

SALCOMBE YAWL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2000



BARNEY'S BUMBLINGS

Well here we are at the end of the 2000 season which seems to have gone by in a flash. The laying up supper and SYC Annual Prize Giving is on the 11th November and, as usual, is to be held in Cliff House. It makes a very good evening and I hope to see you then (please, book in for the supper).

This has been an excellent year for the Yawl fleet in every way, both on and off the water. With 20 new full owner members and several new associate members your association has never been stronger. This of course does make for additional administrative work and I must thank Tim Bass on your behalf for all his sterling efforts. At the moment he can cope and is keeping on top of matters. As I said at the AGM Tim should never have to buy beer at the Yacht Club because hardly a day would go by without him having to do something regarding Yawls. Please, please help by paying your very modest subscription to Tim by the end of April 2001. I'm not happy that he should have to chase, remind and even mention publicly at sponsored prize-giving events that members need to pay. Tim should have the job put to bed by the end of April so that he can enjoy sailing himself next year. You must be a member of the Association to race so please pay by the end of April to avoid the 'No-bell' prize!

NB. It will be a requirement that all boat owners send their original measurement certificate with their subscription next year. Please search your file now. If for any reason you have not got one or it is mislaid please contact the Secretary in order to avoid Tim having a heap of work next Spring. Thank you. We will photocopy the certificate and keep the copy on file returning the original.

We will try and maintain a file on each boat with regard to ownership, certification, weighing and measuring (a sort of mini-history). With David Gay's Y14 Blackbird looking so good after 60 years there's no doubt these Yawls will be sailed long after we are gone, so records become more interesting as time goes by. It would seem that some people just do not sell their Yawls at all and they become family heirlooms. Young James Gilliam, son of John Y17, Blinkie, has inherited Y25, Curlew and is proposing to do a major re-fit. We look forward to seeing her on the water.

When a Yawl is sold she ceases to be a Salcombe Yawl until the new owner obtains a valid certificate from the Secretary. It should be incumbent upon the seller of a Yawl to ensure that the buyer is aware of this and obtains a certificate in his/her name. It may not seem important if the buyer does not intend to race but it becomes very important if a Yawl is sold years later and the new buyer wants to race. The difficulty arises if the seller has no certificate as there could have been repairs or modifications that make the Yawl out of class.

There have been many more Yawls racing this year than ever before. It is good to see numbers holding up well in both early and late season. With more new boats on the stocks for next year there should be some keen sailors wanting to get their new boats "run in" early next season. It augurs well for the class. It is good to see the class developing so strongly but it is even better to see the strength of the "Blue Flight", the old B fleet. With 24 entries in the Blue flight in this year's Regatta this flight could soon be split into 2. The Harbourmaster does not like more than 30 Yawls on the start line for safety reasons. It may well be that some competitors would like to see a third fleet and a chance to win a trophy or two. A re-think on the names of flights to possibly Swifts (Red), Swallows (Blue), and Martins (Yellow). What do you think? With the anticipated demise of the "old boat" pre-141 prizes there should be trophies that could be allocated to a third flight. There is no doubt that the post Yawl 141 fleet is becoming dominated by the newer boats now that their numbers have increased to Yawl 167. With more new boats next year any pre-141 boat is going to find it hard to keep up. Only 6 of the Red Flight in this year's Regatta entry of 22 were pre-141 and only Paul Ellis in Y98 Sandpiper made the top ten. By next season the top 3 of those 6 will be in post 141 boats leaving yours sincerely to give the Reds one more year before 60 years of wear and tear take their toll or if the osteoarthritis doesn't get there first! We'll see! What do you think John Gilliam, Jonathan Britten and Rob Adams, are we destined to be Swallows???

An excellent year on the social side started with a Curry evening on 12th April in London. Well over 20 of us enjoyed an excellent meal in a room set aside. All very convivial and with a £20 all in price tag the consensus is to do it again but earlier next year. There were good supper evenings at each of the open meetings and a well attended cocktail part at the August Bank Holiday weekend. The golf day on Friday 25th August was again well attended and a successful event (full report elsewhere in the newsletter). Even "AJ" Squire was heard muttering that his first attempt at golf left him wanting to practise for next year. Don't AJ, it only makes you worse!! Instead of the Regatta Week Yawl Supper a Ball was organised by Sue O'Brien, Maggie Hartley and Penny Reed, who initiated the idea. Our grateful thanks for all their hard work in a relatively short time. A fun packed evening with the Chairman hosting our guests and giving a short sermon. How do you follow that? Ideas, comments and suggestions please! Our skittles team started well with 2 wins but have since gone down the swanee. Anyone interested in participating in skittles, even if only once or twice, please contact Tim Bass. On October 14th a dinner was held to mark the 80th birthday of our Honorary Life Member Harris Thorning. A formal

but informal evening with Harris's family and friends from the Yawl fleet.

