



Waldringfield Sailing Club

Newsletter

Spring 2021



Welcome to the Club's Centenary Year!

From the Commodore

Sailing and racing on the Deben had been a common pastime for many years when, in the Spring of 1921, a meeting of keen sailors took place at Gorse Cabin (the hut immediately downriver of the present clubhouse). The result was the formation of a Sailing Club for the village of Waldringfield.

So this is the club's centenary year and it is a real milestone for Waldringfield Sailing Club. Over the years many things have changed in the world around us, but the desire to go afloat, and the pleasure derived from being on this wonderful stretch of river, remains as strong as it ever was.

We are now thankfully able to resume sailing after the recent frustrating period of inactivity due to the pandemic, and this gives our 100 year celebration an added significance.

The pandemic has, of course, affected everything and there will almost certainly be more frustrations to come. The WSC COVID team is following the government and RYA advice and will keep our members apprised of any implications through the WSC weekly update – please look out for any important announcements each week.

On a more upbeat note, your club officers are working hard behind the scenes to arrange some exciting celebratory events, the highlights including a centenary sail past at the Regatta before the Yachtsman's Service, and a grand summer party with hog roast or vegetarian food on 24 July.

All we now need is the weather to be kind!

Here's to a wonderful year of sailing and social activities at our club in its centenary year.

Peter Mills

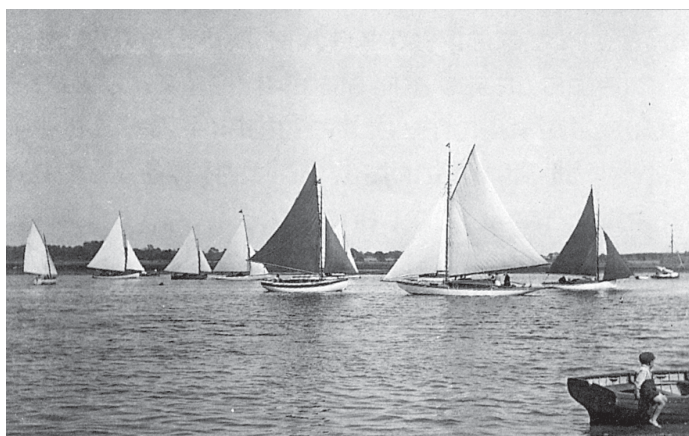


The Commodore and Anthony Mason, on behalf of Past Commodores, cutting the centenary cake



Photos: Jane Spark

Then and Now



Photos (clockwise from top left):
Regatta 1930s (Tidings 1996); Clubhouse (John Palmer collection); Cadet Week 1986 (Ann Thubron collection); Cadets 2019 (Alexis Smith); RS200s 2020 (Alexis Smith); 1950s Dragonflies (Palmer family); Crow's Nest - Dennis Mossman & Leigh Belcham 1958 (Palmer family).



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Centenary Events 2021

Centenary Easter Egg, with centenary cake at the end of racing

Regatta, 25-27 June

Friday evening 18.30 Birketts trophy race with a meal available afterwards

Saturday

Morning: Yachts timed passage from Felixstowe to be at WSC at 12.00, followed by a BBQ

Afternoon: 13.20 dinghy racing (2 races back-to-back), followed by tea to include new members, and bar open

Sunday

Morning: Shore events for children and adults

Afternoon: 13.20 dinghy racing (2 races back-to-back)

15.30 (ish) 100 boat procession

Prizegiving

18.00 Yachtsman's Service

Summer Party, 24 July, 18.00 at the Clubhouse

A relaxed evening including a hog roast or vegetarian option, salads and dessert.

Centenary Cartoon Open, 11-12 September

Six races fleet racing over two days for the Giles and Mike Peyton Cartoon trophies. Put it in your diary and invite your friends and your class to join in.

Memories Evening, 25 September, 18.00 at the Clubhouse

Hosted by Anthony and Celia Mason, with food and bar

Quiz Night, 16 October

Make up a team for the ever-popular Quiz Night, with food and bar

Clytie, 6 November

Soup and puddings, while Jo Masters shares first-hand accounts of sailing 100 years ago on Clytie, a Deben boat that still sails today. Cooking, clothes, communication, navigation...

Centenary Clothing: available via the club's website (Centenary 2021)

Centenary Mugs: available at the Clubhouse for £7

Look out for the Club's **Centenary Book** later in the year



Trophy Winners 2020

Despite Covid-19, some racing was possible and here are the worthy winners of trophies:

Toby Bush	Dragonfly Cup	Best Cadet helm with no other trophy
Hamish Collingridge	Green Cup	Best under 16 Cadet helm
	Dragon Cobbold	Junior Club Championship
Neil Collingridge	Deben Dragon	Navigation Race
Neil Fletcher	Autumn Cup	Wayfarer Autumn series
	Trafalgar Plate	Trophy Race
Evan Harris	Branton trophy	Most promising Cadet novice helm
Amelia Mayhew	Hunt Cup	Best Cadet female helm
Peter Mills	Venmore Rowlands Commodore's Cup	For outstanding contribution to the Club
	Gavel	Commodore
Harry Pynn	Quantrill Trophy	Trophy Race
	WSC Dinghy Club Championship Trophy	1st in Trophy Race Series
	Globe Trophy	Best Log
Jane Spark	Madeleine Plate	Most help to the Commodore, nominated by his wife
Toby Tracey	Angela Penn Memorial Cup	Laser Autumn series
James Vellacott	Most promising crew Trophy	Cadet most promising crew
Tom Whitmore	Mossman Trophy	Cadet non-travelling Summer 1 & 2

