



# EASTCOASTER

*The Newsletter of the East Coast Old Gaffers Association*

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## Forestay

Welcome to the Summer! Up here in Scotland I have not had to suffer from the hot sun and blue skies you have been enduring in England... Hopefully there was also enough wind to go sailing, but I am awaiting more reports to be certain!

The early season events are fully reported on in this issue, and we also have a list of prize winners for the East Coast Race. Full results are available on the website.

25<sup>th</sup> June saw the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swale race, the first having been held in 1972. Normally held in August, when there can be either not enough wind or too much, this year saw a fine SW force 4-5 that made many boats take in a reef, and a rain storm in the evening that cut short the shore side celebrations.

*Edith G* took part in the Swallow and Amazons Weekend. This report of her construction illustrates just how long it can take to complete a self build.

There are still two East Coast OGA events to come this year. The Stour Rally hopes to visit Mistley Quay to celebrate its High Court success in the long running battle to secure its future, while the Norfolk Rally will build on last year's successful event. We have also been invited to the Pin Mill sailing Club's Ha'Penny race. This was inspired by the film Ha'Penny Breeze that was shown at that club as part of an OGA winter event a few years ago. It will be interesting to hear how this version of the race goes.

We have also been invited to Reeuwijk in the Netherlands as the event resumes after COVID. If you like the idea of camping and small boat sailing in October this is a wonderful place to do it.

Happy Sailing!

*Alison Cable*



*Navigating photo by Mug  
Sue Lewis*

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## Tollesbury v OGA 14-15-May

Ian Clarke

For once, this event was blessed with absolutely glorious weather. The sun shone, there were blue skies, wasn't much wind it is true, but it was wonderful to be on the water. Tollesbury Sailing Club are very much "no airs and graces" and live up to their epithet of being the friendliest sailing club on the East Coast. They have fierce rivals in those who sail from West Mersea, and only are concerned their neighbours do not feature too prominently on the leader board, however that was not to be.

From the Old Gaffers Yvonne Mitchell was sailing the new to her Scow *Ermintrude*, which was well suited to the conditions by being much lighter than the Smacksboats, of which there were four – Eloisa Rule & Vicky Whiddett in her mother's *Willow*, Pete and Clare Thomas in *Eureka*, Tarquin and Henry Wildridge in *Ettie* and the writer in *Pudding Faces*. Joint member of Tollesbury SC and Old Gaffer Richard Ham sailed the Gaffling 4.1 *Suffling*, Tollesbury SC Commodore Bing Weedon and daughter (who swapped helming duties between the two races) in a Mersea Winklebrig *Fidget*, another Mersea Winklebrig *Native* sailed over from Mersea by Steve Johnson, and finally the Mersea Lugger *Woodcock* also sailed from Mersea by Phil Plumtree.

The course was set by the race office for the day Greg Bartlett and he led the fleet around the marks in his rib. Very soon the fleet separated with *Native*, *Woodcock* and *Suffling* some distance in front, *Ermintrude*, *Eureka*, and *Willow* in the middle grouping, with *Pudding Faces* and *Ettie* some distance behind. However it was a great day for a gentle sail, with many other boats out, a fleet of Optimists & youngsters racing further up the creek adding to a feeling of good to be alive and on the water.

After the two races were completed, *Native* had won both, *Suffling* and *Woodcock* shared 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, with *Fidget* in 4<sup>th</sup> in the first race and 7<sup>th</sup> in the second. *Willow*, sailed by Elly Rule was first in the Smacks Boats group with a 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, *Ermintrude* with a good 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and *Eureka* 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

For those of us who stayed overnight, and in fact left the boats on the small beach in preparation for a Sunday sail and picnic, the weather gods – as usual – were not with us. Pete Thomas described the conditions in the creek as "lively" and so yet again a Sunday sail was not attempted. But all who had experienced Saturday's glorious sail will not forget it.

I can't wait until next year!

*(The Tollesbury SC boats did go out on the Sunday, for their normal races, and the East Coast's Gaffling 4.1 which had been borrowed for the weekend joined them. Suffling won all four Sunday races on handicap, and in two of them she was also first boat home against a mixed fleet of club dinghies. It seems that the Area owns a very competitive dinghy! ed )*

## Results

Two races were run.