Graham Pike suggested that the sailing during the Town Regatta should be more relaxed (what's that?) with a mix and match for those wishing to change about for helms and crews. In other words a form of wife swapping. The idea is that some newer and less experienced could sail with those older and more experienced. Sounds even more like wife swapping!! We will put up a listing sheet on the Yawl notice board at the Yacht Club early next season for those wishing to swap. Having sailed with Penny Reed this year she tells me that she is going to sail in her husband's new boat "Shag" next year. I cannot compete with that so "I'm free" if you want to book me early. You will be pleased to know that Penny continues to make good progress since her late summer setback. At the Town Regatta Prizegiving the John Watkins Memorial Trophy was presented for the first time. Our Honorary Life Member Eddie Dunhill donated the trophy and John Watkins' wife Mickey honoured us with her presence to give away the trophy to its first recipient, Salcombe "old boy" Peter Thorning. The trophy is awarded to the first owner-helm over 60 years old in the Monday race of the Town Regatta Week.

The SYC weekly sailing reports are written by the officer of the day and then faxed by Philip Perraton, the Club's administrator, to the South Hams Gazette and the Western Morning News. They have been well received and avidly read by those UCPs (up country people) who have the paper posted to them. The open weekend reports and Red flights in the Regatta and August Open were written by yours sincerely while the Blue flight reports were contributed by Martin Beck Y137, Puffin.

As you are probably aware a sub-committee has been set up to try and put some order into the weighing of Yawls. They are due to report to the committee in good time before the next AGM. If you want to have your boat weighed please contact Ian 'Scud' Stewart (842022) or Bill 'Scratch' Hitchen (561619). Both declare that boats are easily weighed 'all up'.

David Howells Y164, Fordyce has been helping to get an electronic group going through Smart Groups or Yoursource. We had hoped to have finalised something by now but it's turning into a winter job. Please let David know your e-mail address on:

david.howells@ukgateway.net

and we will be in touch through that medium.

We have added a bit of colour to this Newsletter which we hope you like. All contributions, photographs and suggestions to the Editor please: Martin Brett, Y105 Mandarin at Crossways, Kellaton, nr. Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 2ES. Phone: 01548 511415.

Winter Well!

Barney

THOUGHTS FROM PETER HOWARD Y160 Crew

I want to address some of the issues connected to the 'dry-sailing' of Yawls. I leave the technical aspects to those best able to discuss them, and keep to the other matters that affect sailors and residents.

At the moment, only a handful of yawls are dry sailed,

and it appears that congestion only occurs at the busiest times of the season. Imagine the position if 20, 30 or even 40 yawls want to launch at once. Even in the low season a dozen yawls being run down one slipway in time for one race doesn't bear thinking about.

Where will the cars go? At the moment, we join our tenders in several places: the yacht club, the dinghy park, any of four pontoons, East Portlemouth etc. If the boats are launched at Batson Slip there will be a build up of cars to add to the congestion. Will the harbour office find spaces for us all?

The hale and hearty, and those with Special Services training, may be able to manhandle their boats to and fro, but many of us have neither the strength nor desire to start Saturday afternoon with a hernia or worse. It is unfair if older or slighter crews are prevented from racing competitively.

If the yawls are dry-sailed, a couple of rows of moorings will be returned to the Harbour Master for allocation to other craft. In Chichester Harbour, for example, the Solent Sunbeams, Swallows and X-boats are wet-sailed and the prospect of beautiful wooden boats is unchanged since before the war. Hayling Island, in contrast, now dry-sails its fleet of Flying Fifteens, and the mooring trots have been given over to Boston Whalers, Dorys and assorted bilge-keelers of varying provenance.

Our own harbour Master will have another 40 or so moorings to re-allocate and there are no prizes for guessing to what sort of vessel they will go! Two or three dozen extra powerboats in the harbour?

The outlook over the water is of course mostly Nature's work, but a contributing factor to the glorious view out over the foreshore must be the presence of our very own fleet of traditional wooden boats. There will always be progress, but let us not change something that is truly unique to Salcombe and will be difficult to replace.

YAWL SKI WEEK 2001

If you can face the challenge of the Yawl Downhill try to meet up with a few like minded nutters at the Inaugural Yawl Ski Regatta at Courchevel/Meribel, France during the week commencing 3rd February 2001.

Racing is not at all necessary but lunch certainly is!

