



## Yeoman Kinsman Nationals in 2012

A full report and less scary photographs can be found inside but first we must give thanks and congratulations to Carl Brady and his team for the 2012 Yeoman Kinsman Nationals. The effort he and the team put in was tremendous and the result was without doubt the best event for many a year.

The conditions were good throughout the weekend with plenty of wind, blue skies and even some sunshine. The racing was competitive across the fleet whilst off the water camaraderie was very much in evidence at all of the well attended, and most enjoyable, events.

The gauntlet has now been passed on to Horning Sailing Club, and we all look forward to another great weekend in 2013.



*Carl Brady 'Masterchef', September 2012*

## From the Editors

Firstly apologies for this slightly late newsletter but we tried hard to include as much as possible from the summer season and sometimes it just takes time to pull together all of the information.

It is extremely encouraging to see so much activity within the YK fleets. The Nationals were clearly a highlight but it is equally good to see that clubs have also had such succesful seasons. Long may it continue.

We have not included the list of boats and owners in this newsletter as we are in the process of trying to locate as many as possible whether they are YK Association

members or not. The intention is to provide a map of where they all are in the next newsletter. Please let us know of any you know of in strange places.

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## The Black Grouse Yeoman & Kinsman National Championship Norfolk Broads Yacht Club 22nd & 23rd September, 2012



*...and they're off*

This year 22 Yeomans and two Kinsmans competed over four races during an exciting weekend on Wroxham Broad, organised by Carl Brady (NBYC, Yeoman Fleet Captain) and his team.

After an enjoyable BBQ on the Friday evening, serious racing started on Saturday 22nd September, when competitors faced northerly winds. Much to everyone's surprise, when the gun sounded experienced sailors Richie and James Dugdale sailing Y32 (Lavinia) together with Guy Coleman and Carl Brady sailing

Y164 (Nimrod), all well acquainted with the Broad, went off in the wrong direction! Tom and Paul Barker sailing Y91 (Brandy Bottle) took full advantage of this uncharacteristic mistake and swept into the lead. Despite their faux-pas, both helms recovered to take second and third bells, and in the end barely one boat's length separating the three. In the following race Guy and Carl took the first bell, followed by the Dugdals and the Barkers. The day concluded with a convivial dinner.



*A good spinnaker run*



On Sunday morning the race officer, Robert Self, was faced with the challenge of setting a worthy course in the face of a shifting, force two to three easterly wind. In an exciting finish in the first race Guy and Carl managed to overtake the Dugdales, literally at the line. Roger and Paul Claxton in Y75 (Kookaburra) came third whilst Brandy Bottle, (now crewed by Paul and Janet Barker) took fourth place.

In the final race of the competition Guy and Carl collected their third win of the weekend, again just

*John Vickers' Kinsman in the thick of it nudging the Dugdales into second place, a terrific performance which made them worthy champions.*

Having put much work into organising the event Carl, in his role of fleet captain, is happy to report: 'I thought the weekend was a great success. It was particularly encouraging to see so many boats from other fleets join us here at Wroxham. I very much hope that we have laid a framework which will ensure that future Championships will once again be held annually.'



*'Reflecting' on the best course*



*NBYC Vice-Commodore Chris Hanson, flies his kite*



*Guy Coleman (rear) and Carl Brady, National Champions*

#### AWARDS

- *Guy Coleman and Carl Brady, sailing Y164 Nimrod (1st overall): Moores' Trophy, Wilson Cup and J&N Trophy*
- *Richie and James Dugdale, sailing Y32 Lavinia (2nd overall) :Chairman's Trophy*
- *Paul, Janet and Tom Barker, sailing Y91 Brandy Bottle (3rd overall): Scott Salver*
- *John Vickers and Pete Pollard, sailing K38 Belinda (Leading Kinsman): Kinsman Trophy*
- *Jimmy Tubby and Paul Barker, sailing Y91 Brandy Bottle (1st in invitation race): Centenary Chalice*
- *George and Linda Whitefoot, sailing Y67 Fire Opal (Highest place, non-spinnaker user): Alan Wheatley Trophy*
- *George and Linda Whitefoot, sailing Y67 Fire Opal (Highest place over 60): Masters' Award*
- *Gordon and Trish Wishart, sailing Y92 Who's Bob? (Highest place over 70): Grand Master's Award*
- *Chris Tuckett crewed by Brian Wilkins won the Youth Award*



