



DIARY DATES

- August 25/26, 2002
Wivenhoe Regatta &
OGA August Bank Holiday Rally
- September 28 Maldon
Town regatta & OGA
Anniversary Rally 2002

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East Coast Classics

This was probably the longest event ever staged by the OGA, starting from Friday 14 June in Brightlingsea until 31 June leaving Ipswich. Of course it is not just a single event, there are several major components such as the Sole Bay Festival, the East Coast Old Gaffers Race and several smaller rallies.

Whilst an amazing 35 vessels did the whole fortnight, the fleet was much higher on occasions, such as the East Coast Race with approximately 70 entries. 86 classic vessels took part in some part of the festival.

EAST COAST RACE June 15

This year the East Coast Race relocated to Brightlingsea, where we were hosted by the Colne YC and Brightlingsea Harbour. An excellent job was made of the mooring, many of

the gaffers grouped together to make a fine sight in the harbour. Entries were thankfully up again, especially in the larger vessels' fleet.

Because of the size of fleet the normal start line off Bateman's Tower had to be relocated to outside the Colne entrance, with a committee boat start, very ably performed by The Harbour Authority's Dracula.

There was a firm breeze from the North West, giving a really dramatic start with 65 gaffers going at more than hull speed towards Colne Bar. Particularly impressive was the nobby Peggy, another Laura in the making, as she tore through the fleet to join the front-runners such as Ethel Alice, Noorderzon, Tammie, Airlie

and Spellbound. 20 minutes later the Classic Bermudans joined in, with the ex Admiral's Cupper Clarion of Wight giving the other RORC racer Vashti a



run for her money.

The new course joined the traditional OGA course at the Knoll, and the fleet romped its way towards the Wallet Spitway leeward mark. The broad reaching in the strong winds really made the smacks fly, such as Dorothy, Transcur, Primrose, Quiz, Ellen and Mary. Many of the smaller boats showed they could keep
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Points Series Prize Winners

GAFF CRUISERS

1st	AIRLIE Robert Berk <i>Victor Ludorum</i>
2nd	CARA - CARA Geoffrey Osborne
3rd	CLYTIE Paul Masters

BERMUDAN CLASSICS

1st	VASHTI Dr Paul Wright <i>Classic Racer Cup</i>
2nd	MA SOLITUDE Clive Church <i>Cruiser Cup</i>
3rd	DESTINA Roger Harrison

WORKBOATS

1st	DEVA Pete the Knife <i>Gaff Points Cup</i>
2nd	VICTORIA Ben Powell
3rd	MARYLL Jon Wainwright





Editor at play!

*"Perhaps it's time
we told them what's
happening!"*

Editorial

You would think with an organisation like the OGA things would be pretty static. Many other similar operations go about their business same way year in, year out, usually with the same people. Then a couple of key people drop out of the scene and everything starts to collapse.

I dare not mention names, but there are quite a few organisations on the East Coast, which have gone into the doldrums. The OGA has just lost its main key figure, David Cade, but I don't believe it will happen to us. George Jago will ensure continuity of operation, and those who knew David will appreciate his desire to keep the Association moving forward.

On our patch, we do have people who are considered to be indispensable. Members have said that about me, for instance, which is worrying with my state of health and lifestyle. Fortunately I did not have to be taken out of commission to prove them wrong. It was "payback" for services rendered in the winter in Enkhuizen, which meant I had to crew on a gourmet barge for a week through the French canals, which spanned the Arthur Ransome Weekend at Walton.

A certain shipping line heiress blew her top after the committee meeting. Consequential disappointing news on a rumoured take-over of Mistle Prawners.com caused share prices to plummet.

Actually the OGA event went incredibly well. The new blood on the committee really

surpassed themselves. 36 open boats and their crews had a superb weekend. It's also new blood and a new approach. At one time we had fleets of about 20-25 in the Class 3 of the Old Gaffers Race. Hi Tech winkle brigs entered by the score. This time we only had five entries. Fashions move on.

Changes or new approaches are rarely universally appreciated - such as the classic bermudan issue, witness the rantings in the current Classic Boat Magazine, clear signs of insurrection in the West Country. However our experience in practice has proved there is nothing to worry about. We are having fun and moving forward as well, each year mostly better than the last.

Perhaps it's time we told them what's happening!

Jon Wainwright
Editor

Change of Email Address

Due to factors outside my control my email address has changed to -

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The CompuServe server which used to redirect the mail has shut down. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



CLASSIC BERMUDANS

Because of the David Cade's illness, it has not been possible for the working party to meet.

However, George Jago, as Acting President of the Association, is going to Chair, and the group should meet shortly.

One of the issues, which may well come up is that of handicapping, and any "loadings" which might be applied.

On the East Coast Classics there is a loading of 10% for bermudan rig. There is also a "racer" loading of 10 percent, which currently is applied to the classics.

This can be applied to gaff racers such as ECOD's etc, but is only done so on the Classics Event, not the "official" East Coast Old Gaffers Race.



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Obituary



DAVID CADE

PRESIDENT OF THE OLD GAFFERS ASSOCIATION

It was with great sorrow that we learnt of the recent death of David Cade. He had been ill for some time, but he was having treatment. It was therefore unexpected. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

David was one of the founders of the OGA, having been involved in setting up informal races for gaff riggers in the late 1950's in the Solent Area. Having heard of a similar initiative on the East Coast, forces were joined and the OGA was formed at Maldon Little Ship Club in September 1963.

From that time on he has been a tireless worker and ambassador for the OGA all over the country and abroad.

