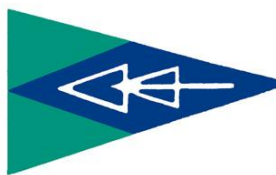


Jan 2012

Bradwell Quay Yacht Club



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Dear Member,

Christmas and New Year seems to have passed in a blur, and I don't mean an alcohol induced condition. No sooner was the main event cleared, than some of us were at Maldon Quay for the Annual RNLI Rowing Race. It was exciting to see BQYC represented again. Barnaby Hoare and his able crew of Chris Dyer, Trix and Tony Ashby certainly flew the flag. In fact they made a point of parading the club flag around the course in great style. So well done to them for participating and raising some hard earned funds for the RNLI. The weather was so nice I saw our ex president off for a picnic in the park.

Anyone with photos - could they please send to Gerry for the Website. That's photos of the rowers please.

We also saw the New Year underway in some style with a 3 mile walk followed by Brunch on New Years Day. It proved to be a beautiful morning, with the exceptionally mild weather continuing to provide near perfect conditions. Let's hope this is a good omen for the sailing season to come. With the festivities out of the way the Committee is getting on with the serious business of planning an interesting programme for 2012.

In the meantime the membership subscription letters have been sent out, so please help out by giving this your early attention.

The holiday was hectic and at times quite exhausting, but great fun. I hope you have a **Happy New Year**

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Programme 2012 taster. Make a diary note to attend these early events and watch the club notice Boards and Website at www.bqyc.org.uk for further details.

Saturday February 4th - Cruise Safely Practical evening with talks and demonstrations. Opportunity to check your life jackets and fire extinguishers for the season ahead, how to check your gas installation, first aid in an emergency, leaving the boat and using flares. Bar Open from 7.30 pm plus interval refreshments.

Club House Open Evening Tel. Tony or Linda 01702 548597 to reserve your place(s).
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Sunday February 5th - Winter Walk Star Steeple 10.30 am Tel Peter Giles 01621783437
Short Walk from this popular venue followed by Sunday lunch.

Saturday February 18th Mediterranean Cruising & return Talk by Tony and Sue Scott
Bar Open from 7.30 pm plus interval refreshments.

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Cruise Plans for 2012 see the programme for details.

We are planning a **Spring Cruise week commencing 2nd June**. This will incorporate a celebration of the Queens Jubilee, a visit to Ipswich and a tour of the Orwell and Deben.

The Club Summer Cruise will start on the 11th August. Visiting French and English Channel Ports including a Club Rally at Ramsgate.

We will organise some **special events to celebrate the Clubs Jubilee Year**. BQYC was founded in 1952 and so also has a Jubilee anniversary in 2012.

Look out for the **Push the Boat out event in July** to support British Olympic Sailing. Parade of Sail, BBQ, with mini Olympics for you sports fans. More detail to follow.



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