

# The Skippers Log

February 2023



## Welcome

Hope you all are having a happy and healthy start to 2023 and are braced for a great year of sailing and camaraderie with EACC.

Our social calendar started with the realisation that we did not know our fathoms from our furlongs or nautical miles! The joint event organised with Yare Sailing Club was a night to remember with good company, food and a thought-provoking quiz! Our social secretary has been hard at work organising our February events so I do hope you will be able to join us at some (or all) of these great events that ensure we all keep in touch over the winter months. I cannot wait to hear some members Desert Island Discs - via zoom – that ensures even our members that live away are included from the comfort of their own homes!

Liz Chettleburgh (Skipper)



## BA Annual Toll Update

The year started with a hastily written letter submitted to the Broads Authority on the subject of a significant increase in river tolls.

Unfortunately, although other clubs and individuals submitted their objections, the increase in tolls was still passed. We did try! So don't be too shocked when your increased tolls are requested in March!

## Thank you & Thank You Lesley!

I feel very proud that £774.82 was raised by EACC for Nancy Oldfield Trust over the past year thanks to Lesley Everett's tenacity. How rewarding it is to support a local charity linked to our favourite past time.

We are still seeking a new Charity co-ordinator and I am sure if you are keen to find out what this entails, Lesley ([lesleyeverett253@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyeverett253@gmail.com)) would be happy to provide guidance but equally bringing your own ideas! Please contact Liz if you would like to discuss taking on the role.



## Dates for your diary!

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Desert Island Disc 2 – Zoom

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

Winter Walk – How Hill

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Pub Night – TBA

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Rigging Out Supper – Ranworth

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Spring Cruise

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Spring Regatta

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Thurne Mouth Open Regatta

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

EACC RCC Open

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Southern Rivers Cruise

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## Desert Island Disc 2

Our take on the long-standing BBC Radio 4 programme sees 3 EACC members cast overboard, with just enough time to grab one record for company and to sustain them mentally until the Rescue Boat arrives.

We give them a Green Book (much more useful than a bible) and they can choose a luxury item. When we did this last year it was great fun and interesting to hear people's stories. Do join us.

Please email Cally ( [social.secretary@ea-cc.org](mailto:social.secretary@ea-cc.org) ) if you would like to join



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## Winter Walk 2023

Meeting at How Hill at 10am for a 3-4 mile walk which traverses river bank, an escarpment, footpaths and quiet lanes.

There will be refreshments enroute provided by the famed EACC Pop up Tea shop and we will enjoy great views and the possibility of booming bitterns (although it is a bit early to be fair).

Please email Cally if you would like to join in with the walk!



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## Winter Walk Lunch

There is a lunch booked after the Winter Walk at 1.30pm at the Kings Arms in Ludham, where you can have a carvery or order off the menu.

It's not necessary to book for the walk (although numbers are useful for cake purposes) but if you are coming for the lunch then please email Cally so she has numbers.

If you want to eat from the main menu you will need to pre-order, so let her have your choices; there is no need to pre-order for the carvery!



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## Sailing 2023

The sailing calendar has been agreed for 2023. Your mate has been busy finding volunteers to run our events through the year but do let him know if you wish to lend a hand to learn the ropes of how to be an OOD for the day etc – don't be shy as it is very rewarding!



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## Membership forms

Your membership forms will be coming out soon!  
Membership has now been raised to £25.  
Please return them asap to the Membership Secretarial. Thank you to Frankie and Colin for completing this.



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## Thurne Tables

Don't forget that we are endeavouring to support The Lion at Thurne through the winter by reserving a table for EACC members every Friday evening at 1900. 5 of us enjoyed a good meal there recently. Just phone and book your place. If you are going along and want some company, please use our EACC Facebook page, Twitter page or Whatsapp group to let everyone know.



To join the EACC Whatsapp Group, please email [colin@chetts.me.uk](mailto:colin@chetts.me.uk)

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## Your Club Needs You!

Please watch out for a request for help for a working party on the EACC moorings at Thurne - planned for March - to ensure we are ready for an active season's sailing and the possibility of BBQ's.

**YOUR CLUB**



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## Skipper Goes on Leave

Please accept our apologies that we will not be able to join you for some of the events over the next few weeks as we are taking a holiday – but I am leaving you in the Mate's capable hands.



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## TMOR 2023

The plans for TMOR are taking shape and it looks as though we are in for a busy May with the start of our sailing programme. We have our spring cruise, closely followed by our spring regatta with a Coronation in between! Acle Regatta and TMOR complete the month – so let's hope it's a lovely spring so we can all get launched early and enjoy these events.



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## A Sailor's Greeting

Whilst sorting out some paperwork, I came across this poem that I believe appeared in a River Cruiser Class magazine years ago, but unfortunately, I do not know who wrote it – do you? I think it sums up boat ownership and our priorities in life! The only problem for us is that it is not just Colin who lives like this but me too. It is a miracle that our house is still habitable!

Welcoming guests to our home is always a pleasure  
Though you'll soon discover we cherish our leisure.  
The facilities might not please you at all,  
And the grass isn't always this tall.  
The toilet needs fixing, but that's not a rush,  
Please hold down the handle whenever you flush.  
Dripping taps will be fixed, so please do not worry.  
That's a project for winter, there's really no hurry.

The morning paper is found amidst the wet clover,  
That's where it's delivered since the post box fell over.  
The porch window's out and the carpets need cleaning,  
The tub won't hold water; the screens are not screening.  
There are leaves in the gutters; the windows aren't clean,  
But time hasn't permitted, if you know what I mean.

We don't want to offend, it's the way things go,  
We love the water, we're sailors you know.  
The boat's looking pretty, and you'll love the new rails,  
We'd have fixed the house roof, but we bought the new sails.  
With new paint for the hull and the hardware on board,  
We realised too late that we couldn't afford,  
All the modern joys of day to day living,  
But sailors we are, to the boat we keep giving.

Okay, I'll admit, it's not really 'WE'  
She loves the land, and I love the sea.  
We'll soon work it out, and the fence will get nailed,  
The lawn will get cut, just as soon as I've sailed.  
I'm so glad you're here, it's simple to see,  
Your presence alone takes the heat off of me.  
I'm ready to sail just as soon as you are,  
No need to hurry, I'll wait in the car.....