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Commodore's Message

In this edition of Flotsam you will find the Minutes of the 2014 Up River Yacht Club AGM. This also includes my round up of the year and my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped in the running of the club during my two years as Commodore.

I wish every success to Alex and the new committees for 2015.

Next year looks like being another great year at the club with our youngest members becoming even more active on the river. The Optimist fleet is growing as I write!

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Julia Hall

On behalf of the membership, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Julia for her sterling work over the past two years and join in her support for our new Commodore.

Editor



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CLUB WORK PARTY DATES

Sunday 15th March
Saturday 16th May
Saturday 13th June
Saturday 12th September
From 9.00am



Snap it up

Following Eyott Sailing Club's example, the URYC Committee are considering the idea of holding a photographic competition with a view to compiling a club calendar for 2016.

This is to give you advance notice so that you can take photographs of your boats, the river, the club etc. throughout the various seasons. Fuller details will follow later in the year.

Suggestions that the Executive Committee consider putting themselves up for a "Calendar Girls" type of project have been rejected!

URYC EAT IN EVENINGS 2015

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

9th January, 6th February, 13th March, 10th April,
15th May, 12th June

No Eat-ins for July / August

11th September, 9th October

13th November, 4th 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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Up River Yacht Club Prize-Giving 2014

In a change from recent tradition the 2014 Prize-giving was held as an event in its own right rather than at the annual Dinner & Dance. We were very pleased to see so many of our new Cadets and their families come along to the club to receive their certificates.

The William “Jim” McAvoy Memorial Cup

This year’s prize-giving saw the introduction of a new trophy. Jim’s son Ken and granddaughter Netchaa kindly attended the evening to present the cup in Jim’s memory. The inscription on the cup reads as follows:

“Jim was a keen member of Up River Yacht Club and loved being part of the Club’s Committees & Working Parties.

Sheila, Ken and Gill would like this trophy to go to someone with the same passion.”

This year the Executive Committee were all in agreement that this new trophy should be presented to Graham Lazell. Graham was the driving force behind starting up the new Cadet Section and applying for the grant which enabled us to obtain a fleet of suitable boats for the cadet sessions. On behalf of the club Graham negotiated the purchase of 4 second hand RS Qubas and 2 second hand RS Fevas.

In future the Executive Committee will be asking the Club Members to nominate suitable recipients of this trophy for their services to the club.

The Commodore’s Award

The Norfolk Week Trophy has been re-named as the “Commodore’s Award” and is presented by the Commodore for achievements outside the club.

This year I was pleased to present the award to Luke Lazell. Luke, and his friend Clair in her boat “Deydreamer” (a Dehler 36) took part in the Triangle Race. The Triangle is a double handed challenge open to cruiser and cruiser racer monohull yachts of 25ft LOA or over. The event runs from Torquay to Kinsale, Southern Ireland, Treguier, Brittany and back to Torquay. The distance is at least 620 miles and lasts 12 days plus.

It was the first time either Luke or Clair had done anything like this and they came a very respectable 9th out of 19 boats. Now they are planning for the Azores Race in 2015!

So double congratulations to the Lazell family!

Julia Hall



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF UP RIVER YACHT CLUB 2014

HELD IN THE CLUB ON SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER AT 14:00

In attendance: Adrian Reynolds, Alan Parker, Derek Underwood, Alex Gore, Marcus Ingram, Chris Hall, Julia Hall, Alan Maynard, Keith Pennington, K. F. Letch, Ron Osler, Keith Hills, David Dean, Mark Riley, Pauline Reynolds, David Willsmore, Mike Nutt, M.J. Groombridge, Ron Pankhurst, Gerry Ledger, Doug Payne, Michael Ettershank, Dennis Hagerty, Martin Johnson, Chris Staggs, Paul Bevan, Jordan Connelly, Ben Harris, Allan Brown, Pip Rodgers.

Apologies: Steve Harris, Michael Armstrong, Jim Craven, Ian Gore, Patsy Harris, Tim Harris, Amanda Harris, Ian Kenlin, John Luff-Smith, Malcolm York, Graham Lazell, Terry Summerfield, Daren Brown, Reg Squirrel, Shirley Squirrel, Penny Yarwood, Allan Adkin, Colin King.

