybe then tacks. I gave my crew full praise, as after only 2 days they worked the winches really well. What gave me the best satisfaction?, the Biscay trip or sailing into and out of this innocuous little creek, I will let you work it out. The rest of the year was so-so, work is quiet given the recession, but I am still here and fighting. I was pleased to pass my Yachtmaster Instructor assessment after a re-sit. I have also sold my original rib and bought a bigger more powerful one for teaching Intermediate and Advanced powerboat courses after getting my advanced instructor ticket.

I have also acquired a 32ft flybridge motor cruiser for teaching the RYA motor cruising schemes on.

Been a funny few years, my Mirror dinghy and a certain fish and chip supper seem a lifetime away, but these memories I will always cherish. Anyway, I hope this brief update is of interest, must get round to paying my membership dues before you 'send the buoys round'. Chin Chin, Carol T.

WORK PARTY No 1



9.00 am Sunday 27th March

Please look on the notice boards for a list of required tools etc.



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SUMMER CRUISE

This year's summer cruise will be on August 13th 2011.

Here is the itinerary for the week, if you would like to join us please put your name on the list in the club. I will have another meeting nearer the time.

Friday 12th

DOWN TO BURNHAM

Saturday 13th

BURNHAM TO SHOTLEY

Sunday 14th

SHOTLEY TO IPSWICH

Monday 15th

IPSWICH ALL DAY

Tuesday 16th

IPSWICH TO TITCHMARSH

Wednesday 17th

ALL DAY TITCHMARSH, WALTON

Thursday 18th

TITCHMARSH TO TOLLESBURY

Friday 19th

TOLLESBURY AND DINNER IN CLUB HOUSE

Saturday 20 th

BACK TO BURNHAM

Sunday 21st

HULLBRIDGE

Chris Staggs



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Up River Yacht Club held on 5th December 2010

Attendance 34 members attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence M York, A Adkin, G Noble, J Hodges, B Yarwood, S Bailes L Heath & D Waller.

Minutes of the 2009 AGM An error was pointed out. The boat registration fee was shown as £50 whereas it should have been £40.

Acceptance was then proposed by Steve Harris, seconded by Dave East and carried unanimously.

Matters Arising The secretary advised the meeting that any matters would be covered in reports from officers.

Commodore's Report

Last Year I broke with tradition and instead of recounting the events of the year which had already been published in the monthly executive minutes I put before you ideas and aspirations which I thought would improve facilities and enhance this already great club. As is with all forward looking ideas some came to fruition, some proved impracticable and some were not acted on.

The boundary between the pub and the club has indeed been fenced off and now reasonably secure however the continuation of the laurel hedge around the boundary would enforce our security and privacy. The boundary hedge on the river side has been lowered and I look forward to sitting on the veranda in the summer admiring the view. The boat shed has not as yet been brought into use and for this I must apologise to all members for not following through with my idea. I will however bring this in after Christmas (with permission of Commodore).

The possibility of new pathways on the dinghy park was looked into and the cost was found to be prohibitive, at the executive meeting the plan was shelved, possibly for future date. Similarly the marking out and laying of individual bays on the top field proved impractical. However there is much work that still needs to be done to improve boundary security and clear and tidy areas, to bring them into a useable state.

Moving to the inside of the club house the hallway has been retiled and painted. The kitchen has been completely replaced and I am sure you will all agree a first class job has been done and I once again give my sincere thanks to all members whose hard work made this possible.

Looking into the coming year, this year will be an expensive year for the club. Costs are due to rise as with VAT rising from 15% to 17% and in January to 20%.



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All our costs will be correspondingly higher. We have already agreed to lay electricity onto the tractors sheds to facilitate easier maintenance. Our safety boats are now getting on. In response to requests from the dinghy sailing committee the purchase of a used rib has been agreed. A nominal figure of £2500.00 is being thought of. The recovery syndicate trailer is after many years showing its age and its replacement is now required.

The recent upgrades in the clubhouse have shown just how dated and dowdy the club room is and after many discussions some normal and some quite heated, an overhaul is thought to be needed. There are ideas to improve the bar area by incorporating the present store area, to build a new store room in the men's changing rooms, and opening up the main clubroom to bring into general use the office area and porch. This could also facilitate a re-vamp of the garden area in front of the building altering the focus of the main entrance from the side ramp to the proper front door.

