

29 March Fitting Out Lunch

About 60 people came to Aldeburgh YC to hear Chris Jeckells give an interesting talk on sailmaking, and on Shrimper sails and setting in particular. This was followed by a delicious lunch from “Nautical Nosh” and proved to be a good season opener linking Aldeburgh YC and SOA members.

12 - 26 June Baltic Cruise

A good E Coast contingent took advantage of easy ferry links between Harwich and Esbjerg to discover a fantastic new cruising ground for this memorable and enjoyable rally. We were pleased to meet new Shrimper owner Peter Blythe and his crew Derek, on their first cruise.



East Coast Shrimper owners were well represented on the highly successful Baltic trip!

22 - 28 May River Medway cruise

A small, intrepid group of E Coast Shrimpers explored the river and creeks, first the estuary below Cuxton Marina to Queenborough and Chatham, and then above Allington Lock, Maidstone and up to Twyford Bridge and Tonbridge.

25 - 31 July Deben Week

Despite being blessed with the only poor weather of the summer in these parts, 8 Shrimpers enjoyed a mixed menu of cruise, a series of races and other social events, including a wind-blown BBQ. After cruising to the River Orwell we were made most welcome in an overnight berth and dinner at the RHYC; (“Gwendoline” continued up river next day to Ipswich Dock).

“*Bumble Chugger*” won the Sharpley Trophy for sea races, and the Waldringfield SC Trophy for points overall. Robin Gibbon in “*Emily Ann*” and Bryn Bird in “*Gwendoline*” each won one of the Adnams Trophy races.

6 - 13 August Norfolk Broads Rally

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16 - 21 August Aldeburgh Week

Very pleasant fresh breezes and sunshine all week except the last day, which produced something of a surprise a minute before the start with gale force gusts making some of us cope with being flattened and blown sideways into moored boats with much accompanying twanging of booms on shrouds.

Although 13 boats were entered, a maximum of 7 actually took part in any race. “*Bumble Chugger*” continued on winning form with straight firsts, with “*Gwendoline*” pushing hard in several races. Robin Whittle “*Bumble Chugger*” first, Robin Gibbon “*Emily Ann*” second, Andrew Hawes third overall.



East Coast Shrimpers enjoying an unusually windless day

November - Laying Up Lunch

We are now looking forward to our final get together of the season. Date - 22nd November '09; time - 12.30; place - Riverside Restaurant, Woodbridge.

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