1<sup>st</sup> overall Mersea Winklebrig *Native* (1<sup>st</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>) sailed by Steve Johnson.

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Ham sailing a Gaffling 4.1 *Suffling* (3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) and also joint 2<sup>nd</sup>, Phil Plumtree in his Mersea Lugger *Woodcock* (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>).

First smacksboat overall, Eloisa Rule in *Willow* (5<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>).

Honourable mentions to Yvonne Mitchell in her scow *Ermintrude* (6<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>), Pete and Clare Thomas in their smacksboat *Eureka* (7<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>), Tollesbury Sailing Club's Commodore Bing Weedon in his Mersea Winklebrig *Fidget*, and not timed smacksboats, Ian Clarke in *Pudding Faces* and Tarquin Wildridge in *Ettie*.

## Deben Rally, 2-5th June

Sue Lewis

100th birthdays don't come around very often, especially for boats, so it was a joy to celebrate such an occasion, with birthday girl *Clytie* present, at the very yard she was built in. Dressed with code flags that spelt out "Clytie100" (well actually "Clytie10o" but no one was complaining), she made her way up the river in the sunshine with an escort of smacks boats all taking part in the ECOGA Platinum Jubilee Deben Rally. The Masters



Party at the Woodbridge Boatyard

photo Colin Stroud

family certainly did her proud at this celebration: the flags were out, there was tea and cake and a barbeque and speeches and "Hip Hip Hurray" and Prosecco to toast the old lady - and of course to toast, most loyally, that other grand old lady celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.

The scene of all this jubilation was Woodbridge Boatyard on Everson's Quay, renamed in 2010 but still referred to by many as "Eversons". Alfred Everson began boat-building here in 1889 and the current boatshed dates back as far as 1912. In 1922 *Clytie* was built here for Clifford Paterson and is now owned by his great-granddaughter - 5 generations of the same family have sailed her in these waters and further afield, and the tradition continues.

Boatyard owner Eric Reynolds and General Manager Matt Lis showed off their latest creation *La Mouette*, the star of the show ashore, a lovely 11 foot clinker sailing dinghy newly built by traditional methods to the lines of an old Everson design and launched over the Jubilee weekend. Matt told us with justifiable pride that she's the first new traditionally-built wooden boat built at the yard since the 1960s. She is of clinker construction, built of copper-fastened larch on English oak with a mahogany transom, shear planks and thwarts. Her spars are made (from douglas fir) and rigged in-house, and the gunter style sail was made in Woodbridge by Suffolk Sails.



*La Mouette*

*Photo Sue Lewis*

For gaffers large and small (mostly small) participating in this weekend event, the party at Woodbridge was the culmination of some great days of sailing. On Thursday the sun shone and *Transcur* and *My Quest*, sailing round from Pin Mill and Harwich harbour respectively, had perfect conditions for entering the River Deben at half tide. Joined by Keith McIlwain in Yachting Monthly Senior *Dipper*, which he launched from its trailer at Bawdsey, we sailed gently up the river, encountering more and more of the smaller boats sailing about. At Waldringfield, as a dramatic reminder of the Nation's big event,

we found ourselves directly below the Jubilee flypast which had formed up somewhere over the North Sea and was making its way to London to salute the Queen. *Dipper* expertly picked up a pre-arranged mooring under sail, *Transcur* anchored upriver from the main moorings while in *My Quest* we sailed on up as far as we dared (which for the record was Melton Boatyard above Woodbridge) before sailing back to Waldringfield. It really was one of those glorious days that make it all worthwhile.

Visiting small gaffers made the most of launch facilities and camping at Waldringfield Boatyard where Mark and Emma Barton were excellent hosts. At the DIY barbeque in the yard Platinum Jubilee flags were distributed as well as mauve streamers to identify the fleet. The forecast for Friday was for a stiff breeze from the north east and two alternative destinations down river were decided upon: Felixstowe Ferry for the biggest and boldest, and Ramsholt for those preferring a shorter distance and possibly a gentler experience.

Whether in the end anyone who sailed on Friday had a gentle experience is a moot point. It blew quite a hoolie and much use was made of reefs but certainly a good crowd comprising about half the weekend fleet picked up moorings or (mostly) landed on the beach and gathered for fish'n'chips amongst the Bank Holiday crowds at Felixstowe. Nothing left over for the seagulls from these hungry mariners!

