

# ERITH YACHT CLUB

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# A PLEASANT EVENING AT GRAVES- END.

A large number of Erith yachtsmen took part in the opening cruise of the Gravesend Sailing Club on Saturday last and attended the annual dinner of that club in the evening at the Clarendon Royal Hotel, at which Mr. Winder (the captain) presided. Among the Erith representatives were Commodore A. I. Gaze, Rear-Commodore W. E. Ganney, Messrs. J. E. Taleen, G. Hall, E. Hall, B. Frier, A. E. Dodds, J. Stone, R. Murray, S. Pendleton, J. Streeten, H. Sparshott, H. N. & J. Lloyd, A. R. Hayes, W. M. Harvie, P. Power, H. DeMerrall, A. J. Abbott, W. E. Nicholl, P. A. Bristow, E. E. Williams, H. Plummer, C. J. Beaver, G. J. Hornsby, H. S. Sharp, E. Hole, and T. N. Thirkettle. An excellent dinner was followed by toast and song, and the proceedings were of a very convivial nature. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. W. P. Wheelton in eulogistic terms. Among these responding was Commodore Gaze, who also subsequently thanked the Club for the reception accorded the Erith men. Further, he called on the latter to drink to the health of the Gravesend Club. Mr. Winder expressed great gratification for the way in which the Erith Club's events had been arranged, the fear of clashing being reduced to a minimum. Another of the toasts submitted, and warmly drunk, was "Sir Thomas Lipton and Shamrock III." The vocalists included Mr. B. Frier, who admirably sang "The Carnival" and "My Girl," and Mr. Pendleton afforded much amusement with "I'm tired" and "Fol the rol lol." In his own inimitable style, Mr. G. J. Hornsby recited "The soldier's pardon."

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS BALL.—In the Upper Public Hall on Friday evening a fancy dress ball for children was given by Mesdames Ingman, Hubbard, and Williams. About 100 responded to the invitation, and appeared in costumes of remarkable variety, quaintness, richness, and beauty. The hall was very artistically decorated by Mr. Ingman and Serge-Major Neal, and the wms when the children paraded were very alarming. The following were some of the chief actors: Master Gordon Wimpsey, Admiral R. N.; Master Waldegrave, Napoleon Bonaparte; Master Leslie Williams, North American Indian; Master George Cole, Prehistoric, wearing skins and carrying a flint axe; Master Edgar Ingman, Jester; Miss Elsie Ingman, the Duetty winner; Miss Doris Willmet, Belle of New York; Misses Sylvester, Old English and Cornish; Master Hobbs, 17th Century costume; Misses Bowen and Petherill, Red Riding Hoods; Masters Jiggins, Sals, and Stevenson, Knights of Honour; Masters Backstew and H. Stephenson, Descendants; Miss G. Buckle, Queen attended by Fairies; Misses G. McKowan, McCartney, and G. West, Fairies; Masters Shorters and Millhouse, beekeepers; Miss Harrington, Kitty Grey; Miss W. Fox and Master Leslie Holmes, Marguerite and Arphostrophon in Faust; Miss Winnie Drayson and Master West, Pierrot and Pantomime; Misses D. and C. Littlewood, Polly Christmas; Misses Shelly, Polly Puritan Maidens; Master Dwyer, the Princess from the Tower; Master Mike, Tommy Dickie; Miss Doris Hand, Boyce; Misses G. Allen and G. Blinn, Shepherdess; Masters Douglas Rinn and Douglas Smith, clowns; Master M. Holmes, M.P.; Miss D. Smith, Red Cross Nurse; Miss C. Smith, Butterfly; Misses C. and M. Burton, Night and Morning; Miss D. Boorman, Butterflies; Miss J. Boorman, Milkmaid; Miss W. Brutton, Cherry Ripe; Masters G. Smith, S. Field, E. Elliott, and D. Gibson, Tovarishs; Master V. King, Monk; Master E. Wingfield, Chef; Miss M. Wingfield, Runaway Girl; Masters G. Clinch, and Robbs, Barbers; Miss Hayward, Spring and Summer; Miss Hilda Harding, Mother Hubbard; Miss Elsie Walker, Village Lassie; Miss Ella Loft, Emeralds; Miss Marguerite Grey, Dancing Girl; Misses Duvy, America and Japan; Miss M. Gunn, Fairy Princess; Miss W. Jiggins, Water Lilies; Miss E. Hallett, Rosebud; Miss Alice Arnold, Spanish Dancing Girl; Miss Nellie Hind, The Alphabet; Master Cecil Bird, Chinaman; Master Humphreys, Roman Soldier; Master Alfred Pogson, Long Clothes Baby; Master Hobbs, Cavalier; Master Leslie Cole, Louis XIV.; Miss Marion Hawker, Mistress Weather; Master Ronald Sarnicks, Little Boy in Blue.

