

King Varcoe

Kingsley Varcoe first sailed at Paglesham in the 1920s in the family's Harwich Bawley *Moss Rose*. He very soon acquired Moorhen, an 18' barge boat fitted out with a centreboard and (gaff?) rig. This he kept until after the 2nd war, when he returned to find her dried and cracked (like many laid up at that time), when he sold her to the Keebles who patched her up for local use o the oyster fishery.

Soon after he had another 'Paglesham yacht' built by Frank Shuttlewood. Kingsley was able to keep the cost down by working with Frank on the build. *Islander* was built along similar lines to *Julie*, a much admired local boat at that time. Both boats appear on RSA cups. *Islander* was eventually sold to Carter in the early 1960s.

During the 19??s, Kingsley acquired the Shuttlewood barge yacht *Doreen* (formerly *Susti*) for £250, and sailed her until 1973 when she was sold for the same price to a Duke of Edinburgh Award project.