He has owned several boats in his time, and

indeed has owned more than one vessel most of the time. His little bawley, Maurice Griffith's celebrated 'Storm', has a special place in East Coast hearts.

He always was a jovial character at OGA events, but behind the scenes he put words into action.

For many years he was editor of the Association Newsletter (Now Gaffers Log), taking over after John Scarlett died. He also ran the Cinque Ports area of the OGA.

Although always an influential person, perhaps his finest years with the OGA were his last as President. He led an association, which for various reasons was getting into difficulties and becoming somewhat fractionalised, into perhaps the strongest organisation of its kind, both financially and operationally.

What is not realised by many on the East Coast is how many of the other areas were in decline. We did not see much of him on the East Coast, because we have not been in difficulty.

However David spent a

tremendous amount of his time going round the other areas, giving them encouragement and getting them growing again.

On a wider scale, he would be seen at events such as the International Festival of the Sea, making sure the OGA got a good crack of the whip and a high profile.

I did not always see eye-to-eye with him in past years on certain matters, and there were heated exchanges on occasions. But I am pleased to say they were all resolved amicably in the end, and indeed in recent years we have been very much in agreement on the direction of the OGA.

Right to the very end David has been creative and proactive, ensuring that we have a lively and forward looking association.

He will be sadly missed, but his work will be carried on by the strength of his inspiration.

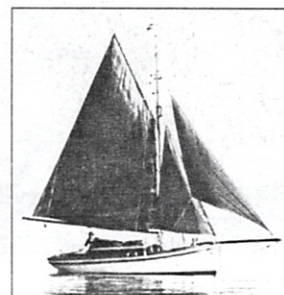
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*Hon Secretary
East Coast Area.*

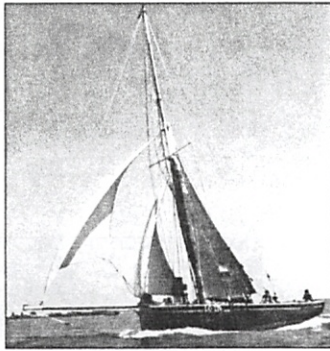


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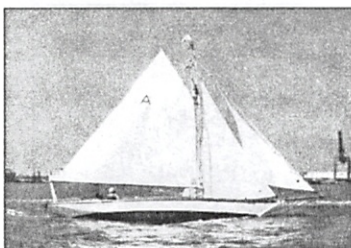


'Storm'



Bona

"Bona could hardly hold her speed back, but gave great amusement by doing bowsprit transfers from boat to boat."



Airlie

East Coast Classics

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up too, the Harrison Butler Fleetwing and the Police Boat Victoria together with Cara Cara and Letty May showing they could tough it out with the best of them.

The long reach across to Jaywick Outfall gave skippers a chance to test to chance their skill in handling a cross tide, before the beat back to Colne Bar. Those who stood inshore found smoother water, which suited them, better than the pitching lop on the seaward tack, especially the smaller boats. However it was not long before the fleet was rounding Colne Bar again, ready for the broad reach to Inner Bench Head. The wind showed no sign of letting up, and there were some really quite interesting squalls. The penultimate leg was a close fetch to Bench Head, then away to roar home to the finish line.

Line Honours and first on handicap went to Mark Butler in the rebuilt Echels Spellbound, hotly perused by the mighty Dutch pilot cutter Noorderzon. Third and first boat over fifty years old to win the East Coast Old Gaffers Trophy was the Kentish smack Ethel Alice, followed by Airlie in fourth place. Peggy was fifth and took the Tom Bolton Cup for the first ex fishing vessel, an incredible result for her first outing in an East Coast Race.

Although Clarion took line honours in the bermudans she was beaten by MA Solitude, Vashti and Vali on handicap.

Prize giving was held in a marquee outside the club, kindly provided by the Town Council, with Mayor presenting the prizes. Later on we were

joined by Mario Price and John Ward and had a rousing singsong.

Our thanks go to the Colne Yacht Club and the Brightlingsea Harbour Authority. Bearing in mind it was the first time they had hosted the gaffers, it was a very good effort indeed, and has tremendous potential for the future.

PARADE OF SAIL THE COLNE June 16

The plan for this was the fleet to keep in station behind the lead boat, Deva. The fleet did very well, and there were all sorts of exercises done in shortening sail—tricing, scandalizing, rucking etc. Bona could hardly hold her speed back, but gave great amusement by doing bowsprit transfers from boat to boat. It was a superb sight, which made the colour centrefold of the local newspaper.

After turning at Alresford, the fleet sailed back to Brightlingsea. At Brightlingsea there was a Concord D'Elegance, which was won by the Tosher "Molly Cobbler", owned by Bernard Patrick. Her prize was a huge pennant donated by James Lawrence Sailmakers.

TENDRING COAST PASSAGE RACE June 17

It was a beautiful sunny day for this event, which involved a race where individuals decided what time to start and took their own finish times and then presented a skipper's declaration. Rules give a bonus for fighting tide, with penalties for fair tide and any use of

engine. The course was to Pye End, at the start of the channel into the Walton Backwaters. Those who left early had the benefit of the tide, but rather fitful winds. Those who left later had a better sea breeze, but had to punch flood tide. Vashti exploited this to the maximum by motoring to the Colne Bar, then having a spinnaker run to the finish. Second was Maryll who used the last of the ebb to beat out to Colne Bar, whereupon she caught the sea breeze to give a fine reach up the coast. Third was her stable mate Deva, who had been beset by calms earlier.

