

Skipper's Update

Summer Regatta

We have all been looking forward to returning to normality in life, leisure and sailing but we are not there yet. However, sailing and staying overnight on our boats is now permitted and many of us have enjoyed meeting with others on the water, whether this has been arranged or by chance.

I am so pleased that we are organising our first sailing event since lockdown which will be our Summer Regatta. We have reviewed our usual popular routine and applied all the safety guidelines from Government rules plus guidance from Broads Beat, Broads Authority and particularly the RYA. The Committee has worked hard to ensure your safety and I would particularly like to thank Mate Liz Chett and Moorings Officer (and OOD) Paul Stevens for their effort and enthusiasm. The programme is published on the website. This contains the conditions under which the Committee feels the Regatta can proceed. Please read them carefully and abide by them to keep yourselves and others safe and Covid Secure.

Please remember that if you are flying an EACC burgee you are representing our club, so it is even more important to strictly follow the guidelines and be part of the Covid 19 solution rather than part of the problem. Let's continue to have traditional EACC 'safe' fun on the water!

EACC and Social Media – new WhatsApp Group

There has been much discussion recently about how members can keep in touch with each other about informal arrangements and general chitchat. The existing Facebook and Twitter accounts have been good but not for all. That is why the Club uses email for official Club messages.

We have recently had increasing demand to provide an EACC WhatsApp group. This is because it's simple and easy to use. It's especially useful for EACC events, since it's dynamic and fast to react, a bit like text messages, but without the charges! It's also secure since it's encrypted. Nobody but Group members can see the discussion.

All you need to use it is a smart phone. Setting it up is simplicity itself and instructions are here: <http://whatsapp.com/dl>. Once you've done that, an admin has to add you to the Group, so just email colin@chetts.me.uk with your name and mobile number to join in.

From time to time, we may also set up event-specific WhatsApp groups to help with organisation and communications. In these circumstances, you will all be informed by email and given the chance to join if you are interested in attending the event. I'm looking forward to WhatsApping with you!

David Thompson, 7 July 2020

Don't forget our social media channels:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1097795146913292/>

Twitter: @EACruisingClub

WhatsApp: To join - email your name & mobile number to colin@chetts.me.uk