

## EYOTT SAILING CLUB

## NEAPS

**Vice Commodores Corner**

Due to holiday commitments, Bob has asked that I put some words to paper for this edition of Neaps which will be good practice for when I take up the position of Commodore for the 2010 season.

The 2009 season is now drawing to a close and looking back we have had an exceptional season in terms of sailing conditions. There have been very few races that have had to be cancelled due to poor weather, which was a welcome relief given the previous two seasons. The generally good weather has encouraged many members to take to water and we have had strong fleets for most races which has led to a good level of friendly competition. Lets hope that 2010 is just as good.

The final race of the year is the Ship's Cook on 18th October where there is the chance to win a cake for those willing to brave the Autumn weather. This will be the end of our racing season, however if there is anyone that would like to get some fresh winter air in their lungs there is always the Winter Series over at Upriver Yacht Club. A number of our members usually like to hone their skills over the winter in this Series and the Warm-Up Series that starts in the New Year. For those members that are interested you can find out the race times on Upriver's website (<http://www.upriver.org/>). The first of the Winter Series is on the 18th October - however try to win the Ship's Cook beforehand!

The Club has been kept in excellent condition throughout the season through the continued hard work of the members and a big thank you goes out to everyone that has given up their time to help out. Special thanks go to Les Newman for co-ordinating the works and ensuring that we keep on top of things. The final working day is scheduled for 25th October and any time that you could give would be greatly appreciated.

There are a number of social events over the Autumn and encourage members to join in the fun. The bonfire party will be on 8th November this year - we have plenty of wood to burn following a good clear out from beneath the Club House. We will of course need a Guy to burn - we can of course have more than one and I am sure we could rustle up a prize for the best Guy if the children (or adults) would like to make. The Laying-Up Supper and prize giving will be on the 21st November and the Christmas Social on the 15th December.

As Commodore in waiting I am of course looking to fill all of the roles vacant on the Committee. So far most Committee members have agreed to stand for the 2010 season, however my current position of Vice-Commodore will be vacant and if any members would like to be considered for this please let me know. The role will be for 3 years and is to support the Commodore in their duties, with the intention that the Vice-Commodore takes over the reins when the Commodore steps down.

**Lee Stentiford**

**Vice  
Commodore**