The evening finished with a superb barbecue on Stone Point.

HARWICH RALLY June 18

The next morning vessels made a brisk passage to Harwich Ha'penny Pier, where they tied up along the new pontoons provided by the Haven Authority for visiting yachts. We all adjourned to the Alma for a lunchtime pint. By half past one the Adnams had run out, by two the IPA had gone, by three there was no beer of any description. We had warned them!

SOUTHWOLD PASSAGE RACE June 19

AVOLA was start boat for this fine event with a big entry from the gaffers. Quite a few boats that had not been to Brightlingsea joined us at this point. The wind fell light after the start, causing some problems with crossing the shipping lane. Some decided to call it a day and motor.

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However the front-runners like Vashti, MA Solitude and Bona held to sail with their light weather kites. Doreen C and Avola set square sails, prompting thoughts of a Square Rig Points Series. However as the tide changed to the flood, the wind picked up to a romping southerly. Vashti, despite her big draft, decided to cut into the shallows off Aldeburgh, tracking Bona's wake, who was trying to lure her still closer ashore. The tiny Cara Cara setting her spinnaker made tremendous progress over the tide – on Maryll we could believe it as she passed – what a quiet engine we thought!

I received a call from Southwold about major confusion due to a yacht carrying illegal immigrants trying to sneak under cover of the festival. Fortunately, being a modern white plastic, the yacht stood out like a sore thumb amongst the Old Gaffers, enabling the security forces to arrest the right boat! Poor Max on her first Smack rally as Harbourmistress! However she was brilliant, kept her humour, kept her head and moved the necessary "Ass" to get everyone berthed properly.

There were a lot of spectators, and the streets of Southwold were grid locked.

Cara Cara won the Passage Race on handicap, Vashti taking line honours. Bona was first smack, Deva first work boat/smack yacht and sterling performances were given by MA Solitude, Airlie, Clytie and Destina. Harbour Marine Services kindly provided the prizes. A special prize was

awarded to Doreen C as the smallest boat and first square-rigger!

SOLE BAY RACE June 20

Despite the long passage the day before, the classics were up at the crack of dawn to take part in this race. Because of the tides, boats had to leave the harbour on the flood and wait in Dunwich Bay for the start. A special competition was run for the best-declared breakfast, which was won by Doreen C, Paternoster and Plum. The wind of course did not do as suggested by the Met Office, it actually went completely the opposite way! However the fleet did magnificently in the conditions, dealing with a light offshore breeze and a strong ebb tide. Whilst the fast boats got round very quickly while there was still a breeze to push them over an ebb, the smaller or slower vessels got caught with a dying breeze on the run from the pier mark to the seaward mark, fighting the fierce ebb. Sunbeam took line honours, Bona won on handicap, with Destina third. There were good performances from Gromit, Vashti and Deva. There was a lot of determination shown by the tail enders, particularly Sunlight and Excelsior. A new cup was presented by the Waveney District Council, and Adnams came in with a huge number of prizes, including an Adnams mug for everyone with a fair quantity of beer to put in it!

The event received quite a lot of publicity and was shown on television.

The evening was spent at the Southwold Sailing Club, a new development, where there was

serious underestimation of the gaffers drinking capacity. All the beer was sold, as was the barbecue, making it quite a successful night for the club- I think they will have us back!

We were grateful for SSC providing the start boat and racing marks.

Friday was regatta day, and we had the traditional blindfold rowing race up and down the Blyth. Ammonite took line honours but Sunlight won on handicap. On shore there was a Concourse D'Elegance, which was won by Katrine and the Harbourmistress had a nice sideshow going cutting off Pete the Knife's pants to raise money for the OGA. There was a tug of war between the OGA and the Rest of the World, which was too indecisive for the judges, although some said the OGA cheated better.

The day ended with a superb evening with John Ward and Mario price. These guys get it just right every time!

LOWESTOFT PASSAGE RACE June 22

It was not quite as early a start for the Lowestoft Passage Race in aid of the Nancy Oldfield Trust, but we had to leave before the ebb set in. At the last minute I had a call from the Fish Fayre people telling us to delay our entry because of some display in the dock. Guys, our ships are driven by wind and tide, have you no idea! It was a brisk start in a fresh breeze and north going current and it was clearly going to be a fast race, with MA Solitude and Vashti fighting for the lead. It was also Maggie May's finest

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Vashti

"The customs' authorities had received a tip off that something illegal was being smuggled in on our boats."



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Peggy

race, catching Maryll on the line. Victoria won on handicap, Maggie May second, Cara Cara third. There were also good performances from Deva, Airlie and Gromit.

There were problems in berthing, many of the taxpayer funded vessels refusing permission to lie alongside. Small wonder then that Vashti took on the Royal Navy with a well-aimed bucket of water! The Yacht Club was over booked too, despite having been warned that we would be coming last June. Some skills were shown in berthing normally unhandy gaffers in confined spaces. Sometimes it is easier to move about in matched pairs, as did Deva & Maryll!

ORE & ALDE RALLY June 24 - 25

There were some very early starts made to catch the flood tide down to Orford Haven. Fortunately, with a lot of urging by the committee, the wind went north of west and gave us a relatively sheltered passage south. This was a major worry in the planning, with the prevailing winds normally on the nose. The fleet dispersed somewhat on entering the Ore, but many boats returned to anchor off Havergate Island for the barbecue off Dove Point on the shingle. The fleet started to build up again with new entries, such as Elfreda, Bydand and Quinque. The barbecue, the location and the sunset were absolute magic.