*Many thanks to Vicky (above neglecting her duties) and John Vickers who supplied the photographs*



*Guy Coleman and Carl Brady lead to the first mark*



*Scott Salver winners and 3rd overall, Paul & Janet Barker*



*Grand Master Gordon with boss Trish Wishart*



*Julia Bennet forgets 'page -12' episode*

## Three Rivers' Race 9th-10th June 2012



*Yeomans in formation*

Horning Sailing Club hosted its 52nd Three Rivers' Race over the weekend of the 9th-10th June 2012 in somewhat difficult circumstances. With strong winds blowing throughout Friday, overnight and into Saturday morning, the fate of the Race taking place looked questionable as heavy gusts blew through the morning.

At the pre-race briefing, with the winds forecast to drop later, race organiser (Colin Facey) took the decision to postpone the start until at least 4 p.m., which resulted in an anxious wait for many competitors. Later in the day there were no signs of the wind easing, so a further decision was made to start at 5 p.m., by which time the conditions were far more manageable for competitors.

Further changes included a shortened course, requiring competitors to sail under only the two bridges at Potter Heigham, although keeping the three rivers (The Ant, Thurne and Bure) very much part of the race.

Some 95 boats started the race, out of the 111 entered, with 79 making it to the finish line within the 24-hour time limit including 13 Yeomans. After the breeze dropped at sunset, not a single boat made it back before nightfall. This was in stark contrast to previous years when some of the faster boats made it to the pub before closing time!

The unprecedented conditions resulted in a mix of results for the top-ten positions, although they seemed to favour the cruisers and keelboats, with five Yeomans taking 7th to 11th positions. Tom Barker with Will Rusden and Ian Richardson in Y91 (Brandy Bottle) was the leading Yeoman in 7th place in 13 hours 41 minutes with James Buntin, crewed by his dad Bob, in Blue Ripple just a few minutes behind.

***Toby Fields, Y9***



*Topaz, Y4, faces some heavy competition*



Many thanks again to Colin Gallaway who kindly provided all of the photographs from the Three Rivers' Race



## Olympic Excitement at Rutland Water



*The torch is safely passed*



*Jemima helmed by Graham Biggs waves the flag*

On Tuesday, 3rd July 2012, the Olympic Torch Relay arrived at Rutland Water watched by John Vickers

Having travelled through the county town of Oakham, the procession of sponsors vans, buses and police motor cyclists finally reached Whitwell Creek on the North Shore of Rutland Water.

The torch bearer, suitably clad in a buoyancy aid, then climbed aboard an Anglian Water launch. Surrounded by police security ribs the flotilla was escorted by two Kinsman and the Rutland Sailability longboat. The torch was handed over mid-water to the next bearer who made land fall at the South Normanton Museum.

Massive crowds on both sides of the water cheered the runners on their way.

**John Vickers, K38**



*Plenty of support for the torch bearers*



## Rutland Water



Not only did Rutland have the excitement of the Olympic torch but they enjoyed some pretty good sailing as well. It was also good to hear that the water level is now back to 'full' after some concern early in the year when levels had dropped in response to the drought that preceded our very wet summer.

Thanks to John Biggs (Jemima K40) for sending us these photos.



## Snowflakes Sailing Club

Have you done that jigsaw one too many times? Or has your favourite show been repeated so you know all the words? Even if neither question is true, you should still come down to Snowflakes SC. We guarantee you will meet friendly members and we enjoy competitive racing every weekend throughout the winter. Even if you don't fancy sailing, you can still come down and have one of our world famous bacon rolls for a very cheap price!

