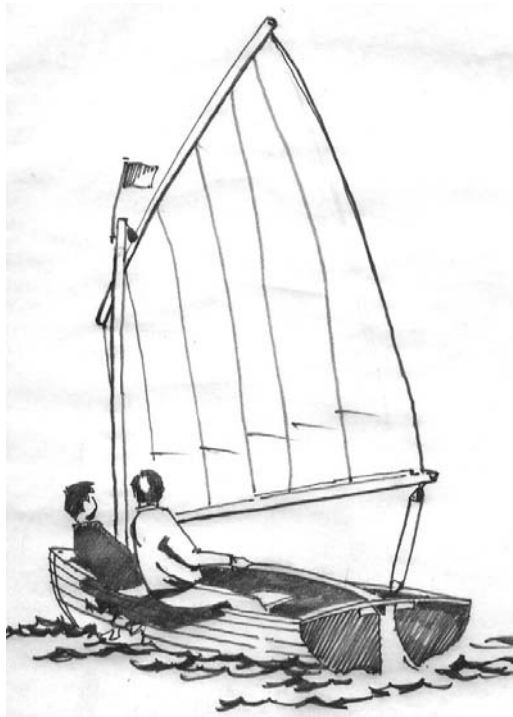


East Coast Area Old Gaffers Association

Celebrate our 10th Year of:

SWALLOWS & AMAZONS



The **big** event for small boats
at the Walton & Frinton Yacht Club
6th & 7th June 2009

Once again we are pleased to be able to have the event at the Club and heartfelt thanks go to, the Walton & Frinton Yacht Club, without their support with Race Officers, safety boats, use of the club facilities and the help of the Committee we would not be able to hold this fun event.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEKEND

The tides are middle of the day this year, so most of you may wish arrive on Friday 5th. If so then this needs to be confirmed with the event organisers prior to the event, particularly if camping. (Pete Elliston 07831 525233)

Those arriving by road; Head down Walton High Street, keep going into the semi-pedestrianised access-only area and take a first left down Mill Lane to Walton & Frinton Yacht Club. There are B&Bs in town (details at the end of this) and those with tents and camper vans are welcome but please let us know before the event so that we can have space ready for you. (Pete Elliston 07831 525233) The camper vans should park on the central finger of the yacht pond to avoid congestion around the club. Those with tents are invited into the garden of Chris & Anna Brooke and Nicola Chetwyn Staplyton and Caroline Wilberforce – so please come and find Lorna, Brian Pete or Sophie at the yacht club, who will take you to “the camp site” and introduce you to your hosts.

Those arriving by sea; Little boats can come up river from half tide onwards and land on the muddy gravel by the pontoons outside the yacht club. Beer, food and showers are available in the club. If you wish to camp, please let us know so that we can have a space ready for you.

For larger boats and “mother ships” there are moorings available in the W&F Pond (this is right in the middle of the action, but has a lock gate and is therefore only accessible at daylight highwater, to book a berth call Steve or Richard Wyatt on 01255 675 873) or Trevor at Titchmarsh Marina 01255 672185 or 851899 (located down river, away from the action, but accessible at all stages of tide).

REGISTRATION: For the first time this will be done at the club on FRIDAY evening at the club, so come and ask for Brian Hammett.

Saturday 6th June HW Har 11:39 BST

FOR LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION 0800.