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TO THE ERITH SPORTS.  
Dear Sir.—As it is the wish of several of the late committees to try and run the sports again this year, a preliminary meeting will be held at the Erith Brigade Station (S.E.) on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. at 8 o'clock, at which all gentlemen who are interested in sports will be invited to attend. Knowing you are kind enough to give publicity to the sports through the medium of your paper, we ask you to be good enough to insert the above in your next issue.  
Yours truly,  
P. A. STONE,  
R. J. HUMPHREYS,  
FRANK DUNN.



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# ERITH YACHT CLUB.

The opening cruise of this club took place on Saturday last in fine weather, but there was little wind. The Commodore, Mr. A. J. Gaze, was on board his cutter, Lady Georgiana, and the Vice-Commodore, Mr. F. A. Stone, on the steam yacht Rosalind. There was a representative fleet, amongst which were Winnie, Fairy, Fredith, Syndic, Odd Trick, Sprite, and Pom Pom. After a pleasant cruise a large number of members were present at the new club quarter, at which a most successful smoking concert was held. The club has acquired a portion of the premises recently occupied by the Royal Corinthian Y.C., and have fitted up the same in a most comfortable manner (together with the use of the capital causeway), and there is now every indication for the club becoming one of the most important of those in the home waters. Amongst those who contributed to the programme, which was a very successful one, were Mr. Walter Lawrence, Mr. Hasselhuys, Mr. John Stone, Mr. Geo. Beaver, Mr. Sparshott, Sir S. G. Pechell, Mr. McKiernan, Mr. John Jacks, Mr. Jones, Mr. S. C. Hunnissett, Mr. Ron, Messrs. C. H. and H. M. Barham, and Mr. Edwards. Mr. Mark Andrews presided at the piano. A resolution was unanimously carried expressing the sympathy of the members of the club with Mr. Fredk. Parish, the Rear Commodore, in his illness, and their best wishes for his speedy recovery. Sir S. G. Pechell, at the conclusion of some most amusing reminiscences of his early days in the Navy, expressed his intention of presenting a donation of £25. to the prize fund of the club.

W. A. DE MURRAY, Hon. Sec.

## ERITH YACHT RACE.

On Tuesday last the club sailed the race that was on the Fixture List for May 10th, but owing to absence of wind on each previous occasion was not brought to a satisfactory finish. At the time of starting there was a nice working breeze and the boats eligible for the race were—Fairy, Fredith, Geisha and Odd Trick. The Commodore gave the signal to start at 6.10, and the boats made a capital start, crossing the line within 30 secs. of each other in the following order—Nellie and Geisha almost abreast, the former with the weather berth, closely followed by Fredith, and Odd Trick. In the stretch to Rainham Buoy, Fredith worked into first place and Odd Trick passed Fairy, but in the stretch down to the Point Geisha soon showed her reaching powers, passing Fredith in a very short space. This order was maintained until reaching the Derrieks where Nellie standing into the slack and in the windward work to the Crayfordness mark, passed both Fredith and Geisha. The first round was completed thus—

Nellie	7 6.50
Fredith	7 7.5
Geisha	7 7.10
Odd Trick	7 10.55
Fairy	7 10.45

After rounding the Rainham Buoy again Geisha passed Fredith getting into second place, but could not pass Nellie. This order was maintained to the finish. Odd Trick picked up in the running but fell away in the turn to windward. Fairy carried away her main halyards but quickly repaired same. They finished as follows:—

Nellie	7 6.50
Geisha	8 0.11
Fredith	8 2.27
Odd Trick	8 7.15
Fairy	8 28.16

By the time allowances on the handicap Fredith takes the 1st prize and Nellie 2nd. Should the Committee decide to award the prizes on the original entries Geisha would have third.