Suggested meeting place the restaurant "La Bergerie" (local phone number for booking 0479 082470 and mention table for Yawl Ski) on the Bellecote Piste below the Jardin Alpin Lift Courchevel 1850 on Monday 5th February, approximately 1 p.m., and downhill from there!

Hope to see some Yawl Skiers on the Piste ... again!!!

Woody, Y141
(Day phone 01372 460188)

SYOA Racing Results Season 2000

Commissioning Race

- 1 Solo 4062 - Harold Cranch
- 2 138 - Barney & Juanita Greenhill
- 3 Solo 4124 - Chris Cleaves

Spring Handicap

- 1 16 - Geof Gilson/Jane Starey
- 2 Solo 4124 - Chris Cleaves
- 3 138 - Barney & Juanita Greenhill



Four smiling faces – and why not? The winning crews in the Tides Reach Yawl Open Weekend over the Whitsun Holiday. To the right – Jon Alsop and Peter Howard having sailed Y160 Bluebird to overall victory in the 4 race series. To the left Paul and Susie Ellis after winning the ‘old boat’ trophy in Y98 Sandpiper.



The 3 glamorous sailoreens who were responsible for the Yawl Ball on Thursday 10 August 2000. From left to right they are, Penny Reed, Sue O'Brien and Maggie Hartley. So we now have pinups in the Yawl class!



Salcombe Yacht Club Regatta, August 2000. Winners in the Salcombe Yawl Red Flight. From left to right Andrew 'Seve' Reed looking very pleased with himself with 3 cups to hold - "I never thought that this would happen to me!" Andrew 'AJ' Squire - "I only helm the boat". Michael 'Budgie' O'Brien - "You didn't get this one, Seve, and it's the biggest" Malcolm Squire - "I'm looking at this cup hard as it may be the last one I win. Ian's gone to get married. Oh dear!" Simon Gibbens - "Shucks folks it's nothing. All in a days work."



Winners in the Blue Flight (clockwise from left backrow) Mike Garret, Y123 - Kenavo. Bill 'Scratch' Hitchen, Y61 Taylor Maid. David Gay, Y14 Blackbird. Martin Beck, Y137 - Puffin. Cheryl Lambeth Y137. David Adams Y61. Lucy Gay -Y14. Jacqui Garrett Y123.

CAPTION COMPETITION

Early May Open Meeting

- 1 152 - Ian McCormick/Jim Stone
- 2 98 - Paul Ellis/Suzy Ellis
- 3 16 - Geof Gilson/Jane Starey

Sailing Club Series

- 1 160 - Jon Alsop/Peter Howard
- 2 16 - Geof Gilson/Jane Starey
- 3 166 - Andrew Squire/Mike O'Brien

Late May Open Meeting

- 1 160 - Jon Alsop/Peter Howard
- 2 145 - Malcolm Squire/Ian Squire
- 3 141 - Roger Tushingham/John Woodward

Summer Series

- 1 160 - Jon Alsop/Peter Howard
- 2 167 - Simon Gibbens/Andrew Reed
- 3 166 - Andrew Squire/Mike O'Brien

Yacht Club Regatta

Red Fleet

- 1 167 - Simon Gibbens/Andrew Reed
- 2 154 - Graham Pike/Tessa Pike
- 3 166 - Andrew Squire/Mike O'Brien

Blue Fleet

- 1 137 - Martin Beck/Cheryl Lambeth
- 2 14 - David Gay/Lucy Gay
- 3 162 - Roy Thompson/Charles Thompson

August Open Meeting

Red Fleet

- 1 167 - Simon Gibbens/Andrew Reed
- 2 154 - Graham Pike/Tessa Pike
- 3 160 - Jon Alsop/Peter Howard

Blue Fleet

- 1 65 - Stephen Parker-Swift/Peter Hodges
- 2 78 - David Townend/Allyson Lofts
- 3 162 - Charles Thompson/Emily Davis

Town Regatta

- 1 154 - Graham and Tessa Pike
- 2 166 - Andrew Squire and Mike O'Brien
- 3 163 - Mike Webster and Harry Fulcher
- 4 16 - Geof Gilson and Jane Starey
- 5 157 - Dave, Josie and Sonia Greening

Salcombe Boatstore Trophy - Graham & Tessa Pike

Prof. Watkins Memorial Trophy - Peter Thorning



**“GUESS WHO IS WEARING
THE BRACELET!”**

CAPTION COMPETITION RESULT



WINNER -

Dave Lees

“I'd better take that Phil - looks like Woody's about to start his River Dance routine again!”

Because of the number of craft in the harbour at the time of the August Bank Holiday - with the consequent risk of collisions etc. - the suggestion has been made that the Autumn Open Meeting be moved to the weekend after the Bank Holiday.

