



# Salcombe Yawl

2012 Jubilee Year Early May Open



There is a thought of buying some digital scales so we do not have to use slings and cranes, just drive on with a trailer, can I have your thoughts on the matter.

I need to bring up the subject of masts it seems that not all the new masts replaced last year have been measured by Jon, let's keep it legal get it done. And considering some that have been checked did not make it, all the more reason.

Up and coming; The Mini Series Second race is on the 19th May with fish and chips in the KA, and the Yawl Picnic on 20th, let's hope this rain will have run out by then.

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The first Open of the 2012 season and a great dinner. A big thanks to the guys and girls in the box for setting some tiring and challenging courses, even though I did not see the invisible shorten course flag on Sunday Morning, I think we were very lucky with the weather considering what had been forecast. We had 30 Yawls registered a good turnout for early May, 17 Red and 13 Blue fleet.

**The pace of sailing in the Blue fleet** was good, lots of jostling and the fleet seemed to stay reasonably close for good chunks of the course, I saw Hamish Stewart in Y100 had a great sail on Monday they led the fleet for a good time jostling with Simon in Y112 and Guy in Y155, Guy seemed to like Mill Bay beach and made his crew Tom jump out to push them off, Tom said you would think if the helm ran us aground he would get out and get wet instead of barking orders from the stern, We saw Y105 out with its new owner good to see you James. 1-Y84, 2-Y155, 3-Y112

There seemed to be a new helm and crew in Red Rooster in Monday Gibo and Sevv? Come on Alyson and Anthony you are nearly there you must get that Yawl on the water. Charles got a battering, you need to duck when the boom comes over Charles, I hope it heals soon.

**There was a turnout of 17 Red Fleet** Yawls for the early May open meeting. A moderate to brisk north

easterly on Saturday and a moderate south easterly on Monday gave good beating and running in the Salcombe stretch and a light easterly on Sunday didn't!. The headline results, Will Henderson 1st, Spud Rowsell 2nd with strings of 1sts and 2nds and neither needing to sail on the Monday disguise a very close series with lots of place changing and incident. Also noticeable is that all the boats in the second half of the fleet counted at least one good or, even, very good placing showing that with a decent start or a bit of luck, or both, that all the red boats are competitive and capable of taking a starring role.

**Dan Bridger**

**The dinner** was great fun a good turnout and the ladies looked spectacular. We do try to give a good fun dinner without paying a fortune for it, volunteers, donations and keeping food and wine cost to a, good value per head, it is for me more about the company than anything else, and seeing how well we all brush up.