If any members have any ideas/objections please contact the executive committee. Further costs next year will also be expected when our present alarm system becomes dated and is replaced by a digital system. This will be compatible with a new phone line to be brought into the building, after a recent B.T survey showed our present lines to be nearing break point.

I am sure by now you are fed up with the sound of my voice so I will end with some deep felt notes of thanks. My term as Commodore has been thoroughly enjoyed. I have had highs and lows and at times wondered what the *****! I was doing. I have run through the whole range of feelings from fear to elation but I tell you now I would not have missed it for all the tea in China. I would like to thank all the committee members for their support and guidance without which my life would have been so much worse.

To thank all the members who come into the club, often on a daily basis to carry out the 101 chores that most other members do not even think about.

To all the members whose tolerance and help have carried me through, and to Jean and Frank whose stalwart work has kept us all so ably refreshed and content in sparkling clean surroundings.

To the Commodore elect I affirm my full support and know that you take over with a slight feeling of trepidation. However fear not, you have the foundation of this club beneath you and the power of all its members behind you, and together we can only go onward and upward

Ladies and Gentlemen I thank you all.

Derek Underwood

Vice Commodore The Hon Secretary explained that due to family circumstances Allan had advised the Executive that he would be unable to take office in the coming year. The entire club owes him a tremendous debt of gratitude for the



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very practical work he has done over recent years and we wish him well. This is why the normal automatic progression cannot happen this year and why Julia Hall has agreed to stand as Vice Commodore and Alan Parker as Commodore.

Rear Commodore (Sailing) Report

This has been my first year as Rear Commodore (sailing) and 2010 has again been a year of contrasts.

The resurgence of the Lightning 368 dinghy fleet at the club has seen the Slow Handicap fleet grow and provide some very competitive racing. Unfortunately this has been at the expense of the Fast Handicap fleet where some series were not completed due to insufficient entries.

A similar lack of entries was seen in the cruiser racing with a few trophies not sailed and others only having a couple of entries. However the club cruises have been well attended and I am told good fun was had by all. Let's hope more cruising members will be persuaded to try their hand at racing next year.

This year we held 2 dinghy open meeting weekends at the club and both were a success on and off the water, making a welcome profit for the club. Early in April we welcomed 18 Phantoms and 8 National 12's to the club for a joint meeting. Home success included Marcus Ingram 4th in the Phantom fleet, with Gerry ledger and Liz Ross 2nd and Simon & Matt Hopkins 3rd in the National 12 fleet.

In August we welcomed the Lightning fleet back to the club after an absence of some years. A very healthy 17 boats turned up but it was the home boat sailed by Penny Yarwood who won the meeting, kept honest by one of our cadets, Matt Hopkins who finished 3rd overall.

Away from home we started with the National 12 Champs to which we took 4 boats. Ian & Penny came a creditable 9th and the first boat without wings, with the rest of us back in the thirty's in a fleet of 77.

We were once again well represented at Norfolk week. Marcus retained his Fast Handicap title, but Tim slipped to 2nd in the Supernova class, but only to the current National Champion. In the National 12 class Ian & Penny were second sporting their new winged rudder.

5 of the clubs Lightning's went to Northampton for the Nationals and cleaned up in a fleet of 25. I (Simon) was lucky enough to finish 2nd, with Ben 4th but without the broken mast, whilst leading in the first race, this could have been different. Penny 7th retained the Lady title finishing 7th, whilst Matt Hopkins became Junior National Champion, finishing 11th overall. Needless to say Up River won the team event.

So once again our travelling sailors have proved that the standard of dinghy sailing at Up River Yacht Club is up there with the best.



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One of my tasks this year was to update the Club Sailing Instructions to bring them up to date. We have fully reviewed these at committee and a red lined copy is posted on the board if anyone is interested. If I have no sensible comments or suggestions before the end of the year, these will become current.

I am also experimenting at the moment with Sailwave software to calculate the dinghy results. This is allowing us to post them to the website for all to view. We have started with the winter series which are up there now. Let us know if you have any suggestions on how to improve this.

