

Skippers Update

With the start of a new sailing season coinciding with greater personal freedom re Covid, it seems a perfect time to share our outline EACC plans for 2021 when the sun has been ordered to shine!

Firstly it has been great to see so many of you virtually through our winter social events. With special thanks to Cally, our Social Secretary, and Jo Edye for their organisation and knowledge of zoom – even creating our own breakout rooms with the snug, the lounge bar etc. Who would have thought that virtual bingo and a scavenger hunt at home could be so much fun! So now we can meet outside in groups of 6 and even stay overnight on our boats! So hope your antifouling is done and that you will soon be joining us at the Thurne Lion on a Friday evening!.

Don't forget the Rigging out Supper for a mixture of face to face meetings but continuing our virtual zooming for those who are not yet comfortable to venture out. So do let our Social Secretary (social.secretary@ea-cc.org) know how you will be celebrating on 24 April!

At the time of writing, indications are encouraging for the 'Roadmap' to continue to be implemented on schedule. Long may it remain so! We will still be under other restrictions through to mid-June and it is for this reason we, very sadly, felt compelled to cancel TMOR again this year as just about everything we would normally do was not permitted at that stage! Our Spring cruise will be in groups of 6 (details on the website) so please share your photos so we can share your adventures!

Our first club racing will be the Spring Regatta on Sunday 16 May run from the EACC club site in Thurne, using WhatsApp to communicate with competitors in a similar way to our successful racing events last summer. Do sign up using the details which will appear on the website.

My thanks to our Committee who have been busy over the winter. Special thanks to Tom Moore, Paul Stevens and David Thompson for organising and erecting our new storage shed on the EACC moorings. As you may be aware the committee has discussed enhancing the EACC site, by building a small clubhouse, and we plan to develop a full proposal for the membership to consider hopefully at the AGM. The timing will equally be dependent upon the availability of grants which are currently focused on Covid 19. We welcome questions / input from the membership on this via the committee. Additionally regular updates from committee minutes can be

found on the EACC website here - <https://www.ea-cc.org/index.php/29-normal-page/171-news-updates>

Mud, glorious Mud. Lastly your club needs you. The club moorings have been dredged significantly – so please note anyone planning to sail into their moorings! I do apologise to mooring holders and members for any inconvenience caused but this was very necessary due to the lack of depth last summer. Calling volunteers to meet (max group of 6) for a couple of hours to move some mud that would be greatly appreciated. Please see separate email for details. Contact moorings@ea-cc.org to volunteer.

We are hoping to have the site in a good shape by mid-May so don't delay – volunteer today!

A quick reminder that one or other of the EACC safety boats is available for members to use to get over to the moorings and back. I would remind everyone to complete the log book if you 'borrow' the boat please.

If you are planning a weekend on your boat and want some company, don't forget that you can use the EACC WhatsApp group, Facebook or Twitter to contact like-minded members. A particular warm welcome to our new members – do let us know if we are talking in riddles and you need us to explain anything further!

Let's hope that some sunshine is in store for us all to enjoy a great sailing season on our wonderful broads and rivers this year!

Do contact me or any member of the Committee if you have any questions or ideas for future events – we are all ears!!

Happy sailing

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