Racing, it is suggested, would be on Friday afternoon, two races on Saturday and Sunday morning.
Crews race Sunday afternoon.

***If members have any views on this
please contact the Secretary.***

SALCOMBE YAWL GOLF DAY 2000

FRIDAY AUGUST 25th

Once again, the Manor House Hotel, Moreton-hampstead, played host to the Salcombe Yawl golf day. Thirty-eight golfers and occasional smoters assembled on the first tee for the morning round, accompanied by Jane and Tim Bass, who once again, against all odds avoided serious injury whilst officiating amongst the projectiles. Luckily almost an hour of rain early in the morning round cleared away and the summer sun begrudgingly joined us for the rest of the day. Two serious injuries were in evidence on the first tee, firstly Peter Hodges having previously sustained a motorcycle injury almost in the class of Barry Sheene had to resort to the golfing equivalent of a wheelchair to get round. Secondly Stephen Parker-Swift having survived an early morning assassination attempt by Diana was suffering from concussion.

Two highlights of the morning tee offs being Seve's drive over the stream to pin high and an extremely nervous 4-ball whose tee shots were all placed perfectly down the middle under immense pressure of a watching crowd. Well done Maggie, Wendy Diana and Bernadette. Women's golf has its knockers but I very much like to support them !!

The morning championship victory went to Ian Squire with 39 points and the afternoon Helm and Crew Trophy was taken by a pair of old shags, Seve Reed and Simon Gibbens who took their form from the water onto the golf course to win comfortably.

The weary golfers and their evening guests then repaired to the hotel for dinner, prize giving and a surprisingly almost printable speech from Payner.

Many thanks go to golf day helpers Jane Bass, Tim Bass and Mike Webster and Julie Holland for her work before the day. Many many thanks go to our sponsors – Alistair Harrison and Mike O'Brien.

IMPORTANT BIT 1. – a. Next year it is suggested the morning competition is recorded over 15 holes so that the back three groups can have longer than 4 minutes for lunch !!

b. Earlier morning tee offs for those who want them and Ladies prizes.

c. Earlier evening dinner.

d. Slower players to be mixed in with faster players to reduce round time and card marking.

PLEASE WRITE AND LET ME KNOW OF ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS – THESE WILL BE IN CONFIDENCE.

IMPORTANT BIT 2 – NEXT YEAR THERES A BIT OF A PROBLEM !!!!!!!

Do we need to move the golf day from its usual August Bank Holiday slot because there is only a 4 day gap between the end of the Regattas and the normal date. Therefore, do we go for one of the Fridays in September or May Bank holiday Friday. Below are the dates that are possible :-

So please write or phone with your preferred Golf day

date even if next year you were thinking of playing for the first time.

Town Regatta	August 6th – 10th
Club Regatta	August 12th – 17th
Yawl open weekend	August 25th - 27th

Best dates – Friday 24th August
(ie only 4 days back at work after regatta)
Friday 21st May (before open meeting)
Friday 31st August
Friday 7th September or later
(Schools are back)

PLEASE REPLY AND HELP - Phil Holland, Chapel Cottage, Frogmore, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 2NR, home tel 01548 531783.

2000 Results :-

<i>Individual morning champion</i>	- Ian Squire
<i>Helm and Crew Trophy</i>	- Seve Reed & Simon Gibbens
<i>Boomer Trophy</i> (long drive)	Richard Murray
<i>Plastic Fantastic</i> (newcomer)	Andrew Squire
<i>Nearest pin in 2</i>	Maggie Hartley and Mike Bartley (birdie 2)
<i>Mizzen Trophy</i> (worst golf)	Roger Tushingam
<i>Caption competition</i>	Roger Tushingam
<i>Eagle Trophy</i> (donated by Pikey)	Mike O'Brien (most no. of 4 pointers)
<i>Bandit Prize</i>	accepted in the absence of Ian Squire by worthy bandito Martin Beck

SAFETY SNIPPETS

Motto: "Go where you are looking and look where you are going".

With an ever expanding Yawl fleet safety becomes an increasing issue. It is to everyone's benefit that helpful hints are passed on, especially to sailors who are new to Yawls. Yawls are sailable in quite strong winds and it is at those times that the small things become vital. Also during July and August when the harbour is busy it is easy to be concentrating on racing to the exclusion of other aspects of safety. If you have any suggestions for safety snippets please forward them to the Ed. Here are 4 to start it off:-

1. Keep the mizzen slack before the start to make bearing away easy.
2. Keep a stopper knot on the main sheet for crash jibes.
3. Check all rudder fittings are sound before every race.
4. Keep the helm's toestraps taut to prevent them fouling the tiller and inducing an involuntary bearing away (leeward broach!).

Safe Sailing!