

# Moody Owners Association



## East Coast Branch News letter Spring 2010

My last news letter seems a long time ago and it's only now that winter's grip has loosened enough to encourage yours truly out of hibernation and to make a start on all those jobs he promised to do before Christmas!

Despite the severity of the winter we had excellent turnouts for all three winter events, the sun even shone for our visit to the Ferryboat last Sunday.

### **Lunchtime Talk and 2010 AGM Lion Inn Boreham 7<sup>th</sup> February**

For our first winter get together we had a full to overflowing house with 36 members and guests squeezed into the Lion Inn's impressive Presentation room. James Littlewood gave a superb presentation and slide show on their trip around the FSU Baltic states in Paddington IV. This was followed by an excellent Sunday lunch and our AGM; which I'm pleased to say passed off peacefully --- actually I'm not sure how many were asleep by the end! The upshot was the same committee as last year was unanimously voted in by those members present-- without too much heckling. The tactic of an interesting talk followed by a good lunch and then the AGM clearly is working! More on this in the next edition of Compass.

### **Visit to Harwich Harbour Authority (HHA) VTS Centre 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Our visit to the HHA VTS centre followed hard on the heels of our AGM, and despite snow and ice all ten of us (plus 1!) managed to turn up at Navigation house on time. John Adams of HHA gave a fascinating talk on HHA's role, responsibilities and modus operandi. HHA are a Trust Port Authority and responsible for conservancy, pilotage and safe navigation in the Orwell, Stour and surrounding areas. It was pleasing to hear that despite significant increases in the size of and volume of commercial traffic incidents concerning yachts transiting the harbour remain few and far between. As we were oversubscribed for this first visit a follow up visit has been arranged on 25<sup>th</sup> March. At the time of writing a couple of places are still available.

### **Ferry Boat Inn 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Some 26 of us turned out for a really convivial lunchtime nosh and natter at the Ferryboat on the first really sunny day for some considerable time. This is always a good event and so many thanks to Jeremy Squier for organising it and persuading mine host to reserve their conservatory for us, despite an otherwise full house. It also gave me the opportunity to present Gordon Davies with the MOA at Anchor Trophy, awarded in his absence at the MOA AGM.

### **IMPORTANT NEWS: Change of date and venue for the fitting out supper**

It seems the recession has failed to hit Mariners, (il Punto). Due to demand they said would have to charge us at their Saturday fixed menu price of £28.50 pp. I thought this too high a price for many of us, so politely declined our booking. A pity as I was rather looking forward to visiting them. Maybe this is something we might do informally during the season. Anyway the upshot is that with alternative venue's in short supply I have prevailed upon Haven Ports YC and the Lightship to fit us in on the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> April. We went there last year and had very good value service. We have a menu at a price of £17 pp. This is attached along with a booking form. If you are interested please let me know ASAP. If you plan to sail to SYH I'll try and obtain club rates. Sorry for the change but I hope you appreciate the reasons behind it.

All our other events remain as published on our branch web site. If you are planning to come along to any of them, can you please let me know as soon as possible as I need to estimate numbers and make a start reserving berths; especially for Shotley, St Kats, the Anniversary Dinner and Tollesbury.

We shall shortly putting out our programme for the 25th Anniversary event, but just to let you know our entertainment will be provided by the Two for Tea Duo of Heather Simmons & Ted Beament, (Ted was Humphrey Lyttleton's pianist). Those of you who know the RCYC will also know Heather went down a storm when she performed there last year.

If you have any questions just give me a call.

Otherwise Sue and I hope to see many of you on the water, when the weather will of course be fine and balmy.

**Chris 01245 352636**



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### **East Coast Branch Fitting Out Supper**

**The Lightship: Suffolk Yacht Harbour: Levington**

**7 pm for 7.30, Saturday 17th April 2010**

### **Menu**

#### **To Start**

- Tomato "Napoleon" stuffed with herbs & soft cheese
  - Scottish smoked mackerel salad

#### **To Follow**

- Free range chicken fillet served with new potatoes and wild mushroom sauce
  - Scottish salmon fillet with spinach and creamy lemon sauce
    - Italian spinach tortellini with four cheese sauce

**All main courses served with seasonal vegetables**

#### **To Finish**

- White chocolate fudge cake drizzled with strawberry sauce
  - Classic apple tart served with cream
    - Tea and coffee

**£17.00 per person**

**Please send a completed booking form, and your cheque (made payable to MOA, East Coast Branch); before 11<sup>th</sup> April please**

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