

# Northampton Off-Shore Cruising Association



## NEWSLETTER

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### For your Diary

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| May 11 | 'London's More Important River' presented by Jeremy Batch |
| June 1 | Treasure Hunt with Eb                                     |
| July 6 | Sailing and BBQ at Northampton SC, Pitsford               |

### Commodore's Column

What a change in a month – back in March I was mud-skating across the fields, now it's so dry I have cast off my gaiters and only need walking shoes! The blue skies are a real boon to the spirits and it's lovely to see our countryside springing to life, if rather slowly due to the cold wind and nights. More lovely still is to be able to meet family and friends again outside – I am really looking forward to our Treasure Hunt in June when we can finally meet again in person.

Spring is always a season of hope – this year the slow spring is in tune with our mood of slowly rising hope as vaccinations continue at speed, lockdown rules are gradually eased, and something more like normal life begins to seem possible

once more. But news from other countries suffering badly from continued waves of the virus continues to make us cautious and the home holiday market is booming as a result. Whether foreign holidays reappear on our horizon remains a moot point, including of course our Greek flotilla trip – I am leaving it until June to contact Sunscapes in the hope that the situation may be a little clearer by then.

In the meantime I am really enjoying our zoom talks – I think everybody was impressed by young Timothy Long last month! So I look forward to 'seeing' you all at our next talk on Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mary

**May 11, Jeremy Batch presents 'London's Most Important River - the Rive Lea', a Zoom meeting, 7.00 for 7.30pm start**

For 9 years Jeremy Batch was a Lock Keeper at Limehouse Lock, where the Regent's Canal and the Lee Navigation meet the Thames. Jeremy's interest in the history of London's docks and

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