We meet at the Horning club house on Sunday mornings throughout the winter from 14th October to 17th March.

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SFSC Vice Commodore



*Fine sailing at Horning with Snowflakes*

## Where are they now?



*K7 on the Thames ,close to Erith Yacht club*

It is always interesting to discover a Yeoman Kinsman somewhere unexpected. Many thanks to Ray Meerabeau for sending the information below:

*'I received a note and attached photo from my colleague Alan Woolford who manages Sailability at QMSC (a fleet which includes two Yeoman) and who is also Chairman of the RYA Thames Valley and London.*

*Alan reported that when visiting Erith Yacht Club, to see the Olympic torch being carried through the club and across the river as part of the relay, his group saw Kinsman No 7 sailing past presumably by a member of the club.*

*Thought you may want to add to your library. I was fascinated to see the boat kitted out with an outboard.*

**Ray Meerabeau, Y121**

**Subsequently we were able to contact the owner of Ruby (K7) who is John Edmonds. John sails out of Erith Yacht Club on the lower Thames and kindly sent in this article for the magazine**

I bought Ruby out of Tollsbury at the end of October last year. I had been looking for a Kinsman for some time, probably for over a year, before one popped up for sale not too far away.

It was 30 years or more ago when I first saw the Kinsman at the London Boat Show, and though I liked her at first sight had not been in a position to buy one until recently.

I sail out of Erith Yacht Club on the tidal Thames, a couple of miles above the Dartford crossing of the M25.

We have at times an eight metre tidal range and our slipways are very shallow, hence the need for a lifting keel. With an ebb tide running at four knots or so Ruby normally has an outboard fitted as a 'get you out of trouble' insurance, but I doubt I've used a gallon of petrol in the year of ownership, in fact I'm still using the fuel that came with her!

I love the boat and she has lived up to my expectations. I have sailed her most weekends right through the year to the detriment of my 31' ketch and an Illusion 2 ,that I bought on a whim because a Kinsman wasn't in sight.

I've only one niggle with the boat and that is to let the main sheet off it has to be pushed down to release the cam cleat, so you have to go down into the boat instead

of leaning further out, with a bit of luck that will soon be sorted.

The Kinsman is a very pretty boat. Everything is in proportion. Not only is there nothing unsightly about it, but it is also very comfortable to sail, and even better you don't need to grab hold of something to help the ageing legs get from side to side on a tack or a gibe!

I've been caught out a couple of times with too big a main sail up a long way from home, and so I've fitted a reefing system and have managed to keep the drum under the foredeck with a rubber seal to stop swamping when I go through a wave instead of over it.

Ruby is retro-fitted with anti-swamp seats and they have been life savers a few times when the main sheet didn't come off fast enough due to the problem above.

The previous owner fitted teak look-a-like decking that looks very smart but adds quite a lot of weight to the boat. That said it is wonderful stuff, in fact the wetter the deck gets the more nonslip it seems to become.

I race against the club dinghy and cruiser fleets, and do reasonably well with the PY handicap of 1160. Although I didn't do so well in the Nationals this year, there's always next.

I bought the boat with the idea of 'trailer sailing', to visit places that would take too long to get to in my cruiser. Next year I'll give it a go, I might even try sleeping aboard, we shall see.

John Edmonds, K7



*Beating up in a bit of a blow early in the year*

*How John first saw Ruby in the advert*



## How did that happen?



*Gilly Foulds starts to pull things together, whilst Julia Bennett is hidden under the mainsail*

We all know that there are few sailing boats much tougher than a Yeoman but on occasions the unexpected catches out the best of us. On April 28th this year Julia Bennett and Gilly Foulds were enjoying an early season outing. Everything was going well with plenty of wind and plenty of space on the water, when suddenly there was a huge crash as the mast split in two. After the initial split-second confusion Julia and Gilly rescued their sails and awaited a lift back to shore from the crew of NBYS's friendly rescue boat. Thankfully nobody was hurt.