The hardest part of this job by far is the organization of the Duty Roster for racing. I would like to take this opportunity to ask people to take a lot of stress out of my life and sign up for their duties early and then do them as promised. I am still looking for a few volunteers from the cruiser fleet to cover the Icebreaker & Warm Up series. Please feel free to sign up on the away out.

May I finish by thanking everyone on the Sailing Committee for helping me learn the ropes in my first year, particularly Penny who kept her promise to be my No. 2 when she bent my arm to take this job and Adrian for acting as secretary and keeping the minutes in order.

Simon Hopkins

Rear Commodore (House) Report

2010 has been a good year for the club. We have held several social events and a very successful regatta. The annual dinner and dance was well attended and enjoyed by all. The superb catering was once again done by Affinity.

We held four work parties throughout the year. All were well attended and an enormous amount of work achieved.

Two large projects have been undertaken this year. The new kitchen has been fitted and the rear lobby is being revamped. Although many people were involved I would like to thank Craig Osler who organised the buying and fitting of the units along with Chris Staggs, Allan Adkin for the tiling, Alan Turner for a day spent rewiring the kitchen for the new electrical items and Julia and Chris Hall for generally helping out. I also thank Keith Busby and Jim McAvoy for the hours spent re-tiling the lobby floor and John Jones for boxing in the electric meter board.

Steve has once again done a wonderful job keeping the bar stocked all year round and also our thanks go to Jean and Frank for keeping the clubhouse in such good order.

Lastly, I would like to thank all members of the house committee who have helped make my job so much easier.

Pat Harris

Hon. Secretary's Report

The Executive committee has met each month and the attendance has been good. My main responsibility has been the taking and distribution of the minutes. The



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minutes are displayed on the notice board once they have been ratified at the next meeting. I have noticed sometimes that the published copy goes missing. If you find they are not on the board and you give me a ring I will replace them.

I've been working on an update of our rule book and it will be published as soon as possible after this meeting. It will take account of any rule changes agreed today. As agreed at the last AGM it will be issued by Email. I suggest it is downloaded and then printed one page at a time. This allows both sides to be used cutting down the amount of paper required.

Hard copies will be available for those who do not have Email and those who have Email but no printer!

Since my retirement from Church duties I have been able to join in at work parties and enjoyed the experience. We need to say a thank you to those who staff the kitchen on these occasions. Their efforts help the work parties to have a social aspect.

I've also done a few extra launch and recovery duties.

I followed up on unpaid Summer Lay up fees and eventually the last was received about 3 weeks ago.

I gave some help with the lobby floor. The job is not yet completed. The skirting board cannot be put down until we know where BT wishes to route the new telephone cables. These are necessary for both our alarm system and the payphone. We also intend to replace the damaged door into the Gents changing room.

On behalf of all of us I want to express a sincere thank you to Chris Nolan who has produced our superb newsletter (Flotsam) for a number of years. He now needs to relinquish the post. His duties will be taken over by Colin King. We thank Colin for volunteering.

Chris will get the Christmas edition out before handing over. That edition will probably contain the membership renewal forms.

Speaking of membership I should mention that Michael Aarons has volunteered to take over the Membership Secretary's mantle from Julia Hall who is nominated as our new Vice Commodore. Our thanks go to Julia for her sterling work and to both Julia and Michael for stepping up to fill vacancies.

Finally, when it comes to the election of officers, you will see that I have been nominated and seconded but you should know that I will gladly step aside if anyone else is prepared to take my role.

Jim McAvoy

Hon Treasurer's Report

I will quickly run through the movement in the accounts, only where there has been a marked change from last year.

There's been very little change, except as follows:



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Boat Registration is up due to increase in fee. Plus I have shown summer lay-up separately.

The bar is down although the profit when taking into a/c stock is 39%.

The kitchen profit is up due to amount collected for Nat 12 / Phantom. This includes race fee and food but it is not possible to separate the two, therefore, all is in kitchen income.

Bank interest is obviously down due to the current financial climate – we now earn .07% on the deposit a/c.

I hope I can explain the position re the social events. This figure is down on last year because, historically, each year money collected in September for the dinner dance in October has been included, therefore, this distorted the p/l, but this year I have extracted any money relating to October's dinner/dance from the 09/10 accounts which makes the profit seem very low as money was banked in 08/09 a/c which should be included here. The actual profit was £552.52, next year the figure in the a/c will be accurate.

