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Big thanks to all those who have contributed to this edition of Fairwinds.

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## Skegness Yacht Club

**Commodore:**

Richard Kisby

**Vice Commodore:**

Jonathan Baines

**Rear Commodore:**

Bill Hathers

**Secretary**

Richard Jagger

**Treasurer**

Andy Dingle

**President:**

Michael Clark

**Pilotage Officer:**

Alex Collingwood

**Membership Secretary:**

Alex Leeson

**Management Committee:**

Owen Jones, Pete Roberts, Robert Featherston, John Wilkinson

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# Editors Spot

Well it's time for a change. After several years tapping away at the keyboard, this will be my final stint as Editor of Fairwinds.

The progression of technology and level of readership against effort and cost of distributing the club magazine means now is a good time for a change in format. Members are all busy people with various demands put upon their time and it's been increasingly more difficult to be able to collate interesting articles for the magazine.

So, this will be the last edition in the current format. Instead the club are looking to provide information to members in a more regular E-newsletter format, distributed more frequently, and I'd say with more time relevant articles, directly to members inboxes.

This will also hopefully aide the club finances on a low level, by removing distribution costs and printing costs, which do add up over the year. The new format will make less demands on any one individuals time, as the E-newsletter can be set to a template, with copy and images added in a fraction of the time it takes presently.

Any suggestions as to the content of the E-newsletter are welcomed by the Club Committee.

So here's looking to the first one dropping in to the inbox, and a big thank you from myself to all those who assisted with articles, and particularly to Martyn for his assistance with updating mailing lists to enable posted copies to get somewhere near where they were intended to go.

Anyway enough about that, and on to moving forward with the club and getting out sailing.

Many thanks for all of your support.

Chris.  
Abijak  
Skegness YC. (Southern Division!)

Please ensure that Richard Jagger has your current email address or you may be wandering why you're not receiving any updates from the club! [secretary@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk)



**Skegness Yacht Club**  
53°6.083'N 0°19.146'E

**Summer BBQ Event**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
(HW 0609hrs 6.7m 1824hrs 6.9m)

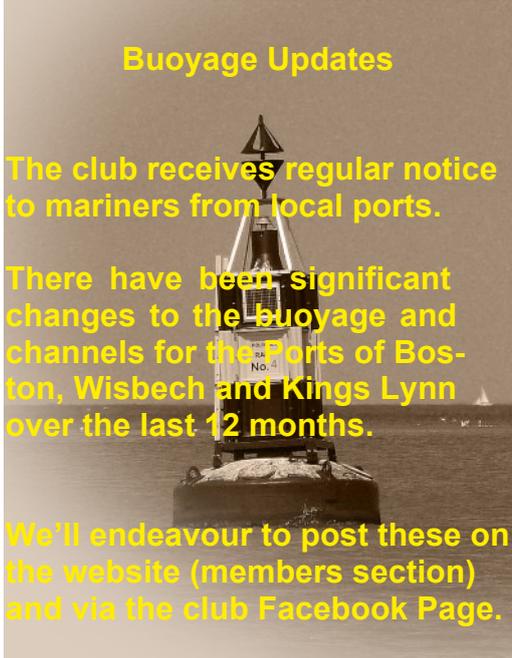
**GUESTS WELCOME**  
**EVENING BBQ**  
**CASK ALES**  
**FREE WEEKEND MOORING**  
**DAYBOAT SAILING**  
**ESCORT BOAT**

**BBQ COST:**  
**FULL MEMBERS FREE**  
**GUESTS £8.50**  
**U16 £5.00**

FREE VISITORS MOORINGS AVAILABLE MAX DRAFT 4FT.  
ESCORT BOAT TO ASSIST  
SHOWER FACILITIES WITHIN THE CLUBHOUSE  
SLIPWAY LAUNCHING AND LEAD CRUISE FOR DAYBOATS

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**Buoyage Updates**

**The club receives regular notice to mariners from local ports.**

**There have been significant changes to the buoyage and channels for the Ports of Boston, Wisbech and Kings Lynn over the last 12 months.**

