

Happy New Year to all Members, Volunteers and Friends. As we move into 2025, we start our 20th year – an amazing achievement which has only been possible because of the dedication of all our Volunteers and the enthusiasm of our Members.

The year has seen lots of fun and happiness and unfortunately some sadness and at this time we remember those friends who are no longer with us.



Photo: Richard Morling

Mardles are continuing on the second Tuesday of each month in the Yacht club at 2pm until sailing starts in April and we hope to see you there to enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake and of course some chit chat and a catch up with friends.

Boats away Day 25th October

Again, we were blessed with a nice day for cleaning and putting the boats to bed for the winter. It is also a time to check for any maintenance that might be needed over the winter months.

There was a good turnout of willing volunteers and once the work was done everybody had lunch at the clubhouse, prepared and served by Hilary, Grant, Joan and Margaret.



Photos: Bob Girling



Ramuz Trophy

We mentioned in the last issue that Alan Cone and Nicola Porter would be representing us at this event in Fireflies. They came 6th out of 12 clubs and won the Silver Fleet Trophy. Brilliant result.



Photo: Jackie Soards

Sad News

Many of you will be aware that our Squib has had a free permanent mooring for many years thanks to the generosity of David and Marion Walker. Sadly, David passed away earlier in the year and we offer our condolences to Marion and family.

The Father of Mark French, one of our Safety Boat Drivers, passed away at the end of the year and we wish to convey sincere condolences and sympathies to the family at this very sad time.

We were sad to learn that Jean, wife of John Davis, passed away recently and our thoughts are with John and his family at this difficult time.



Photo Competition

There was a good response to the competition and many of the photos can be seen on our 2025 calendar. The winner was Bob Girling with his photo of the black swan.

If you purchased one of the calendars photos are featured there.

Well done everybody.



WS Hotline!!

Do you use WhatsApp? Then feel free to join Waveney Sailability's Hotline!

It's a great way to keep 'up to date' with what's going on at your club. Useful stuff like, updates on Tuesdays' weather conditions, events, photos and more!

To join, please WhatsApp Dave Gentry 07821213029

GIPSY MOTH IV MODEL - RAFFLE

We have kindly been given a limited-edition model of Gipsy Moth IV to raffle for Group funds. Measuring approx. 12 inches long and 15 inches tall, it features wood from the keel of the original boat. It has additionally been set on a mahogany base by Alan Cone's father.

Tickets are available from Carol at a cost of £1 each, the draw is limited to 100 tickets, and will be made when they are all sold.



First Aid

Dot Daines has been our Chief First Aider for a number of years and has now decided to step down from that role. We will not be losing Dot as she will continue as a sailing instructor. Thank you, Dot, for looking after us so well.

We are very pleased to advise that Zoë Watkins has taken over the Chief First Aider roll and organised a one-day course for 26th November. Report follows:



On 26 November 2024, twelve members of Waveney Sailability were corralled by Zoë into the Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club. Their mission was to partake in a Basic First Aid Course for the Outdoors that was tailored to the needs of sailability. Under the excellent tuition, guidance and instruction of [Robert Elliot](#) (Robbie – [Hands on Training](#)), the course covered all the essentials of first aid and how to apply them generally and within the context of a Sailability environment. The course was interactive with practical demonstrations and scenarios both within the classroom and outside. It was a very immersive enjoyable course



with every member of the Sailability team getting fully involved, to learn, refresh and share experiences of first aid to improved knowledge and confidence.

With a dozen more freshly trained / refreshed, enthusiastic qualified first aiders this increases the numbers of those within Sailability already trained. We now have a large number of 'ready and able' first aid qualified volunteers to support clients and fellow Sailability members if ever the need arises.

A big thank you to all those who helped organise the course and for the enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to get involved of all those on the course.

Report: Zoë Watkins

Photos: Bob Girling

Membership

We have had several new members and volunteers join our ranks over the past few months and we would like to extend to them a very warm welcome to our Sailability Family.

Members number over 70 with a similar number of volunteers.



Your Sailability needs YOU!

Short bursts of help needed in our café. Please if you can spare just an hour on a Tuesday afternoon during sailing times to help serve refreshments and clear up it would be very much appreciated.

Just mention to Margaret or Carol when you arrive.

Dates for your diary:

22nd April 2025 – Boats out day and lunch.

29th April 2025 – First sailing day

21st October 2025 – Last sailing day

More details to follow.

I Must Go Down to the Sea Again (Spike Milligan)

I must go down to the sea again,
to the lonely sea and the sky;
I left my shoes and socks there -
I wonder if they're dry?

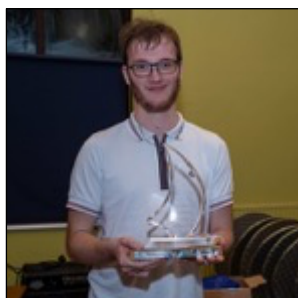
Christmas Party 7th December 2024

Our Christmas party and trophy presentation was held at St Mark's Church Hall once again. The hall looked very festive and was soon filled with happy, chatty people. Hilary and Grant had been cooking all afternoon to prepare the main courses. With donations of more mains and many delicious desserts the choice was magnificent as always. Tony's quiz was as difficult as usual but caused much amusement. Richard presented the trophies. Unfortunately, Milou Pierard, Mark Sharman, Mark Steward, Stewart Gaskin and Peter Drake were not present to receive their awards. There were some great prizes donated for the raffle which made £254. Squares for the Gypsy Moth model were also on sale. The draw for this will take place once the 100 squares have been sold. Thanks are due to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

Report: Jackie Soards

Trophy Winners:

Series	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Spring	Robert MacDonald	Steve Sims	Sophia Adams
Summer	Steve Sims	Peter Drake	Sophia Adams
Autumn	Robert MacDonald	Sophia Adams	Stewart Gaskin
Alan Harmer	Mark Sharman	Owen Boar	Mark Steward
Most improved	Not awarded		
Admiral Award for services to the club	Milou Pierard		



Robert



Steve



Sophia



Joan, Hilary and Grant



Owen



Stewart receiving his prize at the first Mardle of the year.



Peter receiving his prize at a cycling event.