



Shotley Point Yacht Club

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SPYC Committee

Mark Abbott - Commadore



I started sailing in 2017 having brought 'Ibis' my 32 'Bavaria, my first real experience of sailing was bringing her around to Shotley from The River Hamble. Since then, I have attended many Club cruises and sailed independently to France, The Channel and Silly Islands. Sarah (my other half) and I really enjoy sailing with the Club, meeting new and old friends. This is my third and last year as Commadore and so far, I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Garry Stratton - Vice Commadore



I learned to sail in a Cadet, GP14, and Mirror dinghies, with some offshore experience in cruising yachts, before moving on to race in a Fireball and Flying Fifteen, and gaining RYA instructor qualification. This all stopped in my late teens, when work and then family took over.

Fast forward to the 2000s. After owning a couple of Broads cruisers, the sailing itch started again and I became the owner of a Contessa 28 (wonderful boats!), followed in 2017 by "Ceilidh", a Sigma 362, the (allegedly) more comfortable cruising version of the Sigma 36, and gained the RYA Coastal Skipper qualification.

I enjoy short day sails and longer cruises, introducing people to sailing, putting navigation theory to the test, and always looking for that perfect sail trim – dinghy sailing habits seem to stick for life!

Richard White – Treasurer



My love of boats began in 1969 when I built a 9-foot sailing dingy from plans using a mahogany frame and keel with oak gunwales which I steamed in drain pipe to bend. The total cost was under £30.00. I definitely spent more time building than sailing.

After a few years dingy sailing I purchase a 19-foot trailer sailor which I sailed mainly on the Norfolk Broads. I 2007 I bought Baltic Cloud a Finmar 361 a ketch rigged motor-sailor a fine safe boat which I took round the UK in 2017 over 10 weeks after many enjoyable trips with the club. I had been vice commodore for 2 years, temporary commodore for 6 months and treasurer since 2016.

Barbara De Bruine - Secretary



I didn't mean to go to sea but did so for the first time in 2018 and have thoroughly enjoyed it ever since. As a member of Crew Pool, I have had the opportunity to sail on many different types of boats with a variety of different skippers. Being retired and living within seagull squawk of the marina, I am able to join a sail at short notice, including midweek. I've been Secretary for three years.



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Stuart Robinson - Assistant Vice Commadore



I came to cruising about 8 years ago after a long hiatus in dinghies. Following a weekend with a friend on the Solent on a Bavaria 36 the bug bit and I started looking to sail offshore more often. I am now qualified to Day Skipper with VHF/Diesel/Radar/First Aid, with just under 100 days and 2000 miles logged. Hopefully Coastal Skipper will be next.

I have sailed extensively in the South and East but also in Scotland through the Great Glen and down the West Coast. I had my own boat, a Fisher 25, for three years but reluctantly had to sell her for a number of reasons and I'm now an active member of the SPYC Crew Pool. I'm retired so very flexible and happy to crew for both day sails and longer trips given some notice.

Sheila Barns - Membership Secretary



I had my first sailing lesson in 2009 and was hooked straight away. Early 2010 saw us buy our first boat, a Southerly 115, which we still own today. Our furthest "adventure" was to the Netherlands and we have sailed up the Thames several times. We have been on many SPYC cruises and events, which are always great fun, and I'm looking forward to joining in as many as possible in 2023.

Tim Bultitude - Training & Summer Cruise



I started sailing in dinghies on a gravel pit in Northamptonshire, before graduating to big boats. I have been sailing cruising yachts for well over 25 years both as boat owner and non-boat owner. I did a spell as a volunteer skipper with a local sail training organisation, before joining SPYC in 2018. My committee job is primarily organising training opportunities for club members. I am jointly organising this year's summer cruise with Pete Morley.

Mark Taylor - Crow's Nest Editor



I started sailing in 2017, initially in dinghies and then a small day-sailor. I now sail a Contessa 32 which is owned by Kessingland Sea Sailing Club, and I also sail on Nancy Blackett.

I have the best job in SPYC, gathering together stories and photos about sailing. How cool is that?



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Iain Lee - Marketing



I was introduced to sailing as a 5-year-old when my father bought a lovely old gaff rigged cutter which he kept at Maldon. I, along with my brother, bought a Bradwell 18 back in 1990 and enjoyed it so much that the following year we bought a Westerly Pageant 23 and sailed to Holland. We kept her for 4 years when we changed up to a Moody 33 Mk 1, which we still have. Over the years Kazarka has been to Holland, Belgium and France several times, though the last 10 years or so we have not been further than London or Lowestoft. In addition to sailing the North Sea I enjoy chartering in Greek and Croatian waters.

Nigel Baker - Crew Pool Manager



My wife and I joined the club shortly before buying our first boat, Malahi - a Moody 31, in August 2021. Since then, we have joined many of the club cruises around the east coast and Thames estuary. Sailing in company has given us the confidence to do more challenging sailing than we would have done alone. Post-retirement I have a bit more time and have joined the club committee to help with the running of the club. In particular, I will be focusing on the Crew Pool.

Co-opted Member

Peter Morley - Summer Cruise



I have come up through dinghy and catamaran sailing developing an interest in going further afield! The ponds get smaller!! I am a Dinghy Instructor and have an ICC and help with a local Scout group on the water in Lincoln where I live. I spent more than 10 years sailing at Rutland, mainly on Dart 18 catamarans then had a Beneteau 21.7. I found my current boat after reading an article about Feeling Yachts..... Bought it and Loving It!!!

My wife Josie is an occasional visitor on a sunny day and my daughter Aimee loves the big trips and will be around when not travelling in her converted camper. I love to sail solo, but also in company whether on board with me or with a group trip.... I love the freedom of sailing and especially when it's just you, the boat, and the wind!