**We'll endeavour to post these on the website (members section) and via the club Facebook Page.**

# Secretary's Notes-

*A message from Martyn:*

**THANK YOU!**

*As you will all know, I stepped down from my posts at this year's Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Club for the great honour it bestowed on me at the end of the meeting. To be awarded "Lifetime Membership" is quite unbelievable. I'm afraid that because of the many emotions on the day, it did not really sink in until the following day, just what a great honour the Club had given me and I think that I may not have been as effusive in my thanks as I should. This honour, along with the gift of wine left me feeling quite overwhelmed. Even now, several days after the event I still find it hard to believe.*

*Carole was also greatly moved by the wonderful bouquet of flowers she was presented with. It was quite clear that several people had put in much time and thought to make this AGM so memorable for us both.*

*All I can do is to offer the new officers and committee my best wishes and to again say thank you, to you, the members, for your great kindness and for this tremendous honour.*

*Thank you, Martyn*

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*A message from Richard:*

Hello, I would like to wish you all the very best for this sailing season, and hope that it brings plenty of sunshine and fair winds.

For those of you who aren't aware Martyn has retired as Secretary after an incredible 20 years in the role. I'm sure you all join me in thanking him for his efforts during this time and personally I would like to say thanks for his help in making the change over process as smooth as possible.

For those members who don't know me, my name is Richard Jagger and I have been sailing out of Gibraltar point for the last 5 years on my Cobra 750 Grey Starling. I joined the Management Committee in 2014, and at this year's AGM I was appointed Secretary.

This year has brought several exciting changes to the club, with a new Commodore, Richard Kis-

by; Vice Commodore, Jonathan Baines; Treasurer, Andy Dingle. Also, Alex Leeson has taken on the new role of Membership Secretary.

As I hope you are all aware the Event Day on June 4<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the day. Tickets are included in your membership package so please come along and enjoy the opportunity to get together with other members over a few drinks and some great food.

This year, we hope to continue with improvements to the clubhouse, with plans to refurbish the kitchen area and clubroom, and also new external doors if funding permits. The Club is welcome to any suggestions or ideas for where you would like us to make improvements, so please get in touch.

Work parties are held throughout the year to carry out regular maintenance, these are essential for the club and allow us to keep costs down, and we encourage everyone to try to attend as many as possible. Any time you can offer we will gratefully make use of.

The 'sailing in company' days, and club cruises offer a great opportunity to get out to sea, as skipper or crew. With the added security that safety in numbers can offer. Jonathan Baines sends out dates by email, so if you fancy a trip to any of the wash ports, Norfolk coast, the Humber or just a day sail.



Get in touch and he will be happy to organise one (weather and tides permitting).

A new channel guide for 2016, has been produced by Ian Martin with copies available for members in the clubhouse.

Wishing you all a great seasons sailing.

Richard Jagger  
secretary@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk

# Commodores Comments

I would like to start by thanking all of you fools who voted me in as Commodore for the forthcoming period. And it is with great pleasure I take on the roll of Commodore of Skegness Yacht Club.

It is a relief to already see the club forging ahead in many areas with several rolls having changed on the club management following the AGM and Martyn stepping down (retiring) as Club Secretary/Treasurer.

Our new Vice Commodore Baines, or 'just do it Jon' more like. Richard Jagger as Club Secretary and Andy Dingle as Club Treasurer. Both who have jumped in at the deep end and are doing a fantastic job, bringing in a modern administrative system with the help of one of those things you plug in, a Computer I think it is called. We have come along way in a short time! The plan is for a membership software package to allow roles to be shared and to access information remotely.

And the usual people are still in there doing their bit. I would like to thank Alex Collingwood and Ian Martin for all their hard work regarding the channel, keeping us off the putty so to speak, well most of us anyway. Michael Clark the all seeing eye. Chris for his wizardly use of computers; Alex Leeson our new new Membership Officer and Pete Roberts for their combined input into the new computer system.

