



Social

The next meeting at Wivenhoe Sailing Club will be at 20:00 on Monday 7th September. We hope to see you there.

50th Anniversary Event Colne Rally Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd August

We hope to encourage those getting into sailing to come out and sail on the Colne and enjoy the company of fellow members. The tides are;

Friday: HW 06.20, 18.50

Saturday: HW 07.20, 20.10

Sunday: HW 08.50, 21.40

Friday evening: Gather in Pyefleet at anchor. Tow a tender if you can so we can socialise on Rising Dawn.

Saturday: Sail up and down the Colne and finally going to roost in Brightlingsea around 5pm. Again, gathering on Rising Dawn for a chat about the day. In the evening, a meal at the Yachtsman's Arms at 7pm.

Sunday: Gather for breakfast in the Victoria Cafe at 10am, followed by more sailing in company with a floating lunch somewhere to be decided. Boats back to home moorings before the evening HW.

It would be great if you could join us in your boat or at the land-based events. In order to book moorings and meals I need to know if you wish to be included.

Please reply to this email by August 7th with the following information.

- If you intend to sail, please supply boat name and number of persons on board.

- If you require a berth in Brightlingsea for Saturday evening then boat name, length, draft, and beam.
- If you intend to join us for the dinner, the number you wish to include.
- If you intend to join us for breakfast, then the number you wish to include.

Let's make this a lovely celebration event. I look forward to hearing from you.

Anthony (secretary@acbo.org.uk)

Cruises in Company

July saw two cruises in company together with WRCA members. The Walton Rally to Titchmarsh, organised by WRCA and the Annual trip to Heybridge organised by ACBOC. Both events were well attended by members of both organisations.

Walton Rally

Rising Dawn and Dipper joined other boats from the Colne and Titchmarsh Marina on the WRCA Walton Rally to Titchmarsh Marina. Rising Dawn had a calm beat up the Wallet on Thursday, whilst Dipper made a tighter beat up the Wallet on Friday. Sundance was due to sail on Friday but some technical problem with an alarm clock scuppered their departure time.

Rising Dawn spent Thursday in Kirby Creek, heading into Titchmarsh Marina on Friday, whilst Dipper spent Friday in Kirby Creek, joining Rising Dawn and others in Titchmarsh on Saturday. The Rally meal was held in the Harbour Lights at 7pm. Thirty two people sat down to a lovely meal and noisy chatter.



On Sunday a BBQ was held at Titchmarsh with the added bonus of a helicopter landing and take off into the helipad at Titchmarsh. Around 20 people cooked, ate and chatted for around 3 hours. An excellent event.

Due to strong winds Rising Dawn and Dipper sailed down the Wallet early Tuesday morning, Rising Dawn going straight to West Mersea and Dipper to the Colne.



Heybridge Rally

A big thank you to Stephen all his hard work organising the Heybridge event. It was definitely worth the effort. Eight boats attended and eighteen sat down for supper at the Jolly Sailor. As the evening progressed food and beverages were consumed and the conversations flowed.

Thank you also to the management and staff of the Jolly Sailor for their hard work preparing for our visit, even providing a dedicated staff member to look after us. Each boat had their own tab and settling up at the end was seamless. One member helped them to possibly set a new record for service, seating to starter in about a minute.

Of course, this would not be possible without Paul and the Heybridge lock team of helpers. Successfully herding assorted felines into the lock, both at the start and finish of the event.

As is usual, members gathered in various locations to await the flood up to Heybridge. Locking in was at 15:00. The pre lock gathering laid anchor off Osea whilst waiting. Typically, the wind is on the nose there and also on the way back. Instead, fair winds both ways even if they were stronger than forecast on Sunday. Take that as a win.



As usual Sunday was spent putting the world to rights. Breakfast at the tea rooms, or on board, followed by much puzzling over an overheating engine. Many opinions were offered and solutions attempted with a steady flow of tools and spares from the assembled fleet. The most likely culprit seems to be the pressure cap on the cooling system. The return trip was a stunning close reach, I even saw eight knots over the ground, must have been quite a ride for the barnacles.

Bernie commented: I've sailed on many weekend rallies, and I must say this one was one of the best. Good company and good food combined with good tide times, a good destination, good winds and good weather, what more could you ask for? Thank you to all who came and Stephen for putting it together, keep up the good work ACBOC!!

Shed news

Please be careful when moving boats and trailers on site to prevent any damage or injury occurring.

Moorings

A dinghy, now recovered, went missing from its mooring by the salt marsh. It was well secured and was believed to have been stolen. Please be vigilant when you are at the creek for any unusual activity.

Other News

Eight Bells: We are sad to report the passing of Tony Brett, one of our founding members, after a period of ill health. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

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