The weekend fleet comprised over 25 gaff-rigged (and lug rigged) boats, plus *Dipper* and Melvyn Fox's Westerly *Fox*, mother ship to his smacks boat, to represent Bermudans, and Colin Stroud's motorboat *Stardrift* whose reassuring presence as unofficial safety boat must have given confidence to some to take on the challenging conditions. There were 2 Deben Luggers - a traditionally styled day boat built locally, several smacks boats and a host of lovely small boats both old and new.

We rounded off the event in true EC gaffer style in the camping area with swirling smoke from one of Pete the Knife's famous fires. The smell of smoke in clothes and hair after these events is all part of the experience.



photo Colin Stroud

## Swallows and Amazons weekend

June 18th-19th

by Marion Shirley

Swallows and Amazons: my favourite books as a child. Secret Water, in which the children camp, chart and sail round the island, one of the best! I was in big boat mode, arriving at the Orwell No 2 buoy from Ramsgate at low water. Picking up a buoy at Stone Point, I could see that something gafferish was about to take place.

The next morning four boats made their way up the Twizzle and eventually to moorings in the Walton Pond. Small boats began to arrive on trailers, a Heron from Walsall, smacks boats, a barge boat and a Coot. One sailed overnight from the Deben. The newest OGA Gaffling class dinghy *Essling of Mistley* came as part of a double decker load; Clare and Will sailed one hundred year old *Bilanbil* from Ipswich. Tents and camper vans took their places and, on Friday night, after a very warm day, we sat out under the stars.

The weather forecast for Saturday's race was on the edge. 17 boats were entered. Due to breaking waves in Hamford Water, most started a shortened course. With groundings, breakages, a swimming incident and even a sinking, the race was not short of



*Longshore and Bilanbil*

photo Sue Lewis

drama but everyone survived. A sustained tussle between *Bilanbil* and *Longshore* saw the latter, sailed by Sam Domain, the victor by a very short head. Sam also won 'Spirit of Tradition.'

First traditional was *Essling* (Pete Elliston and Sarah Adie), first small gaffer was

*Dabchick* (Colin Stroud) first Smacks Boat *Eureka* (Pete Thomas). I went as ballast on *Dabchick*, wedged into a tight space under the boom, thus allowing me to take some of the credit. There was a champagne celebration for *Bilanbil* and for the launching of *Essling*, having completed her first race.

An excellent evening meal was followed by prize giving with Paul as an entertaining master(s) of ceremonies. Mike McCarthy won the Two Dicks trophy for driving the safety boat and being aground at the moment a key was needed and Vicky Blackburn was awarded the Lucky B\*stard for swimming whilst capsized and keeping her 'phone out of the water. The weather on Sunday was a great deal more forgiving and, although some had to leave, a goodly fleet set sail and this time we did go round the island in champagne conditions complete with seal watching.

Thanks to all of the organisers and to the Walton and Frinton Yacht Club, a delightful, friendly and accommodating venue.

|              |                     | Full results |                                      |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Boat Name    | Class               | Position     | Prize                                |
| Longshore    | Spirit of Tradition | 1            | 1st Overall, 1st Spirit of Tradition |
| Essling      | Traditional         | 2            | 1st Traditional                      |
| Nona         | Spirit of Tradition | 3            |                                      |
| Dabchick     | Traditional         | 4            | 1st Little Gaffer                    |
| Bilanbil     | Traditional         | 5            |                                      |
| Edith G      | Traditional         | 6            |                                      |
| Montmerencie | Spirit of Tradition | 7            |                                      |
| Eureka       | Smacks Boat         | 8            | 1st Smacks Boat                      |
| Papa Stour   | Smacks Boat         | 9            |                                      |
| Foxcub       | Spirit of Tradition | DNF          |                                      |
| Whoopee      | Smacks Boat         | DNF          |                                      |
| Ettie        | Smacks Boat         | DNF          |                                      |

|               |             |                 |               |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Puffin        |             | DNS             |               |
| Willow        | Smacks Boat | DNS             |               |
| Pudding faces | Smacks Boat | DNS             |               |
|               |             |                 |               |
|               |             | Vicky Blackburn | Lucky Bastard |
|               |             | Mike McCarthy   | Two Dicks     |
|               |             |                 |               |

## East Coast Race

This year's East Coast Race was run in a pretty good sailing wind of around Force 3-4. Out of a field of 23 Gaff rigged boats 2 retired before the finish, leaving only 5 boats without trophies! The 5 Classic Bermudans that took part were also well represented in the prize list, although *Gay Gannet* unfortunately went the wrong side of the finishing line bouy, so was not in contention.