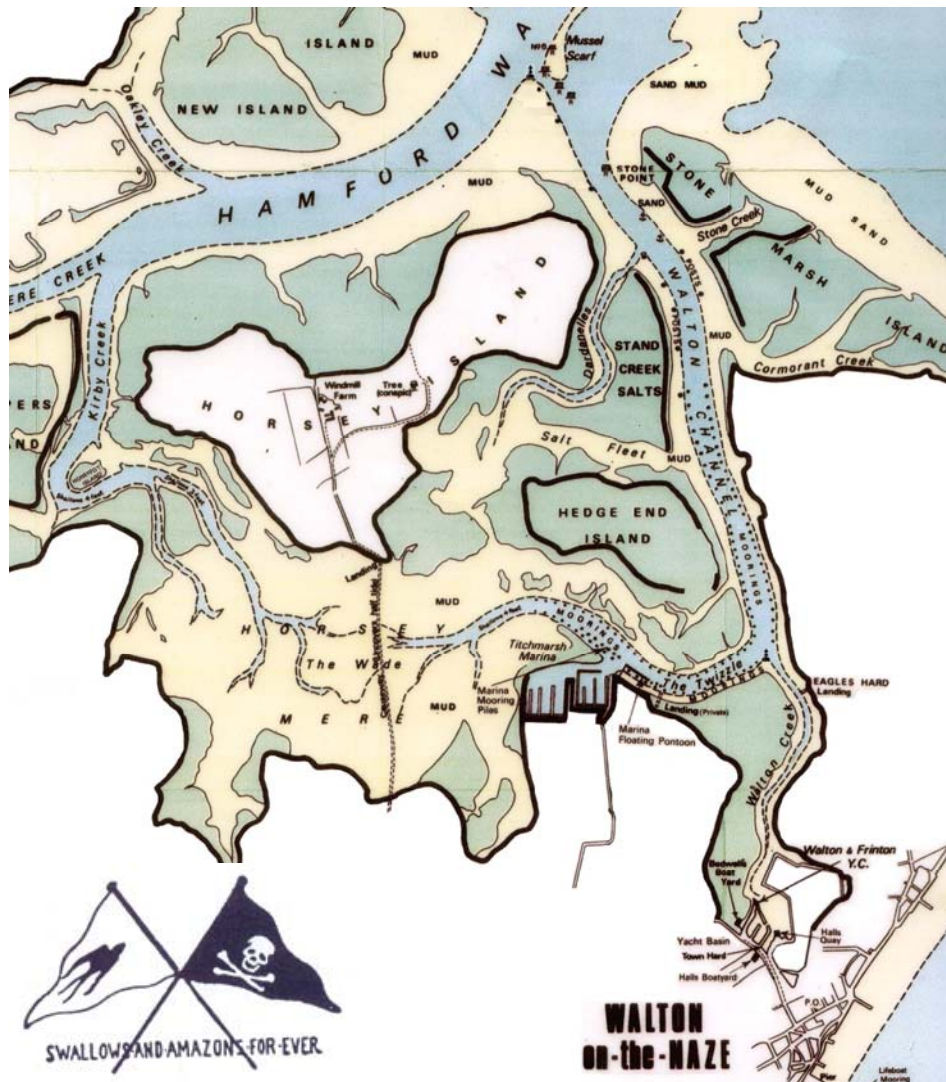
Late entries will be taken, and the race course will be announced (clockwise or anti-clockwise around the islands depending on the forecast). The full race details and course will be shown on the OGA board at W&FYC.

We shall be selling Swallows & Amazons T-shirts, 2009 OGA pennants and tickets for Saturday night's dinner - please come and buy these early, as numbers are limited. Ask for JULIA. For those unable to get tickets or who want something else, there will be a bar menu from which you may order on the night.

0830 Get launched as soon as there is enough water and get down river, ready for the start. The slips at the yacht club will be busy, so please get ready early if possible. If the wind is at all northerly it may take some time to get down river to the start line. Those with engines please look out for those having a hard time and offer the friendly tow line!!

Swallow and Amazons Round the Island Race

Start line and finish line	Between a buoy and committee boat at junction of Walton Channel and the Twizzle
Start time	0900 OR 0930 BST To Be Confirmed at briefing 0800
Start signal	NOTE: The new signals will be used!! That is flag and gun at 5min, gun at 4min, long horn at 1 min and then a gun to go.(see supplementary sheet on day as there may be 2 starts)
Course	Around Horsey and Hedge End Islands, and back to the start line. Boats may cut inside Honeypot, but not inside the barges that form sea defences at the North East end of Horsey Island. Direction (clockwise or anticlockwise) will be announced Saturday morning depending on forecast winds



Please note all these race directions are provisional, and you must check on the race board Saturday morning. Race Officer will be Alec Moss. Those little boats already down the river, please check with the committee boat on the start line to confirm race details or call Brian on OGA Event Phone -07527 803695.