# ERITH YACHT CLUB.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., handicap race for two classes were held over the Club Circular Course, in a strong north-easterly wind. May Fly, Virago, Chelsea, and Thistle started in Class A. May Fly got away a good first, with Virago second, Chelsea third, and Thistle a long way stern. Standing over to the British buoy May Fly, who was carrying a very heavy press of canvas, carried away her mast about 10 ft. above the deck. Virago immediately bore up to her assistance, but on hearing that none was required, proceeded on her course. Chelsea, before completing the first round spring her mast, and she also had to give up. There was little to record after this, and the race finished as follows:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Virago	4	9	10
Thistle	4	26	16

On corrected time Virago won from Thistle by 11 min. sec. Thistle taking second prize.

Class A.—In this class, Old Trick had a good start, with Gaiher, Fairy and Edna. May closed in her track; but Gaiher, who had got above the start line time and was in difficulties, fouled Old Trick, carrying away her own foresprit, and Old Trick, without abate, Gaiher then fled with Fairy and Edna. May came way stern. A good race resulted between Gaiher and Fairy, and they finished:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Gaiher	4	21	4
Fairy	4	23	4

Corrected time gave Fairy the winner by 6½ min. Gaiher takes 2nd prize.

Mr. W. A. DeMerrall was officer of the day.

Monday, May 27th.

Six yachts started in the Social Handicap Race on this date. The course was round the West Blythe Buoy and back to Erith. They crossed the line in the following order:—Gaiher, Edna May, Macla, Chelsea, Old Trick and Thistle. A light north-westerly wind prevailed. Four yachts only completed the course, the times being:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
Chelsea	5	47	0	won
Gaiher	6	13	0	
Macla	6	51	15	
Old Trick	8	43	0	

As there were several disqualifications, the 2nd prize has not yet been awarded by the Sailing Committee.

Mr. A. E. Dodds was officer of the day.

Tuesday, May 27th.

The second to-sail of the race originally fixed for the 14th inst., took place under very little better circumstances than the previous race, there being little or no wind. Chelsea and Virago started in Class A, and an uninteresting race resulted in the Virago winning from Chelsea by 15 min. 45 sec.

Class B.—Fredith and Old Trick were the only boats to essay the whole course in the same class, and as they were unable to finish before sunset, the race was declared off.

Mr. A. E. Dodds was officer of the day.  
W. A. DeMerrall, Hon. Sec.

A few yachts have been cruising, some going as far as Queenboro', to take part in the race from that port to Gravesend on the Monday, among which were Virago, Winnie, Sybilie and Pom Pom. The fleet of yachts at present of the club-house present a very pretty sight, especially when preparing for a race.

# ERITH YACHT CLUB

CLUB HOUSE, ERITH.

SEASON, 1901.

## OFFICERS.

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Sailing and Handicapping Committee—  
A. I. GAZE. F. A. STONE. W. A. DE MERRALL.

Timekeeper and Starter—  
A. E. DODDS.

## RACING PROGRAMME.

DATE.	EVENT.	Time of Start.	High Water Erith.	Sun Set.
April 27.	Saturday—Opening Cruise ..	3 p.m.	8.47 p.m.	7.14
May 11.	.. Club Circular Course	3 ..	8.34 ..	7.30
.. 23.	.. ..	3 ..	7.50 ..	7.50
.. 27.	Monday—Round W. Blythe Buoy and back to Erith ..	10 a.m.	9.8 ..	7.39
June 13.	Saturday—Grays & back to Erith	4 p.m.	0.4 ..	8.16
.. 23.	.. Club Circular Course	3 ..	5.29 ..	8.19
.. 25.	.. Erith to Hole Haven ..	2 ..	11.44 a.m.	8.10
July 6.	.. Gallions Reach and back to Erith ..	3 ..	4.26 p.m.	8.10
.. 20.	.. ..	3 ..	4.30 ..	8.4
Aug. 3.	.. OPEN HANDICAP—Erith to Hole Haven	3 ..	5.27 ..	7.43
.. 5.	Monday—OPEN HANDICAP—Hole Haven to Erith	12 noon	4.50 ..	7.40
.. 9.	Tuesday—OPEN HANDICAP—Club Circular Course	2 p.m.	5.32 ..	7.38
.. 24.	Saturday—Club Circular Course	3 ..	8.23 ..	7.3
Sept. 7.	.. ..	3 ..	8.19 ..	6.23

CLASS A.—Yachts exceeding 22 feet O.A.