### List of prizewinners

#### Gaffers

*Puritan* 1<sup>st</sup> overall, Winner's pennant and James Dodds cup

*Peace*, 1<sup>st</sup> OGA member, Commodore's pennant, Davey trophy

*Alberta*, 1<sup>st</sup> on elapsed time, Brittanica and Old Gaffer's Trophy

*Kelpie II*, Boat World Rose Bowl

*Random*, Snipe Trophy

*Fable*, Cruiser Trophy

*Bluebell*, Hunt Cup

*Clytie*, Seamanship Cup

*Cadno*, Stone Trophy

*Greensleeves*, Dulcibella Trophy

*Titch*, Austin Edge and Winch trophies

*Kestrel*, Gaffer's Tankard

*ADC*, Tom Bolton Trophy

*Lahlloo*, Titheridge Trophy

*Gladys*, Privateer Trophy for under 21 helm

*Stormy Cape*, Old Harry and Ploddars Pot

#### Bermudans

*Droleen II* 1st Classic Bermudan - Tom Felgate Cruiser trophy

*Rhumba* 2nd Classic Bermudan - Tom Felgate Racer trophy

*Cirrus* 3rd Classic Bermudan - Spinnaker trophy

## It took you how long?

Nick Phillips

A (loose) quote from Paul, MC at Swamazons prize-giving: “Some people sail boats, some build boats, some do both. And then there’s Nick...”

*Edith G* is a gunter rigged Yachting World 14 foot Dayboat. First launched on The Broads in 2019 *Edith G* had been ‘in build’ since 1978! She attended at Stone in 2019 for the OGA small boat race. In the event, the race was cancelled and the boat sailed for only twenty minutes on the Friday due to the strong winds. Her next OGA outing was this year’s Swamazons.



*The hull in 1979*

Forty-one years to build fourteen feet demonstrates a remarkable lack of focus. Why did it take so long ? At the outset, there was a clear vision of dinghy cruising. After an initial flurry of teenage activity before college the vision faded, replaced by yacht cruising thanks to a friend’s schooner. I got used to sailing on boats where it was possible to make a cup of tea at any time. Completing *Edith G* remained an intent but lost out for many years to a baby, a string of yachts, cruising on friend’s boats, and work. *Edith G* and her associated materials and fittings store were moved from house to house (eight times!). In two homes a (later discarded) secondhand Bermudan mast formed a feature stored in the hallway. There were a few short periods of activity until finally, she found herself at the top of the to-do list and she was finished.

Most Yachting World Dayboats are Bermudan but the designer included a gunter option with a nod to encouraging amateur construction. *Edith G* adopted the Gunter rig to simplify rigging / de-rigging when afloat. The boat was entirely ‘DIY’ except the sails, standing rigging and a few of the fittings. Build materials were all selected to last with bronze screws and bolts, iroko and oak framing and expensive Bruynzeel plywood. The cost of these was offset to a small extent by a source of timber yard offcuts. The wood pile for the local pub’s open fire yielded numerous pieces of oak, iroko and ‘mahogany’. These provided not only knees, cleats and deck beams but also a magnificent single board rudder and the main thwart.

A close look shows hints of numerous changes of mind over the years on aspects of her build, and something of an identity crisis. First appearances show a glossy finished, lightweight cold-moulded class dinghy. However, much of the fit-out,

including spar details, was inspired by more traditional craft and reference to books such as John Glasspool's excellent 'Open Boat Cruising'. The frames, floors and deck beams are robust but probably a little over-sized. The wooden boom jaws are effective and much more attractive than a metal gooseneck. And the deck beam scantlings sufficient for a dance floor. Unnecessarily robust.

