



Mid-June Newsletter

Parade of Boats Part 2



You may remember that in the **newsletter** last week the **queen's barge** and the **fleet of decorated boats** featured, but **of course** that is **not the end of the story**, as the **parade would have been lacking** if the **Yealm Gigs, Regatta Crabbers, Community Sailing** and the **YYC Cadets** had not been an **integral and important part of this special occasion**.

The **gigs and crabbers** accompanied the **Royal Barge** up the creek with the **gigs rowing** on down to **Bridgend** while the **crabbers peeled off into Noss Creek**. They were **very important to the parade** as they **remind us of times past** on the **River Yealm** and although **now used for recreational purposes** they make a **graceful and purposeful picture**.

Arguably more important was the **part played by the younger members of our community** in their involvement in what was an **historic event** and one **we hope they will remember** and **talk about in the future**. The **Community Sailing** fleet **led by their leader Stuart Jones** **tacked gently but confidently** in a **colourful line towards the Royal Barge**. Having caught the attention of the queen they made their way back to the club slip.

Suddenly, **after the parade** was over, the **creek was full of dinghies** with **Cadets ready** for a **fun activity** which **given the body language** and **shouts of laughter**, they **thoroughly enjoyed**, as **did everyone else** on the deck and Riverside Road East. **Really well organised** and **wholly appropriate** for the event it certainly was the **icing on the YYC birthday cake** in honour of HM. We are **so lucky** to **have such a vibrant** and **enthusiastic section of the club**.

Many thanks to the Gigs and Crabbers for providing the historic element of the parade.

Thank you to Community Sailing and the Cadets for providing the young element, you added colour and atmosphere.

We hope you enjoy the photos below.

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