

# ERITH YACHT CLUB

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# ERITH YACHT CLUB

ERITH.

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> Murray Prize  
 Virago - allows  
 Minnie

FINISH  
 VIRAGO I. Chetkoo II. Geisha III

Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
 allows  
 Virago 8. Chetkoo 9 Min.  
 May Fly Scratch Thetis 40

FINISH  
 M.F. 8.1.3 Virago 8.11.45  
 Chetkoo 8.11.10 Thetis 8.20.30

Thetis 1.  
 May Fly 2

B. Class. Geisha 1. all.  
 Finish. Fredith 8.10.45  
 Geisha 8.11.55  
 Thetis 8.12.45  
 FINISH Fredith I

EASTER TRIP 1900 DANN SWIN

GRAVESEND.

There was a pretty trip on Saturday from Epsomville round the Great Bury and back, the Virago, 6 tons (J. Rogers) at scratch, while the one-rater Fleetswing (F. Hale) crossed 2nd., and the half-toner Spruce (Fred S. Mackay) 3rd. and 4th. Results:

	M.	M.	P.
Virago (winner) .....	0	51	20
Fleetswing .....	0	54	20
Spruce .....	0	58	0

YACHTING.  
BURNHAM CLUB'S NEW BUILDING.

The opening ceremony was followed by a dinner and smoking concert. In response to the toast of the health, Lord Claud Hamilton foreshadowed a time when the railway facilities would be augmented, bringing the pleasure of yachting still more within the reach of the multitude. He also mentioned that the Great Eastern Railway have decided on spending a sum not exceeding \$5,000 for the erection of a new club-house for the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club at Lowestoft.

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GRAVESEND 5 C.—The fixture for the 24th was a general Handicap, for which the following boats entered:—*Envo*, Mr. J. Stone; *Flamingo*, Mr. F. Hale; *Spirit*, Mr. F. Sankey; *Ripple*, Mr. F. Edmonds; *Oliver*, Mr. P. Winder; and *Lily*, Mr. T. Hill. Course from the club headquarters at Rosherville round the Oven buoy and back.

An interesting race resulted in a well-deserved victory for *Urago*, with *Sprite* second. *Fleetwing*, unfortunately, was heavily handicapped, having to sail under a state of temporary repair, from the effects of a collision with another vessel a few days previously.

TRANMERE S.C.—MAY 24TH Handicap MATCH. Course, North Powder Magazine and No. 1 Gorston Channel Buoy. Start 6.45. Wind N.W., fresh.

Gay (win.) ..	9 tons	Messrs. Holmes & Ogden ..	7 45 10
Darling (2nd) ..	3 ..	Mr. C. Stanley ..	7 58 40

*Pride*, to Mr. E. Titterton went to assistance of boat in another race, and so was not timed.

EASTER TRIP 1900 DANGER SWIM

GRAVEREND  
There was a pretty trip on Saturday from Bushville  
round the (Great) River and back, the (Great) & some of  
money at (Gravend), while the one-way (Fleetwing) (F. Ross)  
received (Smith) and the (Kilgus) (Spice) (Fred L. (Murray))  
had (Smith) (Smith):

There was a pretty trip on Saturday from Bushville round the Green River and back the Virago, & some of the crew at evening, while the co-captain Fleeting (F. How) received Smith and the Midwater Spruce (Fred E. Hickey) and Smith. Returns:

Group	Mean	S.D.	N
Young (mean)	51	50	5
Flowering	54	20	3
Seeds	53	0	2





Punting Ashore - J. H. Sandys



## YACHTING.

### KEITH YACHTING CLUB.

The bad weather on Saturday last only brought six out of the eight entries to the post for the general handicap between Hainham and Crayford, viz.: Virago (John Stone), scratch; Chokoa (Gaze and F. Stone), 7 min.; Geisha (Scougall), Swan (Isaac), Mang (Rainbold) and Valkyrie (Lyle), 14 min. each. Wind, west-south-westerly, at 2.30, starting time, but puffy and variable in strength. Valkyrie and Swan got off with the lead, but in the reach to Ralgham Virago and Chokoa beat them easily, Geisha retaining third place, till at the end of the first circuit Virago and Chokoa were level on the handicap, and Geisha well within her time of both. The positions were maintained through the second circuit, the wind falling off, and Chokoa with it, Geisha, keeping well up, as the sequel proved, while Mang and Valkyrie fell further astern. A rather exciting finish resulted as follows: Virago (2nd prize), 4hr. 43min. 32sec.; Chokoa, 4hr. 52min. 3sec.; Geisha (winner), 4hr. 56min. 3sec.; Swan 5hr. 0min. 51sec.; Valkyrie (3rd prize), 5hr. 2min. 22sec.; Mang, 5hr. 15min. 14sec. Swan and Chokoa were disqualified.