That glossy appearance is a worry too, known to have put me off buying yachts with similar finishes. I have been a lifelong alkyd and tung oil fan, eschewing rigid modern finishes involving measuring jugs and multiple tins. But I was intrigued by them and the stability of cold moulded hulls is well suited to these high-tech inventions. So we experimented. Outside only - the interior is finished with traditional single tin products. The result - a robust, attractive and glossy finish that still gives me bad dreams about getting a good finish, touching up, and trapped water rotting the boat from within. Never again!



*Foredeck beams 1980*

So how does she sail? Great fun, stable and reassuringly safe. But so much more complicated than a lug-sail.



*Finally sailing 2019*

## Stour Rally - August Bank Holiday 2022

Gather at Wrabness on **Friday 26th** - either at anchor or on moorings. Small boat raid upriver towards Manningtree for any early arrivals. Meet ashore by Hut 32 for drinks and briefing at 20:30.

**Saturday 27th** - race (for bigger boats), with start and finish line Wrabness posts. BBQ (bring your own food and drinks) or eat aboard, then briefing ashore for Sunday's activities.

**Sunday 28th** - early creek crawl for smaller boats to Holbrook Creek. Parade of Sail for all boats up river to Mistley, aiming to arrive 12.00 for meal at the Thorn and prize giving. Leave from Mistley by 14:00, and return to Wrabness. Possible small boat time trials / race.

**Monday 29th** - head for home. There may be a Wrabness organised dinghy race, to be confirmed.

It should be possible for a few small boats to launch at Wrabness but there is no slip / winch etc. There is a public campsite at Wrabness, but no camping facilities at the beach. If you would like to launch your boat at Wrabness then you must contact Pete Elliston to discuss and agree this before entering the event.

Please enter the event using our online booking form so that we know you are coming!  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/396585948247>

Any questions? Contact Pete Elliston by email - [ptk.elliston@btinternet.com](mailto:ptk.elliston@btinternet.com) or phone on 07930 500067.

## Norfolk Broads open boats weekend 24/25th September 2022

After the success of our first event at Hickling Broad last year, we plan to run another weekend to explore more of the broads in the area around Hickling. Further details will be published nearer to the date....

## Southampton Boat Show

The Southampton Boat show has decided to make the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, the second Friday of the show, as a special 'Clubs and Associations Day'. It will be possible to purchase a special 'Clubs and Associations Day' ticket. for that day which enables entry to the show for £18 instead of £32

Visit: <https://www.southamptonboatshow.com> and click on the tickets tab

Click on Promo Code at the bottom of the page. and enter the promotional code: JG22 to bring up the 'Clubs and Associations Day' ticket. Select Quantity and proceed



## AN INVITATION FROM PIN MILL SAILING CLUB The Ha'penny Cup Challenge



I am pleased to extend a warm invitation to OGA members to take part in the 2022 Pin Mill Sailing Club Ha'penny Cup Challenge, on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August.

The ha'penny, or half penny, was one of the coins that disappeared when the old pounds, shillings and pence (£SD) system was replaced by decimal coinage. However, although no longer legal tender, many still survive and one of them now adorns the elegant pewter mug which serves as the PMSC's Ha'penny Cup Trophy.

The Ha'penny Cup event, now in its sixth year, was the brainchild of PMSC's round-the-world sailor, Paul Jefferies, whose inspiration was the delightfully awful 1950s movie, "Ha'penny Breeze." The film was shot entirely at Pin Mill and many local people took part as 'extras.' The story revolves around the revival of the boat-building industry at Pin Mill after the dark days of World War II and features a sailing race.

The PMSC event is **NOT** a race, however. Competitors must declare, in advance, their estimated time to complete a set course and the boat with an actual time nearest to its predicted time is declared the winner. One of the advantages of this competition is that any sailing boat, whether it be a dinghy, or an ocean racer, will have an equal chance of winning, since it depends solely on seamanship and planning skills. Last year's winner was within five seconds of his estimated time.