Sundry income is up due to refund of fuel tax, which is claimed every three years.

In expenditure

Bar steward/cleaning is up as last year the Bar steward was set against bar receipts but it was considered it should be combined with cleaning.

Telephone is high due to a call out for a fault, - BT is very expensive.

Maintenance of Clubhouse and Grounds is up as it includes the cost of the new kitchen.

Maintenance of Equipment is down as last year both rescue boats were overhauled.

Sundry expenditure, inc. bar licence, music licence & web page is down as last year there were some exceptional items of expenditure.

Current Account Balance

This is showing overdrawn on paper only, as the money received for the dinner dance had been banked by the end of September putting the a/c into credit.

That ends my report.

Barbara Yarwood

Auditors' Report

We have reviewed income and expenditure for the year ended September 2010 and can confirm that all entries have been entered in the club's ledgers together with the supporting invoices.

We can also confirm that the final bank deposit and current account balances as at September 2010 correspond to the club's balance sheet.

The social events income on the balance sheet only shows a minimal amount. This was due to the fact that the Dinner Dance monies were banked after the



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2010 statement cut off. Also, other social event monies were utilised with the Dinner Dance profit. The overall Dinner Dance and Social events profit carried forward to 2011 is in the region of £500.

For 2011 it has been proposed that the account balance sheet will show all social events separately (i.e. Dinner Dance, Fitting out Supper, RNLI Quiz night etc). This will show Up River members exactly how much profit (or loss) from each social event is made up.

The clubs' overall cash balance currently shows a credit of £15000, which must be maintained to cover any unexpected expenses such as roof maintenance /boiler replacement. Given the proposed rise in subscriptions for 2011 and a healthy bar/social profit, a further £5000 - £7000 should be available to move forward for new projects to enhance the clubs' sailing and clubhouse facilities.

We recommend to this AGM that these accounts reflect a true position of the clubs' financial accounts as at September 2010.

Ben Harris will be standing down as auditor next year due to work commitments outside of the UK and I have been proposed as Commodore for 2011/12. We would welcome nominations to fill these posts. I would be willing to assist with anyone who would like to take over one of these roles. The audit role only involves one evening per year for a couple of hours to review the Clubs' accounts and to report to the AGM with any recommendations.

Finally as always a big thank you to Barbara for maintaining the clubs' accounts in such an orderly and professional manner. Alan Parker/Ben Harris

Rule Changes

The proposed rule changes were approved by the AGM as follows.

Rule7. Management The first paragraph will now read "The Executive Committee, which shall consist of 14 members made up as follows:- The officers, as defined in rule 6, The house committee treasurer and the newsletter editor and 4 other members to be elected by the Annual General Meeting.

This rule change was passed unanimously.

Rule 14 Advertising The heading will now read "Business and advertising"

The rule will now read. "No person may use the club premises for business purposes. Advertising within the club premises may not take place without the consent of the executive committee.

This rule change was passed unanimously.

New Rule 7(b) 2

The new rule to read as follows: - "The dinghy class shall organise a dinghy class work party each year. This was previously known as the dinghy park reorganisation. The sub committee will produce a list of tasks each year and this will include maintenance of the race box and the



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grounds surrounding it. However additional work on the race box and the area surrounding it will be included in club work party schedules when necessary. All dinghy owners must attend this work party, which is distinctly separate from club work parties, or undertake other similar duties as prescribed by the dinghy sub committee. Any dinghy owner who does not attend this work party or undertake similar duties as prescribed by the dinghy sub committee shall be required to perform additional race duty in that calendar year.

There was discussion and some question as to whether the rule was enforceable. On a vote the rule was supported by all attending except 1 against.

Clubhouse Byelaws The heading was altered to read: - "Clubhouse and Club grounds Byelaws". The wording of byelaw 14 was altered to read: - "Notice boards are provided for use of sections of the club. A "For Sale" board is available for members' use. (See Rule 14).

This rule change was passed unanimously.

A new byelaw was introduced to read: - "No bonfire may be lit anywhere on club premises" This rule change was passed unanimously.

Resolution on club fees for 2011

The Executive Committee proposed fees which in general terms raised subscriptions by approx 10%. There was a lively discussion and an amendment was proposed that fees should be raised by approx 5%. This was put to the vote and lost. Only 3 members backed the amendment. All others voted against it.