Whilst many attempted to make the Jolly Sailor at Orford more jolly next day, a contingent of us set off up the

Alde towards Iken and Snape. Only Bydand made the quay at Snape, while Maryll anchored at Iken and sent an amphibious landing party onward. Regrettably her tap-room (forepeak) was invaded in the absence of the crew. There were prizes for the best souvenirs, the winner being Clytie.

In the evening we adjourned to the Aldeburgh Yacht Club, which had been opened specially for the gaffers and enjoyed a fine meal. They kindly provided a ferry service in the evening as well.

SANDINAVIAN SEAWAYS PASSAGE RACE TO RAMSHOLT June 25

After punching the young flood to Orford Haven, the fleet raced along the coast to Woodbridge Haven, then over the Deben bar up to the Ramsholt Arms.

The wind was light and from the South, but the tide was fair. MA Solitude led the way, followed by a long way astern by Maryll. Unfortunately for the latter the wind died to absolutely nothing at the Ferry, and she stayed becalmed until the rest caught up! MA Solitude won easily, followed by Airlie and Molly Cobbler. There were good performances from Destina and Vashti as well.

The Ramsholt Arms had laid on a special meal for us in a marquee - most pleasurable.

HARWICH HAVEN PRESIDENT'S RACE TO LEVINGTON June 26

There was a fairly fresh breeze

blowing from the south west, and the tide was about to go to the ebb for this passage race. The bias on the line made it difficult to start on starboard, which caught some of us out, and it was quite a beat to get down the coast to make a position where we could cross the shipping lane.

The Haven Ports Yacht Club kindly finished the race for us, and to be expected in the conditions, MA Solitude was first. Airlie was second, followed by another up-wind boat, Vashti. Peggy was first prawner, just beating police boat Victoria.

MISTLEY PURSUIT RACE

Paul Wright worked out all the start times for this now very popular event. It was a reach down the Orwell and a beat up the Stour. The tacking affected many of the boats badly, but it was still an exciting finish at Ballast Hill in the brisk westerly. Airlie was first by a short head from Victoria, followed by MA Solitude, Vashti, Peggy and Deva.

The fleet then moored alongside Mistley Quay, attracting a lot of local attention. We went into the Thorn Hotel, where arrangements had been made for lunch, and drank them out of beer - seemed to be quite a regular occurrence on the classics! Gone for a Burton was last out of the bar.

We moored at Wrabness for the evening social at Paul Webster's beach residence. We had sold over 100 tickets for the barbecue. The day had been very well organised by PTK and his cohorts.

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Deva

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TWO RIVERS RACE June 28

There was no lack of stamina for this race, despite the partying, racing and cruising we had been enduring over the last two weeks! A Harwich fishing boat thought he would set an illicit net in the channel early in the morning, only to find forty gaffers suddenly setting sail and manoeuvring for the start off Wrabness Beacon! It was a brisk breeze again, but that did not deter the setting of the largest kites on board, with vessels crowding the shallows. Bona, Ariel, Clytie, Victoria, Deva, Moonstone, Maryll, Gromit all held to the North Shore while Vashti, MA Solitude, Peggy and the others kept south. Greatest shock was Peggy, she really tore past Vashti, despite the latter's spinnaker, and led the fleet to Shotley Spit. Then it was beating all the way to Ipswich, but even then it took Vashti until Levington to get by the nobby.

Deva and Victoria had a great tussle going up the river, with Clytie interfering, although more intent on beating Gromit.

The race finished just short of Orwell Bridge. Vashti took line honours, despite the fright from an old nobby. MA Solitude, second across, won on handicap, whilst Airlie took third. Victoria was first work boat, Peggy first prawner, narrowly beating Deva.

The fleet then went in to Ipswich Wet Dock, mooring at Ipswich Haven Marina.

IPSWICH REGATTA June 29 - 30

The racing had been hard going for many, but the company were all up for more fun. We had some superb rowing races, in various classes, male and female. Sarah won the All Comers Female, whilst Vashti Racer took the Male. We also had coxless pairs rowing, male and female, such was the demand we had to have heats for both sexes.

The finals were very hotly contested. Horse and Hounds obviously had the horsepower (or marepower) but lacked a jockey at the reins. Sarah and Persephone had better coordination and direction, almost as if their husbands were in control. However the power of the Anglo-Kiwi combination was too much for the Shelti-Anglo team at the inevitable clashes of oars, and Horse and Hounds ran out winners by a short head. If there had been guffaws about the ladies racing, the chauvinists in the crowd had to swallow their mirth when the men's finals started. Oars were locked round most of the course until near the end when the more youthful Vashti Racers managed to unlock just before the finish, and make a sprint to take line honours.

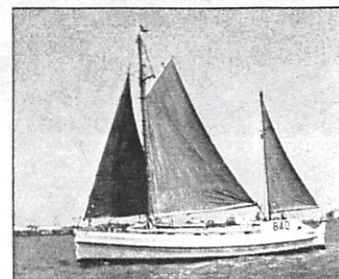
In the smack boat sailing Gone for a Burton (which was also the ferry to the Greasy Spoon Café) took line honours, with Paternoster winning on handicap. Whichever way you looked at it Lettuce was second.

The games finished with mixed dinghy football. There was some very suspect play from the skipper of the Horse and Hound team, but she was not red-carded and stayed in the dock to score the only goal.

