



C. A. Y. F. Newsletter

This is an occasional newsletter from the Crouch Area Yachting Federation for affiliated Clubs, issued only when there is something of interest to tell your members. Designed to be pinned on noticeboards

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Beacon Lighting Ceremony - 21st April 2016

Message from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR Pageantmaster: The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons

"There is a long and unbroken tradition in our country of celebrating Royal jubilees, weddings, coronations and special birthdays with the lighting of beacons . There will be a further opportunity to celebrate on Thursday 21st April 2016, when beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom. Those wishing to take part and send us the information requested outlined in the guide <http://www.brunopeek.co.uk> by no later than 18th April 2016, to ensure we list them correctly, as it will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen after the event.

As you are all aware HM the Queen is the RYA Patron, and I believe that many RYA affiliated clubs will be keen to participate in marking this momentous occasion".

Within CAYF my home club, South Woodham Ferrers Yacht Club are participating, together with local councils at the Riverside Car Park South Woodham Ferrers CM3 5WP when a portable beacon is being lit by the Chairman of Essex County Council accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex and other local dignitaries such as the Mayor.

Ours is an open community event held in the public car park . Our Club will be open providing tea and coffee and toilets etc. Unfortunately the early evening coincides with low water, but we are providing two coastal rowing gigs saluting opposite the beacon by tossing oars as the beacon is lit, to the whistles of bosuns' calls. (Doug)

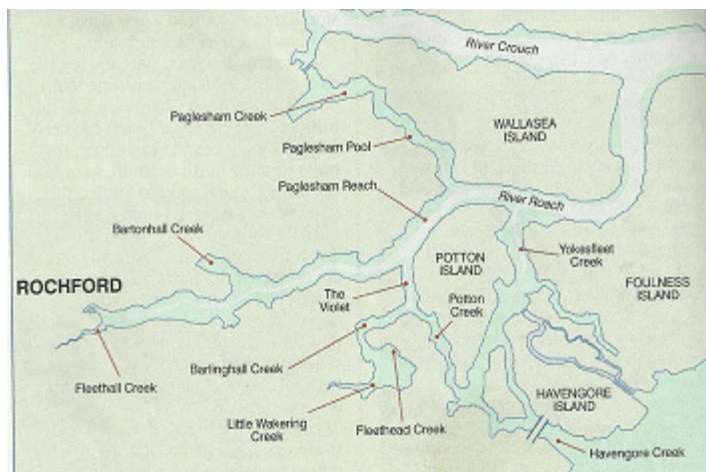
As the RYA would like to know which clubs are celebrating the event perhaps you could let me know to feed back through the RYA

New buoyage and withies in Potton Creek

The area is well known to those who frequent the back waters and creeks of the Roach as noted in the article " Passage to Rochford" in PBO this month by Tony Smith. He of the wooden gaff cutter "Shoal Waters" says quite rightly in the article " the area of creeks is possibly one of the prettiest in England". It's a used short cut from the Thames via Havengore Creek to the Roach, Paglesham and Rochford.

We as members of CAYF the RSA along with the local yards at Rochford and Wakering and the CHA are carrying out an exercise to place a navigational route through the creek at high water. It will consist of 7 lit buoys and transitional heavy withies marking the shallow side. Tidal height gauges at both ends will give

depth of water over the concrete causeway which is considered by many as the halfway point. These buoys will eventually make their way on to admiralty charts, they will be maintained by the yard at Wakering and part funded initially by the CHA. We are just awaiting the delivery of the buoys and would hope to have all in place by the start of the season.



Print courtesy of PBO

Lifetime Achievement award for Mike Peyton

Many people will have chuckled over Mike Peyton's cartoons in the yachting press, depicting the typical unfortunate scrapes we have all been in at one time or other.

Mike who lives near North Fambridge and a keen sailor and local Elder Gaffer has just been awarded the Yachting Journalists Association Lifetime Achievement Award at Trinity House.

He is pictured here next to his well deserved trophy. Mike is now in his 95th year



Crouch Harbour Authority Notice to Mariners no.5 of 2016

Your attention is drawn to the following: Mariners are advised that four Steel Tubular Piles have now been laid for the Oyster Nursery Farm in Devils Reach, River Roach in the following positions:

Pile 1 Lat 51° 35.860 N, Long 00° 50.078 E

Pile 2 Lat 51° 35.861 N, Long 00° 50.078 E

Pile 3 Lat 51° 35.847 N, Long 00° 50.184 E

Pile 4 Lat 51° 35.846 N, Long 00° 50.184 E

Each of the piles is marked with a Yellow X topmark and radar reflector, and exhibiting a Fl.4s Yellow Light with a range of 2 miles.

- The Crouch Harbourmaster, Susan Harrison, is reminding all CAYF Clubs to submit their annual Risk Assessments for races and rallies being organised on the Crouch and Roach. The Risk Assessment is a useful tool for Clubs to define safety standards. She points out that templates are on the CHA website to help Club officers.

- If your Club is organising an event, then Elaine in the Harbour Office would like to know, so she can put it in the CHA Diary on the website so everyone knows. Email elaine@crouchharbour.org.uk

Winner of the RYA Eastern Region Youth Champions Award

There were two nominations received for the Eastern Region's RYA Regional Youth Champion Award, Joe Drake and Ben Jelf. Both were declared worthy recipients by Robbie Bell (Regional Development Officer). The resulting vote is that Ben Jelf is the Eastern Region's nominee for a RYA Regional Youth Champion Award. Well done to Ben.

CAYF AGM:

The Chairman Ken reported CAYF club membership had increased to 29 Clubs. Doug had attended the Heads of the River Combined Clubs Committee; Ken and Clem the Roach Sailing Association; Doug, Clem and Ken the CHA Advisory Committee meetings; and Ken attending the CHA Meetings.

He outlined the progress made in 2015

- Edwin Buckley who has been awarded an RYA Regional Award and was presented with his award by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal.
- CAYF membership is now at 29 Clubs and slowly growing
- CAYF remain very concerned at the frequent closure of the Havengore and Potton Bridges, most recently through a lack of bridge keepers. The Chairman called for Commodores of CAYF Clubs to write to the MOD. This is an ancient protected right of navigation and we are eager to see this right protected.
- The CHA have installed new buoyage in the Upper Crouch and Upper Roach in conjunction with the Yards, CHA and CAYF
- River Roach - new floating oyster pens will be installed in Devils Reach which CAYF supported, in preference to the submerged trestles.
- Feedback to the RYA from CAYF forums resulted in an RYA Affiliated Conference being held at the RHYC

The Hon Treasurer reported no expenditure to the CAYF Account

The aim in 2016 is to raise the profile of CAYF and demonstrate added value to CAYF member clubs, but can only do this if you tell us your concerns. Suggestions so far include publishing pilotage plans, of the Upper Roach and Upper Crouch, and Havengore Route on the website ; resolving damage caused by fishing trawlers in mooring areas on the Roach and Upper Crouch. Environmental concerns about water quality.

Crouch Coastal Community Team

As a first project it was agreed to pull together a small working group to publish a map/ guide promoting amenities on the banks of Crouch /Roach for visitors to the region. This is to be available free at tourist centres public libraries etc

CAYF Officers representing your interests in 2016

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