### GRAVESEND SAILING CLUB.

On Saturday last the Gravesend Sailing Club held their eighth annual dinner at the Clarendon Royal Hotel. The Mayor (J. H. Cooper, Esq., J.P.) presided. Speeches were given by the Member for the district (Gilbert Parker, Esq., M.P.), Lt.-Col. Sankey, J.P., Mr. F. Flower, Mr. Clifford Row, Mr. W. P. Wheelton, and Mr. A. L. Gaze. Harmony interspersed the same. Some ten members of the Keith Yacht Club ran down to take part in the proceedings, viz.: A. L. Gaze, H. N. Lloyd, J. Lloyd, E. Scougall, E. Hole, Thos. Humphreys, Chas. Harham, J. Stone, W. Harvie, and P. Power. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent by all.



In Dock

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Have pleasure to advise  
that you are trustee of  
the WCC Cup for  
Monday race for  
W. O. Shaw



Sprate



2 July 1901  
 Success of Mr. J. Stone's "Virago."—Our local readers who take an interest in yachting, will be pleased to learn that Mr. J. Stone's "Virago" was an easy winner in the Royal Temple Yacht Club Race, sailed at Ramsgate last week (The Ramsgate weekly), and thereby secured that valued trophy, the Vice-Commodore's Cup. Although this is the "Virago's" 27th season, she had no difficulty in defeating her more up-to-date rivals. Messrs. Stone, of Erith, were the builders, it is interesting to learn. Mr. A. I. Gaze's "Lady Georgiana" secured two second prizes in the same week.

CHERRY CREECH SUNDAY SCHOOL TRUST



Sunday AFTER G. S. C. DINNER

### ERITH SAILING CLUB.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., this club sailed their fourth race. Eight boats were entered and handicapped, but only seven appeared at the starting line. When the preparatory gun was fired there was only just a little breeze and that was from the east. At its practical the starting gun was fired, "Virago" promptly crossed the line one second after, and was closely followed by Maggie, Nellie and Flossie, Mauds next, and Amba and Vandaurs some distance astern. In the rush up to the Rainbow buoy, Flossie worked into second place and Nellie third, Mauds passing Maggie. In this order they proceeded for the rest of the journey, Flossie, Nellie and Mauds varying the distances between them, as the wind favoured one or the other. Maggie and Amba, with their very small sails and the light wind, was very much out-distanced, and having to finish from the lower mark on a strong ebb made Maggie's time very bad. Amba did not finish. The result was—

	Actual Time	Corrected Time
Flossie	7.13.5	7.37.5
Virago	7.30.20	7.30.20
Nellie	7.46.5	7.54.5
Mauds	7.49.30	7.54.30
Maggie	8.39.30	8.14.30

"Virago" has been successful so far this season. On Saturday last she secured the first prize at Orgrave, and a second on Monday, at the Thames Regatta; "Lady Georgiana" securing the first prize.

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### YACHTING.

#### KRITH YACHT CLUB.

A race for a handsome prize presented by Mr. Walter Lawrence open to the yachts of A Class— took place on Saturday last. Course— From off the Club House at Erith to Hole Haven. A splendid start was effected at 3.30 p.m., and the following vessels crossed the line within half a minute of each other:—

Cateran	.. schooner 21 tons	Mr. C. Maitby.
Lady Georgiana	.. cutter 18 "	Mr. A. I. Gaze.
Haleyon	.. " 7 "	Mr. H. S. Sharp.
Knockabout	.. " 7 "	Mr. F. Hole.
Virago	.. " 6 "	Mr. John Stone.
Chelca	.. " 5 "	Messrs. F. Stone and Gaze.
Mongoose	.. " 5 "	Mr. J. F. Field.