CLASS B.—Yachts not exceeding 22 feet O.A.

The Sailing Committee reserve the right to combine the two Classes, should insufficient entries, in either class, render such action desirable.

# A Erith Yacht Club.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Date 22 June 1901  
 Race Club  
 Name of Yacht Virgo  
 Recall Number 4

GUNS:—1st Gun—prepare at 2.45  
 2nd „ at 3.25  
 3rd „ start at 3.30

### COURSE:—

Start through an imaginary line drawn between Flag Staff and Church Steeple, passing between Mark-boat and shore.

Club Circular Course  
Starting Up.

3 Times Round

Sun sets 8.18 p.m.

In the event of none of the Yachts being able to complete the course by Sundown, a gun will be fired, the Club Burgee hauled down and the Race declared off.

*[Signature]*

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

# Erith Yacht Club.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Date 29 June 1901  
 Race Commodore's Cup  
 Name of Yacht Virgo  
 Recall Number 1

GUNS:—1st Gun—prepare at 1.40  
 2nd „ at 1.55  
 3rd „ start at 2.0

### COURSE:—

Start through an imaginary line drawn between Flag Staff and Church Steeple, passing between Mark-boat and shore.

down to Hole Haven  
finishing between "Rosalind"  
+ North Shore

Sun sets 8.18 p.m.

In the event of none of the Yachts being able to complete the course by Sundown, a gun will be fired, the Club Burgee hauled down and the Race declared off.

*[Signature]*

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.



# ERITH SAILING CLUB.

## First Annual Dinner,

THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1900.

The Commodore, A. I. GAZE, Esq., in the Chair.

### .. MENU ..

Consommé Julienne	Potage à la fausse tortue
Turbot à la Sauce Homard	Filets de Sole
Suprême de Poulet	
Filet de Bœuf roti	Selle de Mouton
Faisan roti	Pommes de terre frites
Légumes de saison	
Blanc Manger	Pouding à la Société des Yachts
	Gelée
	Charlotte à la Russe
Fromage	Salade

### DESSERT

ROYAL MORTAR HOTEL WOOLWICH

### .. TOASTS ..

The Queen and the Royal Family.  
THE COMMODORE.

The Navy, The Army, and Reserve Forces.  
THE COMMODORE.

REPLY ... CAPTAIN R. WISHART, R.H.A.

The Erith Sailing Club.  
T. J. SCOUGALL, Esq.  
REPLY ... THE COMMODORE.

The Visitors.  
THE VICE-COMMODORE  
REPLY ... E. W. SAMPSON, Esq.

The Press.  
W. J. HARVIE, Esq.  
REPLY ...

The Commodore and other Officers of the Club.  
W. WOODS JIGGENS, Esq.  
REPLY ... THE COMMODORE.

W. A. De MERRALL, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,  
Winchester House, London, E.C.



## .. ENTERTAINMENT ..

PIANOFORTE DUET ... ..	"Spanish Dances" ... ..	<i>Moakowski</i>
Messrs. M. ANDREWS and W. J. EDWARDS.		
SONG ... ..	"The Student's Serenade" ... ..	<i>Hutton</i>
Mr. WALTER BAMFORTH.		
HUMOROUS SKETCH ... ..	"Funny Folks" ... ..	<i>Conyers</i>
Mr. CHARLES CONYERS.		
OLD ENGLISH SONG... ..	"The Owl" ... ..	<i>Shield</i>
Mr. PELHAM WILKES.		
HUMOROUS SONG ... ..	"Selected" ... ..	—
Mr. OSBORNE MORGAN.		
DUET ... ..	"The Battle Eve" ... ..	<i>Bonheur</i>
Messrs. WALTER BAMFORTH and PELHAM WILKES.		

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES,

By the Commodore, A. I. GAZE, Esq.

VENTRILOQUIAL SKETCH ... ..	"Odds and Ends" ... ..	<i>Conyers</i>
Mr. CHARLES CONYERS.		
SONG ... ..	"The Windmill" ... ..	<i>Nelson</i>
Mr. PELHAM WILKES.		
RECITATION ... ..	"The Dutchman's First Cigar" ... ..	—
Mr. OSBORNE MORGAN.		
SONG ... ..	"An Evening Song" ... ..	<i>Blumenthal</i>
Mr. WALTER BAMFORTH.		
HUMOROUS SONG ... ..	"How They Apologize" ... ..	—
Mr. OSBORNE MORGAN.		

