

## Why Newsability



When we produced the first newsletter – simply called “News” I offered a bottle of champagne to the member who came up with the best name for what we hoped would become a regular publication, keeping our expanding membership informed of the work of the charity. The closing date for the competition was to be the annual Christmas party. After much debate by the selection panel the proposal from Adrian Hood of “Newsability” was chosen and as shown above Adrian received a bottle of Champagne from director and company secretary Kevin Taylor. As usual the Christmas party was well attended with an excellent meal provided to members, helpers and supporters.



After the meal and raffle Kenny Cantor provided the entertainment while the helpers cleared away and became involved in the usual task of washing up.

The next social event is the summer barbeque on 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## Winter storage

Each winter we move the fleet to covered storage and this year Tim Harrison of Harrison Roof Tiling kindly agreed to provide space in one of his buildings. As usual a team of volunteers with cars, trailers and our own dinghy trailer donated by Inner Wheel helped with the transfer of the boats from our compound at Coleman’s Dyke to the secure storage sheds.



The annual move to (picture above) and from covered storage takes time and a large band of helpers. While we know the boats are safe we cannot undertake any maintenance during the winter and we urgently need to suitable storage and hanging space for our sailing gear.

After the winter a group of members have to complete the cleaning and re-rigging of the fleet in the open and hope that on the day picked for the task the weather is kind to us.



Each hull is pressure washed, cleaned and re-polished, the insides are cleaned and the masts and rigging checked and refitted.

*Picture shows the pre season refit.*

## A look into the future

If you had visited the site just before we moved the fleet to winter storage you may have seen two of the directors inspecting a large sheet of paper while looking thoughtfully into the distance.

It was not just to admire the views but also to talk to local artist, and Rotarian, Peter Fletcher who had generously agreed to prepare an artists impression of the proposed Rotary Boatshed. Using plans donated by local architect Ian Garrett and some photographs from our records Peter started work on the watercolour.

Ian had already submitted the plans to the local planning authority and after some minor changes to enlarge the building to accommodate the expanding fleet the plans were approved. All that we need is the funds to meet the estimated cost of £25,000.

Over to our fund raising director Colin McManus who played a major part in the fund raising for the Rotary Club of Gorleston Bandstand Project.



Chairman Richard Morling, company secretary Kevin Taylor and Peter Fletcher at our compound, Coleman’s Dyke, Oulton Broad.



Colin McManus has already prepared and submitted grant applications to various local and national organisations. As we go to press a grant of £2,000 from the Suffolk Foundation has been confirmed (continued page 2)

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and the Rotary Club of Lowestoft East Point has marked its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by agreeing to donate £5,000 to the Boatshed Project. The first £2,000 was handed over during the Clubs annual Burns Night supper when Club President Paul Tabiner presented a cheque to Chairman Richard Morling and sailing member John Goodwin.



The East Point Club invited John and his wife Sue to be their guests at the Burns Night Supper and after the usual traditional meal and speeches John told the guests how he had benefited from his membership of Waveney Sailability

**The new Rotary Boatshed and the AGM**



At the annual general meeting Peter Fletcher presented the painting to Waveney Sailability already mounted and framed. He also provided copies and agreed that we can use the picture in our publicity and fund raising literature.



Chairman Richard Morling receives the painting from well-known local artist Peter Fletcher.

At the AGM Wendy and Barry Hunt also resented Richard with a cheque for £4,000, to be used for another dinghy



receiving the cheque from Wendy and Barry Hunt.

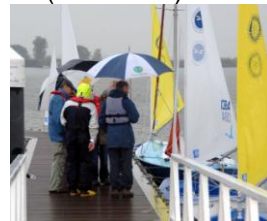
**Support from another local company**

Wendy and Barry Hunt and their family company The Marine Safety Centre Limited has supported us from day one. The latest donation will be used to purchase an Access 303 dinghy to be named “*Spirit of Denise*” in memory of a relation who died recently.

We are very grateful for the support from local companies including the Harrod family at Karpet Kingdom who have also provided an Access dinghy.

**Fleet to get even bigger!**

On a very wet day in 2007 the members of the Broads Authority Sustainable Development Fund visited us (see below)



The rain was torrential and although they expected to see their sponsored dinghy the visitors were surprised to find such an enthusiastic group of sailors who seemed oblivious of the constant downpour.