The wind was strong and squally from the N.W. at first but died away to a flat calm by the time Gravesend Reach was gained. At this point Haleyon and Knockabout were a long way ahead of the fleet and during the whole of the time there was never more than a hundred yards distance between the two boats. A little more wind was felt in the Lower Hope but there was not enough weight in it to make any appreciable difference in the positions of the sternmost yachts. The times at the Haven and handicap allowance were as follows:—

	Cateran, scratch, did not finish.	H. resp.	Finishing time.
		M. S.	H. M. S.
Lady Georgiana	3 0	..	5 49 0
Haleyon	3 0	..	5 43 0
Virago	4 30	..	5 50 10
Knockabout	7 30	..	5 42 15
Mongoose	9 30	..	5 55 15
Chelca	15 30	..	5 4 5

Mr. A. I. Gaze, the Commodore, was flag officer in charge for the day.

It will be seen that the Knockabout won easily on time, the specially designed Haleyon taking 2nd and Virago 3rd by the narrow margin of 5 sec. from Mongoose. The Lady Georgiana was only 25 sec. out of it. Taken all together the results are very good. Chelca's blanketing by two barges at Gravesend Reach doubtless caused her to be far behind the others at the winning post. Cateran, although right out of the race, unfortunately grounded on the spit before finishing. The remainder of the evening was spent by the competing crews, together with the Commodore, in social chat on the day's events.



# ERITH SAILING CLUB.

In the sealed handicap on Thursday, August 23rd, the following yachts started:—

Yacht.	Owner.	Handicap.
Virago	J. Stone	Scratch
Geisha	H. Scougall	4 min.
Nellie	Mr. Stone	10 min.
Macla	T. Farmer	14 min.
Teaser	C. Isaacs	18 min.
Maggie	H. Walden	20 min.

Usual club course twice round. A fairly good start was made at 6 p.m. in a light south-east wind, and in the run up the river Nellie had it all her own way; but in standing across to the Hainham buoy, the others soon closed up the greater portion of the gap, and there was not much difference between them when they rounded the buoy in the following order:—Nellie, Maggie, Geisha, Virago, Teaser, Macla. Going close hauled to Cold Harbour Point, Nellie was sailing well, and just before the Point was reached Geisha passed Maggie with Virago coming up hand over hand. When off the Point Virago passed Geisha, but Nellie proved a hard nut to crack, and kept a pretty lead. From here it was a turn down to the Crayfordness mark boat with the wind freshening considerably. Virago passed Nellie and Geisha showing much better form in the fresh breeze, took second place, and indeed gained on the leader considerably. They rounded the mark boat thus:—Virago, Geisha, Nellie, Maggie, Macla, Teaser. On the run back to Erith Maggie and Macla made up a bit for lost time, and Teaser was doing better than at any other time during the race. On the sailing committee shortening the course to one round they were timed as follows:—

Virago	7.7.33	
Nellie	7.7.50	Second Prize
Geisha	7.8.20	
Maggie	7.10.30	First Prize
Macla	7.12.0	Third Prize
Teaser	7.14.31	

Sailing committee, A. I. Gaze (Commodore), W. A. De Murrell (Hon. Secretary) and A. E. Dodds.

GRAYESBORO SAILING CLUB. — This Club fixture for Saturday last was a general handicap. Five boats started, viz., *Virago* (John Stone), *Fluctuating* (E. Hibel), *Spirits* (F. Sankey), *Dicer* (B. Winder) and *Lily* (T. Hill). *Virago* was the first to cross the line, closely followed by the others. The course was round the Oven's buoy, and the race resulted in a victory for *Virago*, with *Spirits* second. *Fluctuating* was leaking badly during the race, owing to damage in a collision a few days before. *Dicer* and *Lily* made a close race at the finish. Mr. H. G. Sabiston was officer of the day.

# ERITH SAILING CLUB.

16th September.

This club held a race for a silver cup presented by the Commodore, Mr. A. I. Gaze.

Yacht.	Owner.	Handicap.
Virago	J. Stone	Scratch
Nellie	— Stone	20 min.
Flouise	H. N. Lloyd	21 min.
Geisha	E. Scougall	24 min.
Macla	T. R. Farmer	30 min.
Gipsy	W. W. Jiggins	50 min.
Vandura	A. E. Warren	60 min.
Amha	C. Beaver	65 min.