I'd also like to introduce our new Jetty Maintenance Surveyor, Mr Bob Featherstone. ( Or spelt backwards Bob) or just Sir as he prefers. I welcome Bob to the Committee. Bob is now the proud owner of 'Dale Marie', and we are all happy to see her being cared for once again.

I would like to thank Martyn Walsham for the most professional way he handed over the reins to the blind, so to speak. I don't think Martyn could of handed his many rolls over any smoother, with his support as usual ongoing. Martyn has agreed to be Natural England Liaison Officer for the club trying to keep the Hovercraft on the straight and narrow, and will remain on the Committee for the foreseeable future we hope. He has his yacht on the river now, 'Maldon Mist', so hopefully that will keep him with us for a good while.

Well what more can I say, a good relaxed team, all enthusiastic, ready to do what's necessary, and hopefully we will all get time to sail as well.

The sun has been out and boats in and out of the river to various exotic destinations already, so lets get

on with the point of us all being here, SAILING to distant lands, or even Norfolk.

Please don't forget Event Day and bring guests with you please, the more the merrier. Music, food and lots of the frothy stuff are all there, and don't forget the bonus which is free of charge; good company and many sailing tails!

Have a great sailing season!

Kind Regards to you all.

Richard Kisby (Commodore SYC)

## **Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve update**

The flood gate will be more frequently closed at dusk. This is to provide more security for the new visitors Centre. This is to be overseen by a local security firm.

We shall still have access via the combination lock . 1966 code.

The gate must be locked shut behind us at all times If we pass through.

Members need to display their club passes In car/van windows etc.

Also any danger of flood risk the gate will be locked with a EA lock and wont be passable to any vehicles

# Event Dates for 2016

2016 diaries at the ready! All events dates and the latest information for club trips are updated on the website [www.skegnessyachtclub.co.uk](http://www.skegnessyachtclub.co.uk)

For Club Cruises please contact Jonathan Baines for the latest details [vicecommodore@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:vicecommodore@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk) or see the Events Calendar on the website. Further dates to be added as the year progresses:

Date	Details
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Skegness Yacht Club BBQ
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Winteringham Event Weekend. (Possibly leaving on the evening tide)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> August - Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Saltfleet Haven BBQ
August 2016 (dates TBC) contact Jonathan Baines for details.	Club Trip to North Yorkshire Ports including Bridlington, Scarborough and Whitby.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Craning out day
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Club Laying up lunch



**Name this famous boat....**

Here's a cryptic clue.

Migratory Bird / Online Shop

## Health & Safety

In order for members to be aware of, and make themselves familiar with club policies and procedures, the documents can be found at [www.skegnessyachtclub.co.uk](http://www.skegnessyachtclub.co.uk) and click on the **members secure page** link. You'll then be asked for login details which are as follows:

**User:** [secure@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:secure@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk)

**Password:** CZ[current gate code]

The password will change when the code changes.

Content updates will be sent out via email, plus hard copies are available in the clubroom.

To be kept up to date with club cruises please ensure that Jonathan Baines [vicecommodore@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:vicecommodore@skegnessyachtclub.co.uk) has your email address and mobile number. Updates, especially for club trips have to be quite fluid, based upon weather forecasts and other factors.

# Treasurers Report

For those I've not met, a brief word of introduction. I'm Andy Dingle and I have taken over as the club treasurer from Martyn. I've been a member of the club for about 25 years, some years more involved than others as my sailing interests changed. Indeed, Martyn was just taking over as Secretary, then taking on the Treasurer job when I first joined.

I've moved my boat back to Gib Point this year, hoping to be more involved in local sailing. My boat is on N19, Equinox, a Swallow Boats Baycruiser 23. ([www.swallowyachts.com](http://www.swallowyachts.com))

I'm very grateful to Martin for all the work he has done over the past 25 years, and especially for the help and endless advice over these past two months he has given me as I take over. It certainly is keeping me even more busy and has given me an appreciation of the work that Martyn has done over the years, and I only do a third of what he was doing!