Accompanist ... .. Mr. MARK ANDREWS, A.R.C.O.



A. I. GAZE, Esq., COMMODORE.



F. A. STONE, Esq., VICE-COMMODORE.

1900.



F. PARISH, Esq., REAR-COMMODORE.



W. A. DE MERRALL, Hon. Sec.

# BARGE LAUNCH AT STONE BROS. ERITH.

A very successful barge launch took place on Thursday last, at Messrs. Stone Bros. Yard, High Street, Erith, the barge "Stuart" taking the water in splendid style under the hurrahs of a large number of spectators. Miss Nora Stone (youngest daughter of Mr. John Stone) performing the christening ceremony. The "Stuart" has been specially designed by Mr. Frank A. Stone to carry the utmost capacity of cargo with the lightest possible draught, and with this end in view the design is quite a new departure from the ordinary kind of craft, keeping in view the minimum cost of building. She will be engaged by Messrs. Priestman Bros. of London and Hull, and will be the first river barge driven by oil engines. The tonnage of the "Stuart" will be about 100 tons.

## ERITH YACHT CLUB.

The annual race for a cup presented by the Commodore, A. J. Gaze, Esq., took place on Saturday last, the 29th ult. Course, Erith to Holo Haven. There was a strong N.E. wind when the following yachts crossed the line:—

	Handicap.
Mayfly	Scratch.
Virago	4 min.
Chickadee	17 "
Thetis	30 "
Maolo	47 "
Old Trick	70 "

Mayfly got away first with Virago and Chickadee close up with Maolo, Thetis and Old Trick at close intervals. Virago soon took the lead with Mayfly and Chickadee second and third respectively, and this order was maintained throughout the race. On the turn into Gravesend Reach very rough water was met with and Virago and Mayfly steadily drew away from Chickadee and on entering the slope the latter vessel was a long way astern and the rest of the rest of the fleet. Although hopelessly out of the race, so far astern were they, stuck on gamely, although experiencing a very rough time of it in the squally weather prevailing. To finish, the yachts had to pass between the North shore off Holo Haven and the stream "Reefland," and the finishing times were:—

	Hrs.	Mins.	Secs.	
Virago	5	5	30	1st.
Mayfly	5	19	45	2nd.
Chickadee	5	44	14	3rd.
Thetis	6	11	25	

Maolo and Old Trick retired.

Virago takes the Commodore's Cup, Mayfly a prize presented by Mr. Walter Latimer, and Chickadee third prize.

A large company of club members and friends accompanied the race on board the Reefland and the Osprey.

Boys' Planes, 11, Bow-street, Woolwich.

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Concert Concert. The annual concert series will be held at this church on Sunday afternoon next at 3.30 p.m. For plants and eggs may be purchased as early as 10 p.m. They will be sent to the Cotton Hospital and to the sick and poor of the parish.



## THAMES ESTUARY CRUISING CLUB.

There will be a Cruiser Handicap from Quocborough to Ramsgate on July 1st. For prizes presented by the Club.

Course: From a line between Notice Buoy below Quocborough Pier and a Flag Boat (leaving the latter to port) to a line off West Pier, Ramsgate, formed by flag staff and beacon. Girdler Lightship H. Margate Buoy and Longnose Buoy must be left to starboard hand.

The Club Barge will be flown on the mark boat till 10.30 when it will be lowered and the Red Barge hoisted. The Red Barge will be lowered at 11.30 as the signal to start. Sailed Handicap.

## Erith Sailing Club.

### FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

TO BE HELD AT  
THE ROYAL MORTAR HOTEL, WOOLWICH,  
ON THURSDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1900.

48 7 PM 7.30 P.M.

Guest Mr.

ROBERT-ANTHONY.



GOSSIP!!

*The whisperer behind raised glass  
Displays enomous lack of class  
And those who lean and smirk and gloat  
Don't deserve their boat to float.*

*Truth will out or so they say,  
We all know it doesn't pay  
To sit and GOSSIP over ale  
We just wish to God they'd SAIL.*