

Welcome to the August 2009 issue of :

THE BRADWELL QUAY BLOG



Hi everyone,

What a summer! Yes, it hasn't rained a lot and, yes, it has been nicely warm and sunny, but I don't think I have seen so many strong wind and gale warnings in summer weather forecasts before. If it carries on like this every year wind farms will be able to provide all our power and with some to spare.

In spite of all this many of you have been grabbing every opportunity to get out on the water. The Brightlingsea rally on the 8th August was attended by 10 boats and two weeks later so many members ended up in the same harbour that they got a club discount! With such a great cruising area as the east coast it is always possible to get away for a few days somewhere. I hope a lot of you will be sharing your experiences by sending Barry Wrangmore stories of what you got up to for inclusion in **Mainsheet** .

There are plenty of occasions for sailing and socialising with fellow members over the next month or so. Please take the time to read the rest of this Blog so that you don't miss any of them. One of them is quite important for the members who enjoy **racing**.

WHAT'S COMING UP

We are heading up the Wallet on **Saturday 29th August** for a Meet at **Titchmarsh marina** followed by a meal at **Walton & Frinton YC** in the evening. 20+ boats and 40 people are booked for this trip. On the **Sunday, 30th August**, enjoy a trip to the Naze Tower or go bowling in the morning with a rally in the afternoon. It will be interesting when everyone tries to get on board the host boat, Duonita. Don't forget to shut all the seacocks, Roger and June! Plenty of time for a leisurely trip home on the Monday, or for those with the time stay in the Harwich area and enjoy the sailing. It's now too late to book with Chris Dyer to try and get a berth and a meal. It could be very lonely out in Hamford Water if you just turn up!

The annual **Aitchsea Cup** round Osea Island race is on **Saturday 5th September**. Start when you want but it's the shortest time that wins so you have to get your timing right to play the tide to the best effect. You must let Jason Kitchener know you are starting or your efforts will be wasted. No just reporting in at the end!

This will be followed by the usual **Wine-tasting** in the **evening**, this year organised by Gerry Askham. For just a fiver a head you get to taste 8 different wines, can enjoy a simple ploughman's and, if you're really lucky, win a bottle of wine. Again you must call Gerry on 01245 258420 by the previous Wednesday to book a place or you could have a very dry evening!

Friday 18th September is a Club night, just come along and have a relaxing drink and a chat. A nice warm up for the the Rally the next day.

On **Saturday 19th September** we are all off to **Heybridge Basin** for the weekend. Lock-in is about 12.40, don't be late. The rally and BBQ in the afternoon is always great fun and with two pubs nearby the evening will be quite convivial. The trip back on the Sunday will round off the BQYC cruising season. Don't forget to book your place with Chris Dyer on 01920 438403 by the Wednesday before or you are likely to be turned away at the lock entrance.

IS RACING IMPORTANT TO YOU?

At the **Club night** on **Friday, 9th October**, there will be an open discussion meeting on the future of racing for the Club. After two seasons with no Racing Secretary and very poor turnouts for a number of races this year it's time for a major re-think on how the racing will go forward and in what form. This will be an information and opinion gathering session to assist the Committee to decide what happens for 2010. The reality is that the current situation cannot continue and if we don't get a volunteer for the Racing Secretary position then the racing may have to be abandoned completely. Perhaps there should be a lot more cruising events instead? If you want your views made known come along that night. If you really cannot make it put your thoughts in an e-mail to Jason Kitchener at ekitchener@yahoo.co.uk

Hope to see you at Titchmarsh.

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