There won't be any great outward changes in the way the club's finances are managed. To bring you up to date, we have obviously had to go through the process of getting changes made to our account to include myself, and the new Commodore Richard Kisby. Martyn will still remain on the account to help with the change over and all will still be overseen by President Michael Clark.

That has now all been done and I am now working on moving the account 'on-line' this will, I hope bring some advantages to members, who will be encouraged to renew their membership via BACS transfer, maybe even PayPal in the future. And conversely, any monies you are owed, for (reasonable) expenditure on club business, then please let me know as soon as possible and I will reimburse you immediately. I don't want anyone to 'sit' on bills, or be out of pocket in any way. I only ask for some kind of paperwork to support your expenditure. This could be scanned and emailed to me, posted or dropped off in the club house. Of course, good old fashioned cash and cheques will still be used.

Openness and transparency is important I think, and an over view of the accounts will be made available to any member who reasonably requests to see them. I already publish this on the club's 'management' shared dropbox, up there 'in the cloud', so an overview can be seen by the

Committee, of course, figures are also made available to the Committee at the monthly meetings.

I will publish my full contact details on this newsletter.

Financially the club is still floating, not quite on big springs, but enough to feel we have enough below us not to run aground and can steer a smooth passage through shoal waters.

The only income the club receives is from members joining, rejoining and renewing so your support to the club is very valuable and much appreciated.

You may have heard that we are now open to day boats (sail only), and we hope this will encourage smaller boat owners to come down and join us. The rates, and application form are available from Alex Leeson.

The next main date is the club event day on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June, which again I ask you to please support, the club does raise some small income from this event as well, and don't forget that your subscription already includes one ticket to the event day.

Andy Dingle  
Club Treasurer

# Cruising

## The sailing season has started!

Finally the sailing season is here. I for one have been keen to get sailing after what seemed like a long winter and not using Floozy last year.

This year I am keen to make the most of any opportunity to get out sailing.

I've had quite a good start with a bit of sailing already. Two trips out back on board Floozy. The first a day sail in a fresh northerly wind down the Boston Deep to Clayhole, so it was a good outing to test the boat out.

A couple of sails with Alex Leeson out of Grimsby & Cleethorpes Yacht Club. Interesting fact about the Royal Dock in Grimsby. The lock now offers 24 hour access, as long as you give them at least an hour's notice.



Apparently Associated British Ports are under a new manager and have become much more friendly to Pleasure craft and now boast of the best access between Lowestoft to Newcastle.

A bit of racing on Rutland Water with the Ball Brothers on their Formula One boat. The racing is good on Rutland, so long as you are prepared to take instruction from the helmsman (Shouted

at!). All good fun though.

There seems a good air in the club with everyone keen this year, so let's hope the weather is favourable this season.

A couple of plans this year for sailing weekends.

I've been in contact with a gentleman from Cley-Next-The-Sea Boat Club to get details on the progress they have made dredging the channel and harbour. The new harbour is 150 feet long by 35 feet in width and is possible to enter on a reasonable size tide. Cley Boat Club are pre-

pared to organise a pilot boat to help us in and also a welcoming party!

A reccie trip by road on a neap tide weekend will be organised in the near future to walk the channel. Let me know if you are interested in coming and then we can organise some car sharing.

Friday 22nd July - Sunday 24th July is Winteringham Weekend (Possibly leaving on Friday with an overnight stop in Hull). Winteringham is always a good trip of some 60 miles from Gibraltar Point, but is well worth the effort with a warm welcome as always from the Humber Yawl Club.

There will be sailing on weekends when the tide is 6.0m plus and we will keep you updated via email, so hope to see you out on the water.

All the best for the season.

Jonathan Baines  
Vice Commodore / Cruising Co-ordinator  
Yacht Floozy  
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## Buoyage.

For the latest Channel Plan please see the back page of this magazine. A copy is also posted on the club website, sailing direction page.

# WAINFLEET HAVEN APRIL 2016