So ended the longest festival of sail and song we have ever had on the East Coast (or, as far as I know, anywhere). Some would say it must have been too long, but it wasn't, and everyone had enjoyed a wonderful and unusual holiday on the not so fashionable East Coast – the enthusiasm of the participants spoke for itself. There was one almighty task in working out the final results and all the prizes, but some how we managed. In probably one of the not very good summers of the decade, we had completed a very complex programme, not just of racing, but lining up all the facilities and gathering places, all with big logistical implications. It had been a tremendous team effort by an enthusiastic committee and equally enthusiastic participants.

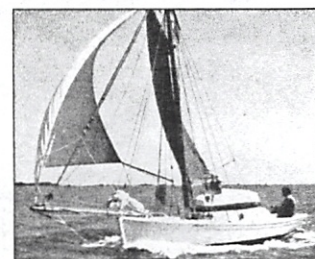
The Victor Ludorum in Absentia prize went to Airlie, sailed by Robert Berk, with Lena crewing much of the time. It is difficult to know where to start the thanks for all the help we received from organisations, clubs, firms, and individuals. I would particularly like to thank Adele, Max, Mario, PTK, Brian, Paul, JK, Phil, Terry, Peter, Richard, Rob, Tess, Sarah and the many other individuals who helped, plus all those who took part in their beautiful boats to make the festival what it was.

Plans are in hand for the 2003 Classics. Tide times would suggest a likely date of 25 June. We have funding in place for the northern end for Lowestoft and Southwold, but we are still contemplating how we handle the other events within the Classics.



Stadats

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Victoria



Manningtree Rally



Despite strong winds preventing many expected vessels attending, several vessels did make it to Manningtree for a pleasant weekend. Most spectacular arrival was Bona, late on parade, cutting across the bank at fast speed. Talk about skidmarks! Other vessels were Maryll, just returned from her winter season on the IJsselmeer, the sleek Airlie

from Walton, the big Bonify from Ipswich, and Paternoster from Walton. There was a champagne naming ceremony for Paternoster's smack's boat "Whoopee".

The Stour Sailing Club were our hosts, and had laid on guest beer and food in our honour. In the evening we had excellent entertainment (Nick, Kath & Alan) laid on, and a lot

of OGA members, who had not been able to bring their boats round, turned up to join the locals.

We are very grateful to local reps Pete & Sarah for their work and the Stour Sailing Club particularly for being such excellent hosts - they put the other clubs to shame!

Full article on eastcoastclassics.co.uk

Swale Match

Despite the poor conditions, the 30th Swale Match was celebrated in style, with 78 entries. There were spritsail barges, Dutch Barges, smacks, gaffers, classic bermudans and vintage power craft all in action on the day, making a magnificent spectacle.

The very light conditions meant that the race had to be shortened at the Spaniard. The barges went round a mark off Herne Bay, whilst the rest went straight back home, with a light sea breeze up their sterns.

On re-entering the Swale the fleet were hit by a complete 180° windshift, a further period of flat calm, before a light breeze came in again from

the sea.

Edme asserted herself to win very markedly over Mirosa in the Bowsprit Class, whilst Marjorie won the staysail class. In the East Coast & Kent smack class, Ethel Alice beat Kate and Dorothy, whilst in the replica or smack yacht class Bird of Dawning beat Olivia Mary and Proud May. There was a new open class for ex fishing boats from outside the area. Nobby Ploughboy led all the way, despite having her substantial lead cut back to nothing by Deva at the windward mark. However on the run back she lifted up her skirts, surprising even Airlie in the yacht class.

In the gaff yacht class, Tammie

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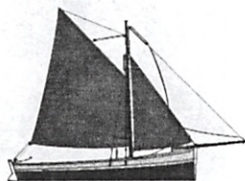
from Tollesbury beat the beautiful cutter Ayesha, being sailed single handed, whilst Mike Peyton's Touchstone took third place. The 25 ft class was won as expected by My Quest, who beat Jane. Merlynn came third, her first ever placing in the event.

The prize giving was held at the Shipwrights Arms at Hollowshore, where slightly dismissive remarks were made about those from north of the Thames and it being Kent's day, rather surprising considering the number of Essex boats taking part and the prizes they won!

Next year's event is on August 23, 2003. Details from Lena on 01795 534212.

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Leigh Shrimpers



Steve Hall tells me there are a few Leigh Shrimpers in the Southend area which are very worthy of restoration, yet available for a reasonable price. Most are 1938-1950's build, with raised foredeck.

Originally built with at least auxiliary sail, they are shoal draft, carvel built, most likely

with a 1960's wheel house up forward. They are excellent vessels for our area - Letitia and Jaqueline are two which have been restored and give wonderful service.

They are not being snapped up by our smackies, because they don't have posh counters, but it would a pity see this little bit

of maritime heritage go through lack of interest. He tells me there's a sweet little one called Girl Pat, 24 ft long, which sounds a nice manageable project for the traditional craft enthusiast.

Call Steve Hall at Ibex sail loft (he's bought two) on 01621 869367.

MALDON TOWN REGATTA & OGA ANNIVERSARY RALLY 2002



Maldon Town Regatta will take place on September 28, 2002. We hope a large number of members will support this event. Apart from the work the new local committee have put in to make it the best ever event, it would also be a mark of respect to our late President David Cade, who helped create the OGA at the famous meeting in September 1963 at Maldon. Whether you are member of the OGA or not, what this man did in his lifetime affected all of us who have an interest in traditional craft, smackie, gaffer or classic cruiser.

