

Welcome to the April 2010 issue of:

## THE BRADWELL QUAY BLOG



Hi Everyone

First of all, our apologies as Elaine and I have been incommunicado for a couple of weeks due to a house move with lack of telephone and internet connection. Even now we seem to have moved into a mobile phone dead spot!

We are now connected by internet and landline.

Please make a note of our new contact details:

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Suffolk CO10 8EN

01440 786957

Email and mobile contact details remains the same but as we do not get a mobile signal at home you may need to leave a message.

### **COMING UP...**



### **FITTING OUT SUPPER – 10 APRIL**

For those of you who are new to the club, this is the first club supper of the season, a get together over drinks and an informal meal when our members discuss and make plans for the new sailing season, with much banter about who is and who is not yet back on the water and how much it all costs keeping our boats maintained. It is a good opportunity to come along and meet your fellow club members and find out what we will be up to this season.

Please book for your meal with Elaine – by Thursday 8 April at the latest!

## WORK PARTY WEEKEND 24/25 APRIL



**This is our “Your Club Needs You” weekend.** To keep our clubhouse in shipshape condition, inside and out, we have an annual spring clean and maintenance weekend. Sustenance is provided, with breakfast rolls for brunch, supplies of cakes and biscuits are welcome.



## Sea food Supper – 24 April

On the Saturday evening, we have a seafood supper; this is collected for you from the Shed at Mersea (Price to be advised). Denis Meadows will be making the arrangements, please telephone him on 0208 5515578. Denis will need to know by 23 April at the latest.



## MAY BANK HOLIDAY CRUISE 1/2/3 MAY

Our first club cruise of the season. Due to tides we are staying in the river. We are hoping this year that some of you might like bring along family and are aiming to make the day time activities exciting for youngsters (as well as the big kids amongst us!).

This cruise will have a theme, a **PIRATE WEEKEND** – so hoist up your Jolly Rogers, pressgang your kids and grandkids, dress the part and join us for a BBQ on East

Mersea (bring your own food and BBQ equipment). If you are not back on the water or have family who prefer not to sail, why not ask them to join us there?

On the Sunday morning there will be a crabbing competition from Brightlingsea pontoons and a Rally at 3.30pm. For those of you who have not joined in a cruise before, a club boat will act on Rally host boat providing some light snack bits and bobs, you bring your tiple and we climb aboard for an hour or so.

A meal shore is planned for the Sunday evening. Please contact Chris Dyer, our cruising secretary who will give you further details and arrange your berth.

01920 438403 or 0777890 1086 email [ccdchdsmd@aol.com](mailto:ccdchdsmd@aol.com)

## **MENAGERIE WEEKEND**

A menagerie was a form of keeping common and exotic animals in human captivity and therefore a predecessor of the modern zoo.

**So why menagerie weekend?** Because the weekend is the build up to the **Menagerie Race**, a race intended for a collection of boats, large or small.

Traditionally this is the race that non-racers enter so for those of you who have never raced or do not race regularly this is an ideal opportunity to have a go. It is a short course of about 13 miles, from the start line at the baffle, up to Bench head, leaving Bench head to port, then Inner Bench head to starboard, then Bench head to starboard and back to the finish line. If you want to know more about the race or any other then please do call Jason.

## **CLUB NIGHT FRIDAY 7 MAY**



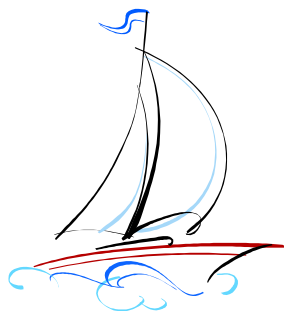
A Friday night get together at the Club before a weekend sailing or racing. The bar will be open from 7.30pm.

## **MENARGIE SUPPER SATURDAY 8 MAY**



Even if you are not partaking in the race, you are most welcome to join us for an informal evening meal at the club house. Please contact Elaine to book your meal.

## **MENGERIE RACE SUNDAY 9 MAY**



There will be a pre race briefing at the club house at 9.00am, the race is due to start at 10.00 am.

We do need a race officer for the day..... Any volunteers?

Looking forward to seeing you this coming weekend

*Jason*

Please contact Elaine for Fitting out and / or Menagerie Supper on

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