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A Holiday on the Broads.

How to Spend an Enjoyable Summer Fortnight.

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Going Ashore for Stores.

ONE of the most fascinating places in this country for young fellows to spend a holiday at is undoubtedly the Norfolk Broads.

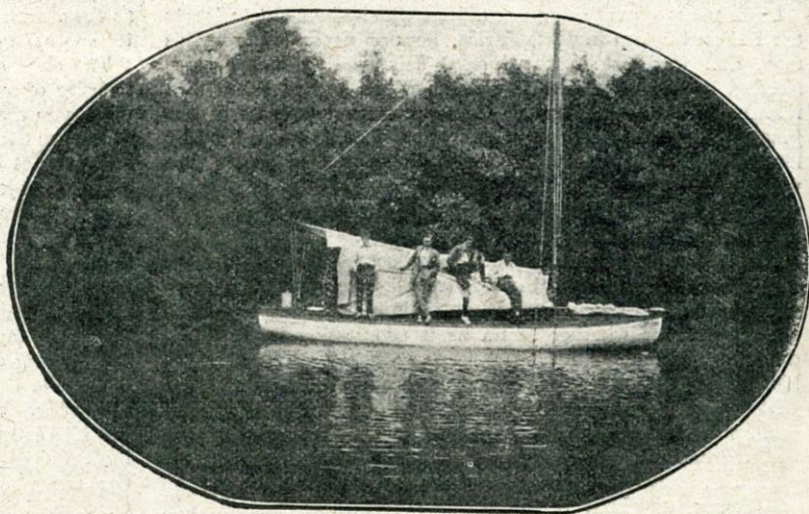
The Broads district, which lies between Yarmouth and Lowestoft, the village of Wroxham and the city of Norwich, offers some two hundred miles of navigable waterways to the yachtsman—a series of extensive lakes linked up by various rivers. The general idea that one must be an experienced yachtsman to indulge in such a holiday is quite erroneous, for the rivers are perfectly safe to those who have practically no knowledge of the sport, although with a fair breeze some exciting sailing may be had on the larger broads. However, the would-be sailor can learn in a few days all that is necessary for the handling of sailing craft in these waters. Of course, we are not all fortunate enough to possess a yacht, but craft of all sizes may be hired for a reasonable sum. A large party may charter a wherry with its commodious accommodation, but what the novice requires is a small yacht provided with a good sailing dinghy.

Wroxham, one of the chief yachting centres, is easily accessible and perhaps the most suitable, for some fine craft may be obtained here. Having hired a yacht, a good plan is to appoint one member of the party to act as cashier and victualler, each member contributing an equal share to the funds from which all purchases will be made. This not only obviates any chance of dispute, but reduces expenses considerably. The commissary-general, as he might be termed, may then pay a visit to the local stores for the purpose of purchasing necessities for the voyage, accompanied by another member of the party to assist in the

transport. Having safely stowed these away on board and arranged everything to suit the individual taste, hoist the sails and get under way.

The best route from Wroxham is along the Bure, a sluggish river with beautifully wooded banks, in many ways a miniature Thames. Situated about a mile from the village is Wroxham Broad which may be entered by a small opening from the river. This is probably the premier broad for sailing and is well worth a visit. The novice would do well to spend a few hours cruising this fine spread of water, which offers every facility for him to become accustomed to handling his craft. Proceeding again to the river at leisure, mooring the yacht in a secluded spot, the cook commences to prepare the evening meal, whilst the others cast fishing lines in anticipation of a fish breakfast on the morrow. It is improbable that you will be disappointed in this respect, for bream, perch and roach are common in all parts.

An effective way of securing a good catch, and one frequently practised by local anglers, is to prepare a good supply of ground bait, and throw it in the water a few yards from the boat before turning in for the night. As the evening draws in, the fish soon commence feeding and, having gorged themselves, rest in the vicinity. The angler must start operations the following morning early, a little before dawn if possible, casting in close proximity to where the ground bait was originally deposited. This method invariably results in a catch worthy of your time and patience. Satisfied with the catch, you may enjoy the delights of an early morning dip, the cabin top affording an excellent diving table and, having finished breakfast, washed the dishes and performed various other little duties, proceed up the river towards Horning, a small, but picturesque village on the left bank. The river here is somewhat narrow, and if a head wind is encountered, necessitat-



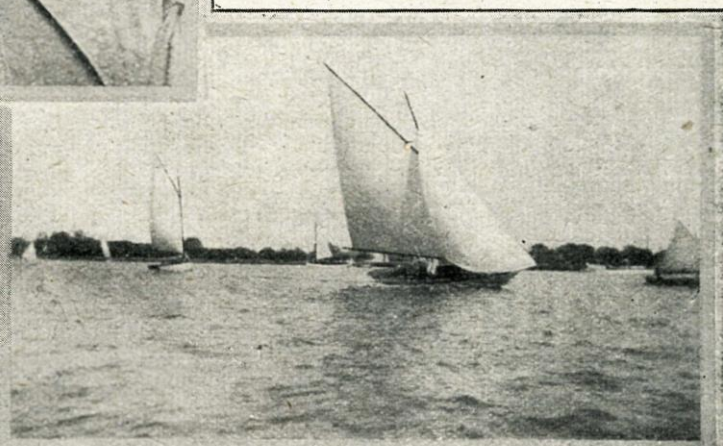
Moored for the Night.



ON THE RIVER BURE

ing tacking, a stranding of the yacht frequently results. It is then a case of get out and push.

This part of the operation is simple, but as soon as her head is round, the wind



CRUISING ON WROXHAM BROAD

don Water, joined by the Yare and Waveney, the former leading to Norwich and the latter to Lowestoft and Beccles. Both rivers are excellent for sailing.

During the voyage one may moor each



SURF-RIDING

catches the sails and she is off in an instant on the opposite tack, making it necessary for those on shore to make a jump for it. Such an incident occurred this year when a member of a jolly party managed to land in the water, and catching hold of a rope he was trailed for some considerable distance before he could be hauled on board. Accidental duckings are an everyday occurrence, and part of the fun.

A few miles past Horning, the river is joined by one of its tributaries, the Ant, a favourite river with those who visit the Broads annually. With the yacht as your hotel, you may proceed wherever you wish, but those who take an interest in nature study will never regret a visit to the waterways near Hickling Broad. This district may be reached by the Thurne, which passes through Potter Heigham, where a small stone bridge crosses the river, necessitating the lowering of the mast. This might seem a ticklish operation, although easily accomplished if your craft is fitted with a system of pulleys for the purpose.

Hickling is the largest of the Broads, and although not much use for sailing owing to the dense growth of aquatic vegetation, has a particular appeal to the nature lover. Extending for miles are dense reed beds, the sanctuary of some of our rarest species of waterfowl, many of them long



PREPARING DINNER

evening near the various villages situated at intervals on the river banks. Fresh milk, eggs and vegetables may be purchased at farms. A unique way of keeping cool, when cruising and the weather is hot, is accomplished by sitting on a plank lashed to the yacht by a piece of rope, the speed keeping the plank and its occupant on the surface. This might well be termed surf-riding, for it proves equally good sport.

Those visiting the Broads during August should visit Wroxham Broad on the occasion of the regatta, for some skilful sailing is to be seen. Various craft crowded with visitors lie moored near the banks, presenting an interesting spectacle with their ostentatious decorations.