

Cruiser News.

A warm welcome to all new members, you will soon be in possession of your 2008 Sailing Programme Booklet and see that we have a series of Sunday races and various cruises.

Most of the **Sunday races** are low key affairs, if you haven't raced before but have a competitive instinct then this could be for you. Just show up on race day about one hour before the start and all will be explained by the racers who will be very pleased to see you.

The races against our neighbours at MCC give us the opportunity to race in a bigger fleet. Their Gala Weekend Race on the 29th June, is followed by a prize giving reception in their clubhouse where you can order a meal and have a drink.

The race against MCC on the 7th Sept is hosted by us this year and will be followed by a buffet in our clubhouse.

The individual **Cruises** will have details posted on the notice board.

A **Shakedown Cruise** over-nighting on the Swale is a possibility but will depend on state of readiness, weather and enthusiasm. Keep in touch if you are interested.

Creek Week this year will probably see us return to the old favourites such as Woodbridge, Ipswich and Titchmarsh.

The **Solent/ Continental Cruise** date has been chosen to catch favourable tides down to the Solent. Bruce Johnson "Kwack Kwack" has kindly made a few notes so members can see what the passage plan might be. See separate Notice.

If the weather is not favourable for the trip westwards on the 13th July, then those participating may have the option of diverting for a Continental Cruise instead.

The **Blackwater Cruise** is to give the smaller vessels and the shallow drafters a chance to explore some of the places we haven't visited before. Dan Wilson "Santa" says that he had a very warm welcome last summer at Wivenhoe S.C where they have a new visitor's pontoon.

St Kath's Dock Cruise, as always is a chance to see the sights on the Thames and spend a few days enjoying a "City Break"

Swale Weekend has not been scheduled in but will probably be run towards the end of the season.

Des Morley and Roger Slaney are planning to sail around the UK this summer in "Pilgrim" so with any luck we should be getting a few postcards charting their progress.

Cruiser Capt

David Rowbotham