Minutes 2013 AGM

Minutes were agreed - Proposed: Gerry Ledger, Seconded: Dennis Hagerty,

Commodore's report

Welcome to the 2014 Up River AGM.

It has been another busy year for Up River with the main focus being the formation of a new Cadet Section. This got off to an amazing start with our Push The Boat Out day.

Many people have worked hard on behalf of the club to provide our new cadets with an excellent introduction to sailing. The grant that we were awarded helped us to purchase six new boats. We were then able to arrange Dinghy Instructor training, First Aid training and also equip the club with all the necessary gear to run the Cadet Sessions. Members of all ages have also had the opportunity to sail the new boats at the Family Fun Sails. The cruisers have also enjoyed some good rallies this year and we have had the usual social events throughout the year.

We have developed close links with our RYA Club Development Officer and he has been delighted with the club's progress. Bart's Bash was of course one of the highlights of the year and this coincided with our Regatta.

Things have also been busy around the clubhouse and grounds as well this year. We have had a new boiler fitted and the radiators in the lounge and ladies have been replaced. An extra outside tap is now available all year round. The Race Box has a splendid new retaining wall.

On the Launch and Recovery side we have upgraded our blocks, purchased a



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dumper truck, refurbished the tractor sheds and now have a box trailer to store and move the necessary L&R equipment down to the slipway.

Absolutely everything I have referred to so far has happened because there have been members who have given their time, effort and goodwill way above and beyond the required work party attendance. I will not mention names for fear of missing anyone out but on behalf of all club members I would like to say a very big thank you to all the people who have helped in many ways with all of the above events and activities. You know who you are.

A newish member to the club recently commented on how overwhelmed they were by the help and support that they had received. That is what being a member of a club is all about. Your club is what you make it.

This time last year I was talking about cruisers being broken into, leaking water pipes and insurance company issues. Thankfully all that is in the past now. Although may I please remind all cruiser owners to be vigilant about locking up their ladders.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has supported me during my two years as Commodore and to all the Executive, House and Sailing Committees. I would like to thank Frank and Jean for their continued hard work. I also say a special thank you to Chris for his total support.

I wish Alex all the best in her role as Commodore and I know that you will all give her the same support and encouragement that you have given to me. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Thank you

Julia Hall

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 2013 children's Christmas Party which was a great success, with 32 members' children and grandchildren attending. We had a fantastic Father Christmas who has kindly agreed to pay us a visit again this year. We also took the step with so many children to have an entertainer, which proved a great decision. This year's party is next Saturday, the 13th December. Father Christmas wants to make sure he doesn't forget any children, so please let me know if you have children or grandchildren 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 have helped out with organising our social functions throughout the year. Our last event was the Dinner and Dance at the Chichester, which was a great even-



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ing. You may have worked out that we alternate where we hold the Dinner and Dance, so next year's event will be held here in the club house.

The two biggest and most exciting projects we undertook this year were Bart's Bash and our Cadet Programme. Both were a fantastic success and have succeeded in bringing new blood into our club. The fun sails which we introduced this year also went down very well with our members. All of these projects have been included into our programme for 2015. A key event planned in next year's diary is the Club and Cadet Family Fun Weekend at the end of August, which will involve a whole weekend of sailing, BBQ's and camping at the club. So please make sure you keep this weekend free.

It is thanks to the £10,000 grant we received from Sport England that we now have lots of equipment and 6 boats – this has ultimately made our success story happen this year. The RYA have encouraged us to apply for another grant, so watch this space!

I would like you all to join me in thanking Julia, who has worked tirelessly over the past two years as Commodore. I think you will agree with me that she has done a fantastic job. Thank you, Julia.

Lastly I would like say that we have an exciting programme planned for 2015, ensuring that Up River Yacht Club continues to be a thriving club. I look forward to serving you as Commodore next year.

Alex Gore

Rear Commodore Sailing

Good afternoon, I can sum up this year in one word, hectic. I hope you have all noticed the new club boats which were purchased after we were successful in getting a Sports England grant. This has enabled us to press on with our Cadet programme, try-a-sail days and club fun days. Our try-a-sail day was very successful and we took more than 120 people out on the water, for a large number it was their first time. On the back of this we were able to start a Cadet Section which generated some positive results and hopefully in the long turn new family memberships and fresh blood in the Club. I would like to thank all who were involved in the planning, organising, and completing of these projects. I'm sure, like me, you think it's all been very worth while.