The editors would like to apologise to Julia for acting like the 'paparazzi' and taking full advantage of this photo-opportunity!



*Oh dear!*



*Everyone safe*



*Fierce competition at Coldham Hall Sailing Club on the River Yare*

At Coldham Hall Sailing Club, Yeoman owners are going from strength to strength with the club now boasting a total of eight Yeomans. Club racing is now very much a Yeoman affair with good turnouts each week, and Yeoman owners are expected to be well represented at the club's annual prize presentation evening. Veteran Norfolk One Design sailors, Geoff Pinder and David Trower, who have recently bought Y6 (Contest) from Paul Tegerdine, have soon placed themselves well to the front of the fleet.

At the club's May Open Regatta the Silver Challenge Cup for local boats was won by John Wells crewed by his daughter Sandy Watt in Y117 (Speedwell). The Youngman Bowl for Yeomans, after a hotly contested series, was won by Paul Tegerdine crewed by wife Pat in Y6. The club's July regatta again had a strong showing from the Yeomans with Paul and Pat Tegerdine leading the way to the Halfdecker trophy,

whilst Sandy Watt crewed by Dad John in Y117 took the Ladies Champagne Race, and Ian Wells crewed by sister Sandy again in Y117 took the Novice Cup.

The club's official racing season has now completed, but hardy members (mostly Yeoman owners) continue with an unofficial winter series up to Christmas. The club also now has a very strong mid-week sailing group which is mostly exclusively Yeoman who visit a variety of destinations depending on the tide and strength of wind, with Cantley being the most popular followed by Buckenham and when wind and tide are right Reedham. The club was represented at this year's Triple-B race hosted by Buckenham Sailing Club, where David and Margaret Woolston in Y180 (Shibboleth) managed a third place from 34 entrants a success that won them the Half Decker Trophy.

***David Woolston (Y180)***



It has been a successful season for the Yeoman fleet at Horning. An average turnout of 8 boats and total turnout of over 20 contested the season's points racing series. Particularly successful was George Whitefoot in Fire Opal. George not only won the Landamore and Arrol Trophies in the Spring Series and the Yeoman Salver in the Autumn Series, but also finished second overall in the End of Season Regatta against over 25 other boats of various classes. If that wasn't enough he also won the non-spinnaker trophy at the NBYC Nationals.

Other noteworthy performances came from Geoff Stubbs who won both Horning Regatta Week series in Tara for the second year in a row, and Paul Clarke who was first overall in the Downriver Series in Two C Sons. Yeomans once again put in a strong showing during the Three Rivers' Race, with the leading Yeomans filling positions 7-11 out of 79 finishers on handicap, demonstrating the class's versatility in Broadland sailing conditions.

One of the highlights of the season for me was the number of junior members from the club's Training Centre who have taken well to both helming and crewing Yeomans many for the first time. Abi Holden crewed yours truly in Tanskey over Keelboat Weekend as we finished third in the series. Abi then won a junior

race in Horning Week in Tanskey and Joel Bailey and Laura Galloway both won junior races in Fire Opal. Hannah and Sophie Charlish both ably crewed father Paul in Folly Too throughout the season and Charlotte Hammond and Paul Edwards could also be seen crewing in the fleet. It is encouraging to see a pool of younger sailors who may become the Yeoman sailors of the future and thanks to all helms who accommodated the juniors this season.

The Yeoman crane at Horning has been spruced up by keeper Alan Moore and his team of volunteers with a new coat of paint and general overhaul, ready for our hosting of the Nationals in 2013. The Nationals will be held on Black Horse Broad, over the weekend of the 22nd-23rd June 2013 at Horning. As normal the AGM will be held in the clubhouse on the Saturday evening. We hope as many of you as possible can attend this event, both for its good sailing (and exclusive use of the line for the weekend) and also to vote on the proposed changes to the class rules which the National Committee are currently working on. There will be more news on these in the New Year.