The course was the club circular course three times round, and owing to the nice easterly breeze there was no difficulty experienced in completing the whole course well within the time limit of 6 p.m. The yachts were given the gun at 2.5 p.m. and an excellent start was effected, crossing the line in the following order:—Virago, Geisha, Nellie, Macla, Gipsy, Flouise, Amha and Vandura. Virago at once took the lead which she maintained easily to the finish. Geisha and Nellie had a pretty race together during the first round, towards the end of which Nellie got well away and took second place, from which she was never ousted. Flouise unfortunately fouled a mark and retired from the race. Vandura also gave up. The times taken on first round were:—

Virago	3.35.17
Nellie	3.50.0
Geisha	3.53.34
Macla	3.56.30
Gipsy	3.57.30
Amha	3.58.20

There was little change to record on the second round, the boats being timed across the line on the completion of the round in the same order:—

Virago	4.29.35
Nellie	4.33.50
Geisha	4.38.0
Macla	4.41.0
Gipsy	4.49.15
Amha	4.54.0

Geisha and Macla were by this time behind their handicap time so that, barring accidents, their position was hopeless. Virago and Nellie continued to increase their already long lead. Macla on the handicap looked a dangerous boat, but experiencing some little difficulty with her gear she never showed her form. The two limit boats left in were Amha and Gipsy who were both sailing remarkably well, and although at first, owing to the wind having dropped considerably, it looked as though Virago would take the Cup, Amha finished well within her time and the Commodore's Cup goes to her—Gipsy takes the Vice-Commodore's Cup as second prize, and Nellie gets the third. The finishing times were:—

	actual.	corrected.
Virago	4.59.0	4.57.0
Nellie	5.13.0	4.55.0 (third)
Geisha	5.23.25	4.50.25
Macla	5.33.0	5.3.0
Gipsy	5.39.30	4.49.30 (second)
Amha	5.49.15	4.42.15 (first)

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

17th September.

The match on this date was a sealed handicap, and a splendid start was effected at 4 p.m. in light S.W. wind. Entries:—

Yacht.	Owner.	Handicap.
Virago	J. Stone	Scratch
Freddie	Frederick Brown	13 min.
Nellie	J. Stone	18 min.
Flouise	H. N. Lloyd	14 min.
Geisha	E. Scougall	18 min.
Macla	T. R. Farmer	24 min.
Teaser	C. Isaacs	36 min.
Amha	C. Beaver	38 min.

The Yachts crossed the line in the following order:—Geisha, Freddie, Teaser, Nellie, Macla, Virago and Flouise. The course was the usual club circular, twice round. Virago and Nellie got a nice lead, with Freddie a good third; but on the way back from the Crayfordness marked boat the latter boat got out of the slack into the tide and consequently could not fetch the mark off the Ballast Wharf, Geisha and Macla profiting by her example, and sailing well, soon left her astern and the first round was timed:—

Virago	4.59.41
Nellie	5.2.56
Geisha	5.9.50
Macla	5.6.50
Freddie	5.9.35
Flouise	5.11.12
Teaser	5.14.5

After this Macla soon took third place, but otherwise there was little to record on the second round, the completion of which was timed as follows:—

	actual.	corrected.
Virago	5.41.13	5.41.13
Nellie	5.52.32	5.39.32 (third)
Macla	5.53.21	5.34.21 (first)
Geisha	6.0.3	5.42.8
Freddie	6.0.10	5.47.10
Flouise	6.0.14	5.46.14
Teaser	6.11.34	5.35.34 (second)

Mr. A. I. Gaze, the commodore, was officer of the day.

W. A. De Murrell, Hon. Sec.

# ERITH SAILING CLUB.

30th AUGUST.

This Club held a race for a handsome prize presented by Mr. C. Isaacs; usual club circular course, three times round. The following yachts started in a light northerly breeze at 2.30 p.m.:-

Virago	J. Stone	Scratch
Nellie	— Stone	18 min.
Geisha	E. Scougall	19 min.
Maola	T. R. Farnet	22 min.
Teazer	C. Isaacs	28 min.
Amba	C. Beaver	37 min.