PMSC members only will be eligible to win the Ha'penny Cup itself, but a new trophy - the Farthing Cup - was commissioned last year for the winning other-club member. It was won by David Pearce, of Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

This year's event will start at 10 a.m. from the Pin Mill Sailing Club start line. You are requested to contact our Vice Commodore, Graeme Hammond, at [graeme.hammond@gmail.com](mailto:graeme.hammond@gmail.com) or 01473 659482, to register their interest, or for more information. The course details and race information (included a few rules) will be circulated on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

There will be barbeque and prizegiving at the PMSC Clubhouse from 6 p.m. in the evening. We hope that the event will foster friendly interclub rivalry, in addition to providing a challenging test of seamanship.

Yours sincerely, Sara Hopkinson, Commodore, Pin Mill Sailing Club

## The 2022 Reeuwijk Raid 15 and 16 October 2022

at the Goudse Watersportvereniging Elfhoeven in Reeuwijk

The Reeuwijk Raid is an alternative regatta with boats that besides powered by sails can also be propelled by rowing, sculling, or with a punting pole. During the race, the leader of that moment has only one minute to enjoy his or her leading position and then has to close at the back of the pack again behind the RC dinghy. The boat and crew having to close behind most, are called as winners and will be rewarded the all famous challenge cup.

Taking part in the regatta provides an unique possibility to enjoy the beautiful Reeuwijkse Plassen, enjoy each other's boats, socialise with fellow boaters, and it also has a little competitive element to it.

The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Reeuwijk Raid again will take place from GWV Elfhoeven. You can make use of our boatslip or lifting crane to launch your boat. We have a well equipped harbour and clubhouse and can provide a possibility to camp in the back of our parking area (grass).

Program (tentative)

Friday 14 October

Boats can be launched, the clubhouse will be open from 16.00. Breakfast for Saturday and/or Sunday can be ordered through the registration form on our website.

Saturday 15 October

Boats arriving by trailer can be launched from 08.00. Cars and trailers to be parked in our parking. Boats should be ready prior 11.00. At 11.00 a Q & A session with coffee after which the race will start. Participants will have to provide for their own lunches. We will sail various lakes making up the Reeuwijkse Plassen without the use of engines (electrical or combustion). After the finish we will offer drinks (non-hosted) and the prizes for that day will be awarded. A captains dinner will be served (use the registration form to indicate the number of participants). In the evening we can make music, sing, dance, drink and whatever (bring your own instrument). When it is time to close your eyes, you can either camp in the parking area or sleep in your boat. Sanitary facilities are in the clubhouse.

Sunday 16 October

We start off with coffee at 09.00, followed by an international sculling competition. After that we will all sail the various lakes, have multiple bridge passings and aim to be back at the club around 15.00.

Registration

Registration through the website of the GWV Elfhoeven using this [link](#).

<https://www.elfhoeven.nl/activiteiten/933/reeuwijk-raid>

Due to the limited number of participants we can host, please register your participation before 15 September 2022.

with regards,

Guus de Koster

Race Manager GWV Elfhoeven

## Backstay

All good things come to an end, and unfortunately this year the East Coast has to say goodbye to Graham Waddesdon. He was serving as the minute secretary, or “scribe” as he preferred, for the East Coast Committee when I joined the OGA in 2007, and received the Bateman’s Tower Award for service to the Area in 2011, accepting the large model which comprised the award at that time with grace. I also remember meeting him at the Tidemill, where we surprised him to great effect with the restoration of his car “Gusty” for the TV show Car SOS. He will be missed.



*Robinetta* has now reached the West Coast of Scotland, so I can not even remotely claim to be an East Coast Sailor anymore (although I do intend to sail our Smack Boat at the Diamond Jubilee party next August). My usual appeal goes out to anyone who feels able to take over as editor of Eastcoaster. I will help all I can with the handover and there is no need to keep to the current format.

**Please** send in articles about events you attend, with pictures if possible. Duplicates can go on the website, so do not assume someone else will write the report and not bother! If you can get your contributions to me by October 24<sup>th</sup> that would be wonderful, as I can then get the next issue out at the start of November, with information about the AGM and any winter events. If you have a story to tell about your boat, or a favourite spot you would like to recommend I am always looking for extra bits to mix in with the reports!

Please send them to [alison.margaret.cable@gmail.com](mailto:alison.margaret.cable@gmail.com), or by post to Alison Cable, Kenmuir, Rosneath, G84 0PX.

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