This year we have managed to get the event back at Maldon, and the format follows previous successful years since

we combined the Regatta and the OGA Anniversary Rally. It is suggested we meet up at the "Soc & Sail" (Willow Lodge) on Friday evening for a quiet pre race social and notification of any change of plans and last minute developments.

There will be races from the Nass at West Mersea to Osea Island for four classes starting between 0900 and 0930. Then after a pause for lunch there will be a parade of sail into Maldon starting between 1500 and 1530, depending on weather conditions on the day.

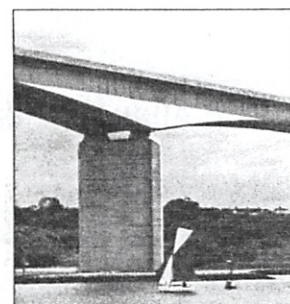
There is plenty of soft mud in Maldon, and we hope for a big raft-up on the Hythe Quay. There will be free beer for crews in Taylor's Yard (just

above the Queens Head), and after that there are the facilities of the Queens Head, the Jolly Sailor and the Maldon Little Ship Club. Food from the MLSC will be available but please order it in advance on the Entry Form - there is no need to pay until you get there.

Two bands will be playing to entertain us all evening in the Marquee on Hythe Quay, so send in your entry form now to receive your copy of the Sailing Instructions and Regatta Programme (members of the OGA get a 20% discount by doing this!)

Peter Maynard, Chairman
Maldon Town Regatta Committee

For entry form & additional details please see page 10.



Victoria

"... it would also be a mark of respect to our late President David Cade, who helped create the OGA at the famous meeting in September 1963 at Maldon."

Crouch Rally - Golden Jubilee Regatta

June 1-4

Our local Crouch Mafia have not been able to file a report, because of reasons beyond their control.

Basically there was a problem with the recording of results by RBYC, and the wrong awards were made by RBYC for the Gaffers Race on Monday. It is understood appropriate letters of apology

are being sent out.

Airlie was the rightful winner of the Inde Coope and Allsop OGA Trophy, but was actually awarded the third prize Teal Trophy, which should have gone to Deva! A further complication was the Classic Bermudans should have sailed the same course as the gaffers on the Monday for the Felgate

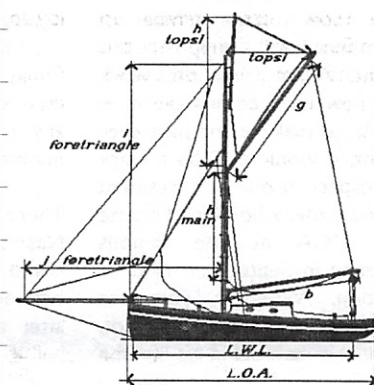
2002 Points Series Trophy, but were prevented from doing so by the RBYC on the line!

Otherwise the event went fine with good racing on the river, and at the end there was a magnificent sail past by the RBOD's, with salutes from the club and the members on the barge Phoenixian.



OGA August Bank Holiday Rally and/or OGA Anniversary Rally & Maldon Town Regatta

Please tick box to indicate entry	August Bank Holiday Rally ☐	OGA Anniversary Rally & Maldon Town Regatta ☐	Both ☐
Name		Phone/Fax/Email	
Address			
Name of Craft		Bowsprit Length*	
Year Built		Propeller Fixed/folding/ 2 Blade/3Blade/without*	
Type/Class		Centreplate: YES/NO*	
Sailing Rig		Mainsail*	
Sail Number		b	
Year Built		h	
Construction		g	
Builder		Mizzen*	
Length for berthing		b	
Flag for racing		h	
T(H)CF/OGA Handicap		g	
Colour Hull		Topsail*	
Colour Sails		h	
Hull LOA		i	
LWL		Foretriangle*	NB actual headsails not measured
Depth		i	Dimensions in feet please
Beam		j	Bermudan rigs use b a h only!
Draft		* If you have no OGA THCF or want it recalculated.	



Please complete and return to -

Jon Wainwright, Old Gaffers Association, East Coast Area, Tops'l House, High Street, Mistley, Essex, CO11 1HB.

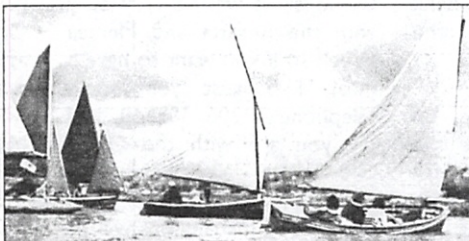
I wish to enter the OGA Blackwater Rally - £5 plus any donation to the OGA (many thanks) or/and the

Wivenhoe Regatta & OGA Bank Holiday August Rally - £5 plus any donation to the OGA (many thanks)

Number of meals required (Maldon only) _____ meals. I enclose a cheque, for £ _____ made payable to OGA.

Swamazons forever !!

Once again the doughty Walton and Frinton Yacht Club played host to the Swallows and Amazons open boats weekend. Rather like the Edinburgh fringe we suspect this originally light weight weekend could grow and grow, judging by the 36 dinghies of all shapes and classes that lined up to race on Saturday following a Friday shake down in the bar, or barbecue, for those that dared at Stone Point.



The scow team arrived up from Burnham, slightly reduced in number, the Walton Jewels also joined us this year – leading the way around their home waters, we had visitors from the North – two Lune Whammel boats were brought down from the Tees. These boats are similar to our local Smacks' boats in that they are modern replicas, taken from a mould of an old boat (these are the salmon fishing boats from the Lune Estuary – apparently one of the first inshore fishing boats to have internal buoyancy, due to the tricky waters of the Lune Estuary!!). We had some true "old gaffers" – Thistle II, Collina and Bess, lovingly kept dinghies, all over 50 yrs old, and Red Wing – a Winkle Brig

from 1885! Helena Jo arrived, complete with a growing family – Helena Jo is a traditionally built replica of Memory's Barge Boat, built in Lowestoft in 1999, and a real

joy to behold.