The yachts started away close hauled to the Rainbow buoy, which they rounded in the following order:- Virago, Maola, Geisha, Nellie, Teazer, Amba. The wind was very fluky now, some going close hauled, others with spinnakers set, to the Crayfordness mark buoy. Virago had a long lead and Teazer getting a free pull got second place. The mark boat was rounded thus:- Virago, Teazer, Amba, Maola, Nellie, Geisha. From the mark boat home it was a broad reach and run - Virago keeping her long lead easily, the others following in a clump. On completing the first round Maola caught a little draught and sailing remarkably well took a good second place. The boats now became hopelessly becalmed and the race was abandoned at 5 o'clock. Mr. A. E. Dodds was officer of the day.

1st SEPTEMBER.

The race for the Murray Cup, which had to be abandoned on August 18th was re-sailed on the above date. A strong north-east wind prevailed; but it was far from steady and after veering round a lot died away altogether before the end of the race. The entries were:-

Lady Georgiana	A. I. Gaze	Scratch
Virago	J. Stone	4 min.
Geisha	E. Scougall	9 min.
Flouise	H. N. Lloyd	12 min.
Nellie	— Stone	15 min.
Maola	T. Farnet	17 min.
Teazer	C. Isaacs	21 min.
Maggie	H. Walden	26 min.
Amba	C. Beaver	29 min.
Gipsy	W. Jiggins	34 min.
Fairy	P. E. Power	36 min.

The gun was fired at 3 p.m. and a pretty start resulted, the yachts crossing the line well together. Before the half of the first round was completed Teazer who found the wind a little too much for her, was dismasted. By this time the interest was concentrated on three pairs—Lady Georgiana and Virago, Nellie and Flouise, Geisha and Maola—there was a considerable distance between these couples. On completion of the first round the

Lady Georgiana	3.34.45
Virago	3.35.45
Flouise	3.40.0
Nellie	3.40.30
Maola	3.45.10
Geisha	3.47.0
Amba	3.47.10
Maggie	3.49.00
Gipsy	3.50.0
Fairy	4.00.0

The wind fell considerably lighter on the second round and was very fluky. The position of the leading boats remained unaltered and they were timed as follows:-

Lady Georgiana	4.11.0
Virago	4.11.30
Flouise	4.25.0
Nellie	4.25.10
Maola	4.41.0
Geisha	4.41.45
Amba	4.42.30
Maggie	4.50.0
Gipsy	4.54.0

Fairy being hopelessly behind gave up. On the third round a very interesting race took place for first position between Lady Georgiana and Virago, but the wind falling right away made the match more a matter of luck than anything else. Eventually Lady Georgiana who had then a fairly good lead, getting blanketed by a fleet of barges, let in Virago who passed over the line 20 seconds ahead. Nellie and Flouise in the meantime had had a most exciting match and Flouise ultimately finished a good third, undoubtedly earning her prize. The finishing times were:-

Virago	4.58.30 (first)
Lady Georgiana	4.59.00 (second)
Flouise	5.17.45 (third)
Nellie	5.21.45
Maola	5.47.30
Geisha	5.50.20
Amba	6.0.30

Others not timed. Mr. A. E. Dodds was officer in charge.

3rd SEPTEMBER.

The race for a prize presented by Mr. C. Isaacs, which had to be abandoned on the 30th ultimo, was re-sailed on the 3rd inst. The race was arranged for 3 o'clock, but the officer of the day postponed it for a little over an hour owing to several yachts experiencing difficulty in getting to the line at that time. Ultimately the following boats got away at 4.10 p.m. in a nice N.E. breeze over the usual club course, three times round.

Virago	J. Stone	Scratch
Nellie	— Stone	18 min.
Geisha	E. Scougall	19 min.
Maola	T. Farnet	22 min.
Teazer	C. Isaacs	25 min.
Amba	C. Beaver	37 min.

The times on the first round were:-

Virago	4.00.25
Geisha	4.06.15
Nellie	4.07.15
Maola	4.08.45

Amba gave up and Teazer went the wrong course.

On the officer of the day shortening the course to twice round, the yachts were timed as follows:-

Virago	5.45.0 (first)
Geisha	6.1.51
Nellie	6.21.36
Maola	6.23.12

There being a protest against Nellie the third prize is held in abeyance until decision is given. Mr. A. I. Gaze, the Commodore, was officer of the day.

W. A. DeMERRALL, Hon. Sec.