A good winter's racing to those who go in for all that and to those of us who avoid the chill, a good winter's rest.

*Toby Fields, Y9*

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reiterated the fleet's success in the Three Rivers Race and stated that he felt the Association was doing well.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary stated that the membership currently stood at 104 members, the highest for some time. He also thanked NBYC as hosts of this year's National Championships. It was also stated that there were vacancies for Vice-Chair and Treasurer on the Association Committee and volunteers were sought for these positions.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that we currently hold a reserve of around £3000 and proposed a continuation of subscriptions at their current level.

It was unanimously agreed to retain the subscription at £15.00 for the 2013 season. The Chairman mentioned that there was a possibility of subscriptions being lowered after this.

**Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected for the coming year

Chairman: Q Stewart  
Secretary: Toby Fields

Fleet Representatives on the Committee:

NBYC – Carl Brady  
Horning SC- Q Stewart  
Rutland SC – Graham Biggs  
Snowflake SC – Roger Claxton

Vacant: Coldham Hall SC, East Anglian SC, Queen Mary SC, Scotland, South Coast, Lough Erne SC

*Basil Green started sailing in 1971 at Campbeltown but sailed for many years from Queen Mary Sailing Club from where he and Audrey travelled the country sailing at: Chichester Harbour, Rutland Water and Wroxham. Since moving to South Walsham in 1991 Basil has been an active member of Norfolk Broads Yacht Club and Snowflakes.*

**Changes to Association Class Rules and Constitution**

The Chairman stated that he had looked at the Rules and discovered a number of issues arising which affected all boats within the Fleet. It was agreed that Carl Brady, Fleet Representative for NBYC who is an official ISAF measurer will go through the rules adding the correct wording where appropriate according to RYA and ISAF protocols.

The proposed final wording will be circulated 8 weeks prior to the next AGM which will be held in approximately 9 months' time.

The Chairman asked that the Fleet did not protest other fleet members on a matter of measurement rules as outlined at the meeting until the final wordings and re-drafts had been approved at AGM.

The rules will be published on the website and held electronically by the Secretary who will distribute copies electronically or otherwise to members.