Only in Walton on the Naze does the sunshine quite so wonderfully and the righteous participants had a jolly breeze too. Smacks boats, scows, jewels and mirrors menageried around the islands on a day where the joy of taking part was only heightened by the wins of Gironde (first on handicap), Thistle II (first Old Gaffer), Cloud 9 (first New Gaffer), Gandalf who led the Smacks Boats home, Omori the first Jewel and Buttercup leading Scow. Even Starfish, the Optimist, managed to make it round the island and home!

Better late than never lasagne and chicken pie fortified the crews for the following day of

mystery and intrigue with the Swallows and Amazons treasure hunt. 17 boats left on the rising tide to track down the 60 points available in a literary seascape of Witches' cottages, Magellan Straights and erm.... Charlie Dimmocks-Titchmarsh Marina! Pete the Pirate roamed the Red Sea, whilst the Welsh Warlock kept guard at the Southern shore – treasure was there for the taking, through the creeks and shallows of Secret Water.

Everyone, including the seals, seemed to delight in the weather and the pursuit. Even Evan of Gone for a Burton, who came back for an early bath after beating into and being beaten by the saltings, and Ian Smith of Willow whose almost casual 54 points was pipped by Julia Crossley (from the Amazons of Cloud 9) with 56. The ebbing tide came too soon for some and thanks are due to Ian Bucklitsch who helped tow home the tardy, having let the "emergency" legitimise an 18 knot dash to the rescue.

Once again we must thank the Walton and Frinton Yacht Club, who really take the small gaffers to their heart. They supplied safely boats and race officers, they laid on a great supper at the club, and opened the bar all weekend (they obviously realise the link between gaffers and beer). Some club members again lent their gardens for the campers, and we received a great welcome from all.

Tessa Mackenzie and Stuart Hodgkinson



Dog Watch...

"Everyone, including the seals, seemed to delight in the weather and the pursuit."

Prize Winners

1st Overall (& 1st Bermudan)
Gironde Arthur Ransome Cup

Old Gaffers

1st Thistle Gaffers ½ model
2nd Bess

3rd Princess of Finsthwaite

Smacks

1st Gandalf Smacks Boat ½ model
2nd Willow
3rd T.T. Ellen

Scows

1st Buttercup Classic Boat sub
2nd Periwinkle

3rd Ariadne

Jewel

1st Omori
2nd Spinel
3rd Lapiz

New Gaffers

1st Cloud 9
2nd Rosebud
3rd Gone for a Burton

2nd Bermudan Airhairliar

Smallest Boat Starfish

Last boat home Hope



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Wivenhoe Regatta & OGA August Bank Holiday Rally

This very pleasant local regatta has started up again, and OGA members are very welcome to participate. Because we had last minute problems with a planned rally elsewhere, the organisers very kindly have agreed to host our Bank Holiday Rally within the Regatta as well.

The event takes place on Sunday 25 August. There is a race from the Colne out to sea and back up the River to finish at Wivenhoe, starting at Bateman's Tower at 10.30 am. There will be (drying) berths made available at Wivenhoe, where there will also food and entertainment laid on. For those who have deep vessels that do not happily take the mud, there is a pool about a mile down river where you can anchor and stay afloat yet access Wivenhoe by dinghy.

The plan is to meet up at the Soc & Sail (Willow Lodge) on

Coast Road West Mersea Saturday evening. Many of you will have been taking part in the West Mersea Town Regatta, and I believe the prize giving is about 8 pm, so meet after that at about 9pm. Obviously it will be very busy with the Regatta and Mersea Week so if you want to have a meal, I suggest you book, telephone 01206 383568, and say you are with the OGA/Old Gaffers.

Race/Sailing Instructions will be available at the Soc & Sail - if they have not already been posted to you. (We intend also to have some informal smack boat sailing both at Mersea and Wivenhoe, when the big boats stop playing)

Subject to formal agreement with the regatta organisers, the main race will be eligible for the 2002 Felgate Gaff and Classic Points Series. Please therefore can you put your

entry through to me so we can work out handicaps etc and make sure you are on the results database.

Steve Hall (01621 869 367) or Richard Barnard (01621823890) the Regatta Organisers will be able to assist you on general and practical matters. Those who want to take part in West Mersea Town Regatta should contact Pat Milgate 01206 735294 or Mike Proctor 384 722 (closing date 18 August).

Please send the entry form with payment -£5.00 (plus any most welcome donation) to me at -

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Mistley, Essex, CO11 1HB.
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Mobile 07778055918

I will pass the entry fee on to the Wivenhoe Regatta.