The original resolution was then put to the vote and carried by all present with the exception of 3 voting against. There were no abstentions.

The fees for 2011 will therefore be as follows: - Single Member £143, Cadet £35, Associate (Family) £60, Single Associate £49. Family Membership £192, Out of Port Membership £49, Joining Fee (Except Cadets) £75, Joining Launch/Recovery £250, Boat Registration Fee £40,

Key Deposit £5, Late Payment of Subscriptions £20, Non attendance at club work parties £20, Non attendance at L/R work parties £50.

Summer lay up fees £100 in the first year, increasing by £100 in each succeeding year to a maximum of £500.

Election of Officers The following were all elected unanimously.

Commodore Alan Parker, Vice Commodore Julia Hall, Rear Commodore (Sailing) Simon Hopkins, Rear Commodore (House) Pat Harris,

Hon Secretary Jim McAvoy, Hon Treasurer Barbara Yarwood, Bar Manager Steve Harris, House Treasurer Adrian Reynolds,

Hon Membership Secretary Michael Aarons and Newsletter Editor Colin King.

Further members of the Executive Committee Tim Harris, Steve Hatley, Ken Letch & Ron Pankhurst.



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House Committee Pat Harris, Julia Hall, Adrian Reynolds, Elaine Osler and Alex Gore. (It was noted that this committee will welcome any volunteers.)

Auditors Derek Underwood offered to take on the role of Auditor for 2011. He would welcome a helper.

Any Other Business

A new member expressed her thanks to officers and members for their help and support.

The site of the race box was questioned. It was explained why it could/should not be moved.

If any mooring is or is not required the moorings officer should be consulted as a first step.

Members were reminded of the need to drain down the outside water system during winter months to prevent frost damage.

The question of access to the clubroom on Saturdays was raised. It was pointed out that this would place a heavy load on key holders who might waste a day if no one wished to gain entry.

It was noted that there had been some misuse of the skip which is only intended for waste arising from the bar, kitchen and work parties. Members were reminded that there were some prohibitions on what could be legally placed in the skip. Attention was drawn to the tidal undercutting of the slipway.

It was noted that some special regalia will be available for our up coming anniversary

NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE NEXT AGM

Jim McAvoy, (Hon. Secretary)

FRIDAY NIGHT IS CLUB NIGHT



Come on down for a chat and a beer or for those of an athletic persuasion, a game of darts or even table tennis!

Start your weekend off with a bit of fun from around 7pm every Friday.





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A gentle reminder

We are members of, arguably, the best club in the area and are blessed with extremely hard working officers and committees.

The atmosphere among members is sometimes soured by the actions or inactions of a few.

As we look forward to the spring and summer seasons I felt I should let you know of some concerns.

During the past year some have pleaded ignorance of some of the requirements of our club.

On joining the club and on renewing our membership we agree to abide by all the rules of the club.

New members are given a rulebook and existing members should be thoroughly familiar with its contents.

A newly updated rule book will be available in the coming weeks. It will be in A5 format which will allow any rule changes to be advised on a single page to replace the outdated one.

Problems have arisen in the past because some members have *forgotten* that if their cruiser is scheduled for launch or recovery on a certain day over a weekend, they are required to give two days work. It is vitally important that all owners turn up on the first of the scheduled days because boats will not be handled unless the owner is present. It may be that all craft scheduled will be dealt with on a Saturday. This will mean there will be no launching/recovery on the Sunday! Don't let yourself and others down.

Cruiser owners are required to attend one of the 2 L/R work parties this year. If you did not attend the one just past you must attend the end of season party. If an owner fails to attend, a financial penalty is imposed.

If a cruiser is not to be launched by the due date (31st April) the owner must apply to the Sailing Committee in advance and pay the requisite Summer Lay Up fee in advance.

When messages are sent to members by Email many fail because we have not been notified of the change of address. Please let us know when Email addresses change. I can be contacted at Jim.McAvoy@BTInternet.com

If you have any concerns or ideas, don't hoard them up for the AGM. Let us know straight away!

I hope every one of you has a safe, busy and enjoyable season.

Jim McAvoy (Hon. Secretary)