The Race Box has had an extensive going over with a great new wall constructed, turf laid, and a good tidy up. It looks so much better; so thank you to all who gave their time as your efforts have produced a fantastic outcome.

Turnouts for dinghy and cruiser racing are still low. We scraped a win in the Eyott Plate.

Going into 2015 we are planning more Cadet sessions, a club and Cadet week-



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end, and lots of fun sails. We have rejigged the dinghy racing in an effort to freshen it up and encourage people to sail.

We are also looking into the feasibility of applying for another grant to invest in some sort of craft to give the opportunity for adult novices and families to learn to sail.

Finally I will be standing down as of 1st January but will remain a sailing committee member. I would like to thank all the Sailing, House and Executive committees and also the volunteers with the various projects who have helped and supported me, you have made a difference.

Marcus Ingram

Rear Commodore House

This year has seen a steady rise in interest in Club events and functions. When I first joined the House Team I wanted to see Club members taking more interest in events and functions both to spur interest and increase enjoyment in this great club. To this end I wanted to see a wider range of events and topics covered. In this respect it has been a success. We started the year with navigation classes in the clubhouse. They were very well attended and all learnt a great deal.

The commencement of Cadet members led to a surge of interest and many members put in many hours of sterling work to ensure this a success. This also led to the open family fun days and evenings of sailing fun for our members and their children. Once again a great success.

Sail training days for different classes of dinghies have become a regular feature of the programme and the galley provides food and drink for all these.

This year we departed from the normal routine for the dinner dance by holding the prize giving as a separate event. General consensus shows this to have been a success and will be continued in the future. The dinner dance next year will be held at the clubhouse. Fireworks night was well attended as was fitting out supper and RNLI quiz night. This led to good bar profits and substantial donations to the various charities. Christmas events are underway and I look forward to seeing you all at them.

Looking to future events; A Valentine's Day dance is planned, its exact format is to be confirmed. A Summer Ball, along with boot sales and evening BBQs means the year looks set to be a busy one for the House Team.

Finally I would like to thank all the team, Julia, Pat, Alex, Adrian, Ian, Michael, and welcome Mike to the team, for all their hard work during the past year and look forward to the coming year with renewed vigour.

Derek Underwood

Treasurer's Report
URYC Accounts for the year ending 2/10/14

	2013		2014
	£2,402.10	B Bar	£3,458.33
	-£851.00	C Competition: Race entries, prizes, engraving etc	£45.00
	-£2,584.03	E Equipment: Safety boats, Trailers, Outboards, Tractors etc	-£4,590.52
	-£651.33	F Fuel: Safety Boats, Tractors, Mowers etc	-£869.86
	-£2,181.68	G Grounds: Ground & Club House maintenance etc	-£4,601.22
	-£2,562.84	I Insurance	-£3,002.76
	£134.31	K Kitchen	£176.34
		L Lottery Funded Projects (Cadet Dinghy Program)	-£2,245.16
	£24,667.60	M Membership Fees & Levies etc	£28,220.08
	-£444.14	P Postage & printing	-£266.23
	-£573.69	Q Miscellaneous (see note)	£334.97
	-£6608.30	R Rent & Rates	-£6,702.91
	£1,186.11	S Social: Events, Regatta etc	£1,094.16
	-£39.86	T Telephone	£0.00
	-£2,281.37	U Utilities: Electricity, Gas, Water etc	-£2,484.34
	-£3,670.50	W Wages: Bar Steward, Cleaning etc	-£3,786.00
		Z Special Projects (Gents Toilet Refurbishment)	-£10,554.06
	£5,941.38		-£5,774.18
Bank		Stock	
Bal b/f	£31,736.95	Bar	£1,964.96
P/L	-£5,774.18	Regalia	£1,305.00
	£25,962.77	Kitchen	£97.47
Current Acc	£4,435.77		
Deposit Acc	£20,457.24		
Cash	£1,069.76		
Creditors	£0.00		
	£25,962.77		

Notes	Miscellaneous covers Commodore's Fund, PRS Fees, RYA Affiliation, Regalia sales, Bank Interest, Donations, Flowers, URYC website, Tide Tables etc.
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Alan Parker

Ron Osler asked: What do we pay rent for?