East Coast Classics acknowledgements & a big 'Thank You' to

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Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners

Classic Boat

Colne Yacht Club

Harbour Inn, Southwold

Harbour Marine Services

Haven Ports Yacht Club

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Ramsholt Arms

Seafarer Books

Southwold Sailing Club

Suffolk Yacht Harbour

Watercraft

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Waveney District Council



DIARY DATES

- November 9, 2002 - End of Season Party & AGM Details next issue.
- September 7, 2002 Tollesbury Smack & Classic Boat Race - 01621 868218
- August 16, 2003 the 2003 West Mersea Town Regatta

East Coast Classics 2002 Points Series

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Reeds	Vessel	Pos	ECOG	Tendring	Southwold	Sole Bay	Lowestoft	Ramsholt	Levingtn	Mistley	2 Rivers	Sub	Worst	TOTAL
117	Airlie	1	4	11	4	7	5	2	2	1	2	38	11	27
124	Vashti	2	15	1	11	5	21	5	3	3	4	68	21	47
138	Deva	3	25	3	8	6	4	8	6	7	6	73	25	48
122	Ma Solitude	4	9	27	2	25	10	1	1	4	1	80	25	55
104	Victoria	5	14	4	17	21	1	18	5	2	3	85	18	67
125	Cara Cara	6	7	6	1	10	3	7	13	21	26	94	26	68
130	Clytie	7	23	5	6	11	11	9	16	6	9	96	23	73
146	Mary11	8	24	2	14	8	7	6	12	9	15	97	24	73
128	Bona	9	47	13	3	1	18	16	10	8	13	129	47	82
148	Peggy	10	10	22	10	9	12	18	4	15	5	105	22	83
127	Gromit	11	28	9	20	4	6	10	18	10	16	121	28	93
	Destina	12	47	27	5	6	8	4	18	21	26	162	47	115
111	Molly Cobbler	13	29	18	7	25	24	3	18	11	11	146	29	117
140	Magie May	14	47	27	27	16	2	12	18	12	12	173	47	126
114	Doreen C	15	44	17	9	17	9	13	18	21	23	171	44	127
133	Quiz	16	21	15	15	13	24	18	18	21	10	155	24	131
	Plum	17	47	7	19	25	15	15	17	21	14	180	47	133
147	Cappricio	18	19	10	12	14	24	18	18	21	26	162	24	138
159	Sunbeam	19	47	27	18	2	20	18	18	21	26	197	47	150
160	Blackbird	20	47	27	13	15	13	18	18	21	26	198	47	151
149	Moonstone 8	21	47	27	27	25	24	18	18	5	8	199	47	152
135	Harbinger	22	47	14	21	23	14	18	18	21	26	202	47	155
107	Maid of Tesa	23	33	19	27	25	24	18	7	16	21	190	33	157
108	Patience	24	47	8	25	25	16	18	18	21	26	204	47	157
	Gone for a Burton	25	47	27	27	25	24	18	18	13	7	206	47	159
101	Badger	26	13	27	27	20	24	18	18	14	26	187	27	160
121	Spellbound	27	1	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	187	27	160
163	Nooderzon	28	2	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	188	27	161
36	Ethel Alice	29	3	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	189	27	162
115	Avola	30	47	16	16	25	24	18	18	21	26	211	47	164
110	Rosenn	31	6	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	192	27	165
201	Kate	32	8	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	194	27	167
126	Quinque	33	47	23	27	25	24	18	8	20	22	214	47	167
120	Ariel	34	47	20	27	25	24	18	15	19	20	215	47	168
	Primrose	35	11	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	197	27	170
	Elfreda	36	47	27	27	25	24	11	9	21	26	217	47	170
	Dorothy	37	12	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	198	27	171
	Linnea	38	47	12	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	218	47	171

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141	Poppy	39	47	27	27	12	24	18	18	21	26	220	47	173
113	Katrine	40	46	26	27	19	23	17	14	21	26	219	46	173
	Bydand	41	47	27	27	25	24	14	18	21	17	220	47	173
132	Mudskipper	42	47	24	26	25	17	18	18	21	25	221	47	174
157	Fleetwing	43	16	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	202	27	175
	Letty May	44	17	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	203	27	176
	Vanette	45	47	27	27	25	24	18	18	18	19	223	47	176
139	Random	46	18	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	204	27	177
156	Owendo	47	37	27	23	25	19	18	18	21	26	214	37	177
164	Masquerade	48	47	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	18	225	47	178
	Vali	49	20	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	206	27	179
	Amberjack	50	47	27	27	18	24	18	18	21	26	226	47	179
	Elam	51	47	27	27	25	24	18	11	21	26	226	47	179
116	Island Blossom	52	47	21	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	227	47	180
101	Sunlight	53	47	27	24	22	24	18	18	21	26	227	47	180
129	Ellen	54	22	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	208	27	181
109	Paternoster	55	47	27	22	25	24	18	18	21	26	228	47	181
	Nancy Blackett	56	47	27	27	25	24	18	18	17	26	229	47	182
	Ammonite	57	47	27	27	25	22	18	18	21	26	231	47	184
	Damaris	58	47	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	24	231	47	184
151	Transcur	59	26	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	212	27	185
	Excelsior	60	47	27	27	24	24	18	18	21	26	232	47	185
123	Tammie	61	47	27	27	24	24	18	18	21	26	232	47	185
162	Clarion of Wight	62	27	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	213	27	186
158	William	63	31	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	217	31	186
234	Sprite	64	35	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	221	35	186
	Pertwee	65	36	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	222	36	186
161	Mary	66	38	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	224	38	186
142	Emeline	67	39	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	225	39	186
153	Alice and Flo	68	40	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	226	40	186
156	Jemma	69	41	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	227	41	186
102	Francesca	70	42	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	228	42	186
155	Gigi	71	43	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	229	43	186
135	Electron	72	45	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	231	45	186
154	Amber	73	47	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	233	47	186
	Rose of Arden	74	30	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	216	30	186
103	Touchstone	75	32	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	218	31	187
150	Mehalah	76	34	27	27	25	24	18	18	21	26	220	32	188