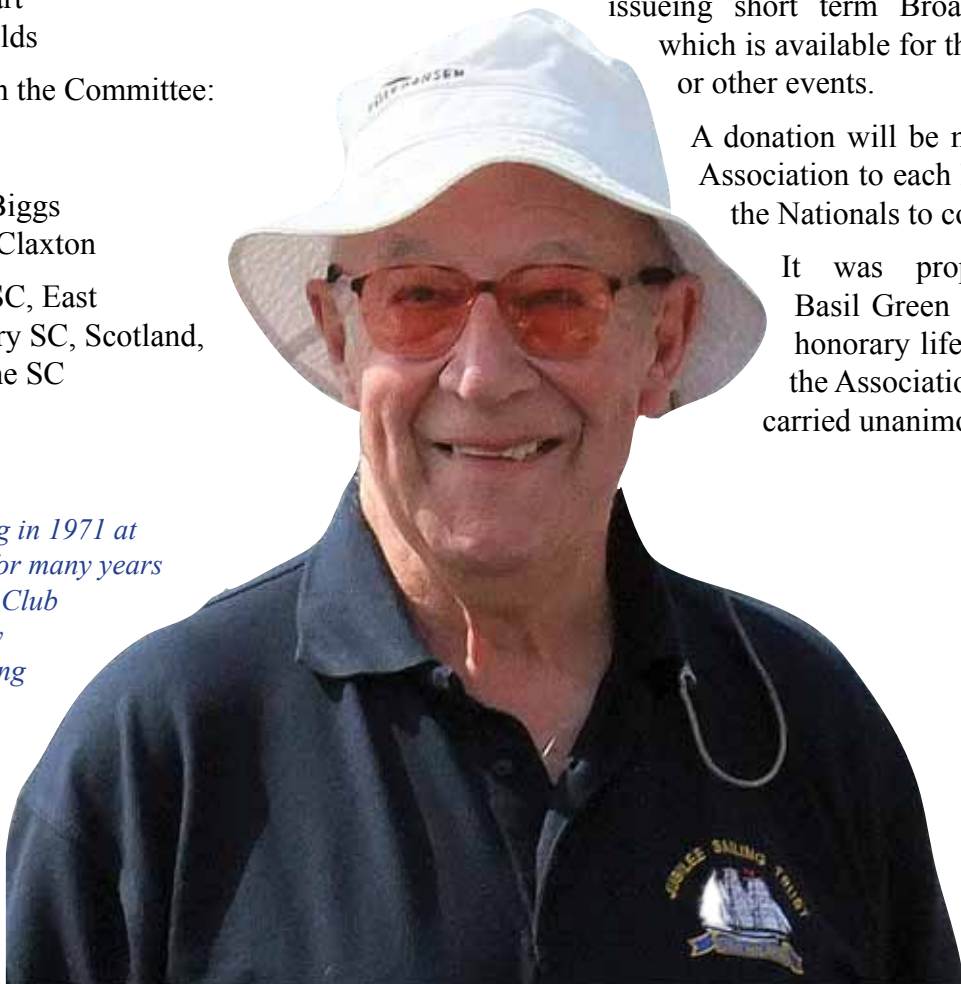
**Any Other Business.**

The 2013 Nationals will be held at Horning Sailing Club with a proposed date in mid July to be confirmed after the NSBA meeting in November.

Horning Sailing Club issue many short term tolls for the Three Rivers Race They hold a tollbook for issuing short term Broads licences which is available for the Nationals or other events.

A donation will be made by the Association to each host club of the Nationals to cover costs.

It was proposed that Basil Green be made an honorary life member of the Association. This was carried unanimously.



## Chairman's Notes



We held the Yeoman Nationals recently at NBYC (Wroxham) and I was glad to see we managed to get two "furriners" as they say here in Norfolk, to compete, I hope we have more in the future. One came from Rutland and another from Erith complete with an imitation teak

laid deck! All the others came from Norfolk Clubs.

We had a good turn out to the very well attended weekend magnificently organised by Carl Brady and his team. The evening meal was followed by an interesting talk about the rescue from France and the restoration of the Wherry Ardea, which moored up outside. I will have a lot to live up to following the standards of the event, for the 2013 Nationals which will take place at Horning between 22nd-23rd June.

## Yeoman 302



During the AGM, we had a long discussion about the class rules which at the moment would mean that no boat I have seen is "within class". It was generally agreed at the meeting to proceed under our current rules till next years' AGM. This will give us time to completely rewrite the rules, in the meantime we will allow Yeomans to sail as they are (within limits). I ask all of you not to try to use our rule "oddities" to try to exclude anyone during this period.

Carl Brady, who is a RYA sail measurer with the necessary contacts within the RYA to enable him to rewrite the rules to the required standards and terminology, has volunteered (without pushing!) to do this for us for which we (and especially me) are all very grateful.

I hope those of you who sail throughout the winter don't freeze too much and everyone to have a successful winter season.

### *Queren Stewart*

This is an opportunity to acquire a Series 3 Yeoman in as new condition.

The boat was used by Philip Betts (Boat Builder) for a winter series and sold to me complete with galvanised trailer in 2010 and lightly used by me for that season. Due to ill health it has not been used since and has been kept ashore under cover.

I am advised by the builder that I should seek a figure of around £12000 for the craft thus giving a huge saving on the new price for a virtually unused and fully equipped boat.

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## Colin Galloway Photography

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Thanks to Colin Galloway for permission to use his photos. All photos from the 3 Rivers are from Colin.

Many more can be seen at his website:

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