



# HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB



## COMMODORES COMMENTS APRIL/MAY

It does not seem a month since my last musings! But looking back a lot has happened in that time.

### **CRUISERS:**

Launching took place on 29<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> April, but some boats were not ready to get wet. Let Ian know when you are ready to launch and he will arrange another date. If you are not launching this year please tell Ian as we may have to move your boat. Don't forget the '**Bradwell Cruise**' is on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### **SOCIAL:**

The 'Fitting Out' supper was held on Easter Saturday with everyone enjoying a good meal and struggling with the 5 page quiz. Those that could not make it missed a good night.

### **OPEN DAY:**

Don't forget that the 31<sup>st</sup> May is the Club's Open Day – Sailing is from 1pm-5pm – bring the family and friends.

### **MAINTENANCE:**

The next JETTY CLEANING is on the 9<sup>th</sup> May – 10am start – **HELP IS NEEDED**  
Open Day working party is on the 24<sup>th</sup> May with a 9.30am start – the big clear up day!!

### **ABANDONED BOATS:**

Our legal notice allowing us to dispose of abandoned boats expires on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014, after that we will dispose of all boats and trailers without a 2013 or 2014 membership sticker.

### **RACING:**

Racing has started with a bang, good weather and good fleets. We are now well into the spring series and Easter sailing was great (except Sunday when the heavens opened and bailing rainwater became necessary). If you have not yet started sailing this year – now's the time – the May cup races are: - 4<sup>th</sup> May "**Galley Cup**" - the 5<sup>th</sup> May "**RNLI Pennant**" and the 18<sup>th</sup> "**Helms Trophy**".

### **TRAINING:**

The first sail training day is on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. There will be something for you whatever your age and sailing abilities – 12.00 start – sailing 1pm-5pm. Talk to Paul Church about what you want from the day.

An exciting 'spring' sailing programme is planned; let's hope the weather is obliging. If not I will see you in the bar!