Alan: We pay rent for lower field, £675 per quarter, to Spirit Group (Punch Taverns), which includes payment to CHA for the slipway, and £10 pa for the Race Box.

Ron Osler: Is this amount likely to be increased?

Alan: It's been the same for three years and we haven't been asked for a review.

Resolution proposed by the Executive Committee

It is proposed to maintain all fees and charges at the 2014 rate.

This was put to a vote and agreed unanimously.

Hon Secretary – Nothing to report.

Auditors report

We the undersigned have examined the Income and Expenditure Account of the Up River Yacht Club. To the best of our knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information and explanations given to us, it is a true record of the cash position of the club.

Signed: Pat Harris & Jim Craven , 20/11/2014

Auditors: Pat Harris and Jim Craven, auditors for 2014, are willing to stand again or stand down if someone else would like the opportunity.

No nominations were forthcoming so a vote was taken and Pat and Jim were voted in unanimously.

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.

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

URYC NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015

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



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The House and Sailing committees as listed below were voted in unanimously with no votes against and no abstentions.

House Committee: Derek Underwood, Michael Armstrong, Patsy Harris, Ian Kenlin, Mike Nutt, Adrian Reynolds, Jill Staggs

Sailing Committee: Tim Harris, Michael Ettershank, Ian Gore, Simon Hopkins, Marcus Ingram, Graham Lazell, Luke Lazell, Gerry Ledger, Adrian Reynolds, Penny Yarwood.

Paul Bevan is to co-ordinate Cadet Section

Any Other Business:

Alan Fuller asked about the use of the dumper truck and Gerry Ledger and Chris Hall gave an outline of the plans.

Meeting closed 2.40pm

Launch and Recovery Syndicate First Work Party Sunday 8th February 2015 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 Strogs / 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!

**NB: The date of the Second Launch & Recovery Work Party is Sunday
4th October*



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Up River Yacht Club Fees 2015

The 2014 AGM agreed that the fees payable for 2015 shall be as follows:

Single	Full sailing membership for one individual.	£145
Family	Full sailing membership for member, partner and all children and/or grandchildren under the age of 18 years, or in full time education.	£195
Cadet	Membership for a member under the age of 18 years or in fulltime education	£35
Out of Port	Membership with occasional use for a member residing at least 50 miles (80 km) from the club	£50
Associate	Social non-sailing membership for one individual	£50
Associate Family	Social non-sailing membership for member, partner and all children and/or grandchildren under 18 yrs.	£60
Joining Fee	(New Member, excluding Cadet)	£75
Boat Registration	Payable by all members with one or more boats at the club	£40
Launch/Recovery Syndicate	Joining Fee	£250
Summer Lay-Up Fee	(first Year) (Increasing by £100 in each succeeding year to Maximum of £500)	£100
Non Attendance at Club Work Party		£20
Non Attendance at Launch & Recovery Work Party		£50
Late Payment Levy	<i>(for membership fees not paid by 31st March)</i>	£20
Key Deposit		£10

Also clarified at AGM:

(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. This currently stands at two million pounds.

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



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2015 SEASON

All monies are to be paid by the 31st of March 2015. 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 please 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 CHA Plaques obtainable through the club are charged at the "prompt payment rate" **It is a condition of acceptance that the issued Harbour Dues Plaque is displayed on the vessel.**

The Crouch Harbour Authority have set the Mooring Fee at £130 for 2015.

Cruiser Members Please Note - The Mooring Renewal form must also be completed, signed and sent to the Membership Secretary with your Membership Renewal form.

IMPORTANT:- The moorings officer needs to know any changes to moorings as soon as possible in order to allocate moorings to those who need them. If you are giving up a mooring, need a mooring or wish to move to another mooring it is essential that you let the Moorings Officer know ASAP. His contact details are at the bottom of the renewal form

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 2015-16 and CHA Plaques as appropriate.

Just a reminder not to dispose of your copy of the Programme of Events and Tide Tables for 2014-15 as the tide tables and programme of events for Jan-Mar 2015 are included in this.

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

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.