This race is open to all open boats and small craft suitable for sailing in drying waters at skippers' discretion, typically these are sailing dinghies, smacks' boats, jewels, scows, W&FOD, centreplate day boats etc. Any child helm must have adult supervision either in the dinghy or in a following dinghy. There will be safety boats out, but these cannot follow each child and it is a long race course with strong tides. If dinghies with engines choose to follow the race, they are positively welcomed as spectators.

All the boats will race together, although prizes will be awarded within certain classes where appropriate – we hope to have enough entries of each, to make up classes for Traditional Gaffers, "Spirit of Tradition", Smacks boat, Scows, New classics, Little Gaffers and Jewels. Please note that this race should be of the friendly variety. There will be all sorts of boats, with all sorts

of crews – safety and seamanship must take precedence over any other sailing or racing rules.

As you sail around watch out for the locals – the seal colony continues to prosper, as do the Avocets, the Little Terns, the little Egrets, the Little Ringed Plovers and the Black-tailed Godwits.

Notes on Walton:

Walton Town is five minutes walk away, with full facilities for provisions – a list of B&Bs is included at the end of this document. Two friendly boat yards are on hand for any odds and ends – Halls and Bedwells. Water is available at the club, as is beer, food and showers.

The Nancy Blakett (Arthur Ransome's old boat) hopes to attend the event, weather permitting. She usually welcomes visitors, so if you would like to be shown around the boat, please let one of us know or contact the skipper directly.

1200- 1500 Lunch available at W&FYC

When you get back please get an order in for your BBQ/lunch at the club, or if you prefer wander up into town for fish and chips.

1400-1630 Paper boats for everyone

Through the afternoon we will be channelling your creative skills into naval architecture. We will provide materials (paper and tape) on a first come first serve basis. So come and get building.

1400-1630 Boat Boot Jumble

Turn out your cockpit lockers, bring out your spare fenders, come and sell your boating paraphernalia and buy some great treasures to fill up those lockers again! All vendors are asked to make a donation to help to fund the weekend event. It will be £5 a pitch. Venue: front of clubhouse to the right.

1700 The Great Paper Boat Race - The ultimate challenge for your paper boat – can it sail across the pond, or will it sink into the murky depths?

1800 Prize Giving for Swallows and Amazons Race & briefing for Sunday

1900 Dinner at the Walton & Frinton Yacht Club. Choice of two mains followed by desert- Please make sure you have bought your tickets in good time as we always sell out. Those who “miss the gravy boat” may always order food at the bar on the evening. The cost is £7.50 per person

Sunday 7th June HW Har 12.23 BST

Swallows and Amazons go Crab racing!! (Nip Nip)

10.00 - 10.15

In your own time sail /motor or row to Stone point with your chosen crab in a bucket (catch your own crab or collect one at the briefing Sat eve (not from the galley)).

Before you set off down river please sign out on the board at the yacht club, so we can check the stragglers home, and give a tow to those that might need it .

11.15 Races begin

12.00 Prize giving on the beach

Prizes will be given for the Champion crabs of 2009!!
plus extra prizes for those crabs which show determination and unusual skills!!!!!!(six legged crabs please)

Don't forget to bring your picnic ! (crab salad?)

13.00 last boats leave for the club house - and **remember to sign yourself back home.**

Thank you all for coming and We do hope you all will have had a good time and wish you all a safe sail, drive, tow home and look out for details on the www.eastcoastclassics website for this year's reports and for details for next year.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Race will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-12, and subsequent amendments or replacements of; OGA prescriptions and Local Area Instructions.

SAFETY

- 1 The acceptance of an entry will in no way mean that OGA will be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner, skipper or any member of the crew as a result of taking part in this race
- 2 It is required that all boats carry third party insurance, it must be maintained in full force and effect over the rally weekend.
- 3 The safety of a Boat and her crew shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or owner's representative
- 4 He/she shall do their utmost to ensure that the Boat is fully found and crew are sufficient to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.
- 5 He/she shall ensure the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and equipment. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed ready for use