Having seen us “at work” despite the weather the chairman of the team suggested that they would consider another grant and Colin McManus was soon hard at work – again.

Early in 2008 we received a cheque for £9,250 to be used to purchase two Access 303 dinghies, some new sailing suits and new life jackets. The sailing gear is already in use and within the next few weeks we expect to take delivery of the boats donated by the Broads Authority Sustainable Development Fun and The Marine Safety Centre.

The latest additions will take our fleet to 12 plus the squib and our safety boat (RIB). All this makes the new boatshed even more urgent, space for winter storage, maintenance facilities and hanging and drying space for our sailing gear is a number one priority.

**Annual General Meeting**

At the Annual General Meeting the Charity Treasurer David Collins presented the 2007 Financial Statements that had been examined by our accountants Hartley & Co and approved by the directors.

A brief summary of the accounts follows:

Funds received –	
Suffolk Single Gateway	10,000
Local Rotary Clubs	3,625
Subscriptions	2,189
Donations (inc Gift aid)	13,189
Caldecott Hall Golf Club	1,200
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	<b>£30,203</b>

**Less**

Rent – 2 years	1,000
Insurance	798
WOBYC – Sub	666
Instructors	3,208
Broads Tolls	234
Repairs and renewals	939
Life jackets	270
Training	1,062
Promotion and publicity	528
Professional fees	288
Depreciation	6,703
Site work	1,495
General expenses	65

Total **17,256**

**Net Inflow of funds £12,947**

Capital expenditure in year not included in the above. **£11,909**

The capital expenditure was the cost of the safety boat (RIB) and safety equipment and a new Access 303 dinghy.

**Watch out you could be filmed**



You should recognise Clare Weller from Anglia Television but may not know local professional photographer and Rotarian Alan O'Neill of Charles Hodge Photography & Video Production – both shown above.

Clare and Alan, who have worked together for many years, have offered to produce a promotional DVD for Waveney Sailability. Alan will be the man behind the lens and Clare will do the interviews and the commentary.

Members, officers and supporters will be interviewed and Alan has already lined up a sponsor for the DVD. Accordingly we will have the benefit of a professionally produced product without any cost. So be prepared to talk to Clare and help us make Waveney Sailability even more successful.

### 2008 off to a bright start



Having prepared the fleet for the start of the 2008 sailing season fingers were crossed as day one approached. There was no need to worry as the weather was perfect and as you can see from the picture above the sun shone down from an almost cloudless sky.

Numbers on the first day were good and since then each week has seen an increasing number of sailors taking to the water including many who have sailed for the first time and can't wait to get into an Access dinghy again. On one day last month 43 sailors had booked a place with our booking secretary John Sait.

If you would like to try sailing please contact John on 01502 513079 to book a place. We are pleased to offer two trial sessions before you pay the annual subscription of £50.

### New Subscription Secretary

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new subscription secretary – Keith Bosanko.

Keith is the founder president of the Rotary Club of Lowestoft East Point and has been a supporter of Waveney Sailability for several years. He has helped with the production of a PowerPoint presentation that we use for fund raising and has acted as technician to Treasurer David Collins when he visits Rotary clubs to raise funds for Waveney Sailability.

In a future edition of *Newsability* we will have a feature on Keith and some of our other supporters and helpers. If you haven't paid your subscription for 2008 or if you need to know more about Gift Aid please talk to Keith 01502 717881.

### The hoist is in regular use.

Our hoist was serviced just before we started sailing and is in regular use each week. To make the transfer of sailors from wheel chair to boat more efficient and to avoid delays more purpose made slings have been obtained with some being purchased by a local charity.



The hoist in use – day one 2008.

### The Christmas Party 2007



Kevin helps with drawing the raffle



Plenty to eat!!

### More from the party



Many hands make light work.



Our display boards and the many raffle prizes donated by members and supporters.

### The next edition:

The next edition of *Newsability* will be published in late summer or even earlier if we have more news on the Boatshed. If you would like to comment on the newsletter or Waveney Sailability and what you get out of the Charity please write to:

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