

Green Wyvern Yachting Club
Celebrating Sailing on the Broads since 1947

November 2017 Newsletter

Dear Wyverners,

Hope you all had a good sailing season, 2017 is nearly over and we are starting to make plans for 2018. Welcome to the November newsletter which includes information on the Clubs Platinum anniversary, Christmas meal plans, Highlights from the AGM and 2018 cruise plans.

2017 – Platinum Anniversary

This year the Green Wyvern celebrates its Seventieth Anniversary, 1947 – 2017. The 70th Commemoration Cruise was at the end of May. We also replaced the bench at Somerleyton. Our thanks to all of those who contributed to its renewal.

Christmas Party

This year we are planning a Christmas Dinner at the **Dukes Head at Somerleyton** on the evening of **Saturday 16th December**. Dinner will be served at 7:30 – 7:45pm. The menu is attached; a discounted price of £20.00 for the three courses has been negotiated.

Payment to be collected on the day but we need to advise numbers in advance.

Please let me know by **6th December** if you are going to join us.

For specific dietary requirements, please call Kieren Baker at The Duke's Head on 01502 703 281.

Please note the change of venue!

We would like to run a raffle on the day to support our Training Fund so contributions to prizes will be gratefully received.

Getting there

For those with Satnav the postcode for the Dukes Head is: NR32 5QR

The 17:50 Train from Norwich arrives Somerleyton at 18:22 via Reedham at 18:09.

Return trains depart Somerleyton at 21:59 & 22:59, arriving Reedham at 22:12 & 23:12 then Norwich at 22:33 & 23:35. Please check official timetables for any changes.

Help with lifts to/from Somerleyton station will be available.

2017 Annual General Meeting

This was held at The Ship at Reedham, on Sunday 29th October. It was attended by twenty three people and there were nine apologies. The main highlights are below.

2016 AGM Minutes and Officers' Reports for 2017

These were all passed unanimously, with the Commodore highlighting the 70th anniversary celebrations and giving his thanks to Rosemary and Jonathon for all their hard work over the past years as they step down this year, they leave the club in a strong position.

Cruise Fees and Food Money for 2018

It was decided that cruise fees should be increased to £160 per week for payments made at least 1 month before the cruise and £180 thereafter. Food money remains at £35.

The club is still a non-profit making organisation, however the increase is necessary as the popularity of the club has resulted in us hiring boats to accommodate all of the people who wish to sail with us.

I am sure that you will agree that a week-long cruise on The Broads for £195, including food is still very good value for money. I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that the GWYC does have a contingency fund to help with the weekly cruise fee for any members with financial difficulties. If you need help with sailing fees, please contact our new Sailing Secretary Lisa Reed, the treasurer Trevor Potter, the Welfare Officer Rosemary Winterton or myself (Mike Burwood, Club Secretary).

2018 cruise dates can be found below and the full calendar is attached

Election of Officers The new committee are as follows:

Commodore	Andy Garnham	01216 848 814	commodore@greenwyvern.org.uk
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Committee Member	Denis Kilner	07919 912 429	denis.kilner@virgin.net
Committee Member	Martin Rodford	07752 484 213	martin_rodford@yahoo.com

Examiner of Accounts:

Andy Christie was our Examiner of Accounts and the club would like to thank him for his report. He has been re-elected for the forthcoming year.

Nominations for Rear Commodore

Richard Farrar and Trevor Potter, who have both had a very long history with the Green Wyvern were proposed and seconded for Rear Commodore. Both were unanimously approved with acclamation.

Club Championship Trophy This is presented to the best placed Green Wyvern yacht in The Round the Island Race and the Cecil Howard Memorial Race. This year, the Trophy goes to **Stella Genesta** crewed by Michael, Kerry & Melina Burwood, together with John Fitch & Marcus Garnham on the Round the Island and Clarissa Burwood on the Cecil Howard Memorial.

The Tunwell Trophy Last year, the Commodore introduced a new trophy to be known as The Tunwell Trophy (a Pewter Tankard with a Wyvern Handle) to be awarded for services to the club otherwise unrecognised. This will be presented at the Christmas Party.

2018 Cruises

The full calendar is attached. There will be five club weeks, one at Easter and four in the summer. The dates of this year's cruises are as follows:

Easter Cruise:	Saturday 31st March	to	Saturday 7th April
Summer Week 1:	Saturday 21st July	to	Saturday 28th July
Summer Week 2:	Saturday 28th July	to	Saturday 4th August
Summer Week 3:	Saturday 4th August	to	Saturday 11th August
Summer Week 4:	Saturday 11th August	to	Friday 17th August

Senior Instructors and Skippers for Easter and Summer Weeks

Please would Senior Instructors and Skippers let Lisa Reed know if you are available for Easter and Summer cruises as soon as possible. Thank you.

Booking

Forms are attached and on Facebook, they will be available on the website soon. We already have several provisional bookings/requests for booking forms. Places on club cruises are allocated on a 'first-come-first-served' basis, so if you would like to sail with the Green Wyvern in 2018, we ask you to make your bookings as soon as you can please to avoid disappointment.

Bookings will only be confirmed on the receipt of full payment or the deposit of £60 (per week) together with the booking form. It is also important that the total amount is paid by 1st March for Easter and 1st June for the summer, as per the AGM, payments made after these dates increase from £160 to £180.

Please note you must be at least 12 years old to sail.

Treasurers Comments

We have now set up the new bank account to split the Training and Peter Newton/Len Bromley fund (for assisting young people who cannot afford the full cost of a week's cruising), from the general contingency account. The two funds will be kept completely separate within this account. Certain members have requested that the bank details are published so that they may make a contribution to the hardship fund. These are Lloyds Bank: Sort code 30-98-90. Account No: 17509560. Ref PAN/LJB. At present this contains £268.00.

Trevor Potter (Treasurer)

Closing Comments

As you are probably now aware I have just taken the role of Club Secretary over from Rosemary Winterton who has done an excellent job for many years. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Rosemary for her hard work and in wishing her the very best for the future. It will certainly be challenging to maintain the standard set by Rosemary but I shall endeavor to do so.

I hope that some of you will be able to join us for Christmas Dinner at the Dukes Head on Saturday 16th December.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone on the water next year.

Mike Burwood (Club Secretary)

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