



# The Salcombe Yawl

## August Regatta 2011



Is Sheila trying to ward off vampires or Andrew?



A winning team in more ways than one.



'Allo 'Allo! The French evening was a great success, well done SYC and those who dressed up. I think we are admiring the French plait in this shot, or is it a message from the solos.

**The next open** is September the 24th & 25th and I hope to see lots of you out for the last one. **The SYC** are putting on a **Curry night**, three strengths on offer, Red for the foolhardy, Blue for the sensible and Gold for those who have nothing to prove. Please sign up as soon as possible for the chef to get organised, especially with all the renovation work going on.

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**Well what an August Regatta**, how many broken masts, I lost count at eight! Don't forget, if you were one of the unfortunate ones you need to get re-measured.

**The AGM** got off to a good start, we seem to have come away unscathed. We would like to welcome Dan Bridger to the committee, he will be a very useful asset.

**We are planning** a measuring and weighing weekend next year with John Donovan and a crane. I will keep you posted as soon as I know. As an aside, it was noticed during regatta some nice new sails, some of which appeared not to be signed off! Get them signed.

**Your committee** has had it's first meeting and will endeavour to get next year's fixtures agreed and up on the website as soon as possible. We are here to help build our Association which we are all a part of and so I would encourage you to drop us a line with any ideas you may have to improve our fun and sailing. [info@syoa.co.uk](mailto:info@syoa.co.uk)

**The Baltic Race weekend** is well under way it is on the 1st and 2nd

of October, thank you to those who have offered their time and boats and given up club racing, this will be a lot of fun and for a very good cause, the lifeboat. The Baltic Exchange have given many millions over the years and this is one of many events they do to raise money. The itinerary is on the website so even if you are not sailing come along and give them some friendly encouragement. ([www.syoa.co.uk](http://www.syoa.co.uk))

**The Regatta Winners** well done all; Gold Fleet, Blue Fleet, Green Fleet, Red Fleet, all the results are on the website. I have also amalgamated the results of the Red and Green fleet, it may be useful to see where you placed as one fleet. [www.syoa.co.uk](http://www.syoa.co.uk)

**The winner** of the photograph competition goes to John Murrell, with Mike Knowles a close second for his great video of the start of the red fleet and their first beat up the Lee shore. [www.syoa.co.uk](http://www.syoa.co.uk)

**Instructions from the chairman,"You're on the committee, you write the regatta report for the red fleet".**

Unfortunately he didn't say it until 3 weeks after the regatta, and I wasn't paying attention at the time as I spent most of the week fixing things.

The first thing I noticed about the first race was that Will Henderson[183] was in front, where he stayed. The second thing I noticed was Spud and Kevin [184] running on starboard by the shore in Millbay, mast bent like a banana, unable to luff because of the shore and unable to gybe away because of the wind.

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Day 2 Spud was there, and in the lead, mast miraculously intact and re-rigged. On the first run Will Henderson was in front of me and suddenly :-big bang and his mast was gone. That's the end of him for the week I thought. Ferocious reach out to Gerston, all three sails flogging. I tacked round the mark in third place and :-big bang, my mast was gone.

That's the end of me for the week I thought. Spud won.

After that things calmed down a bit and on Wednesday, broken masts replaced, we bid farewell to those deemed to be green fleet. Although we continue to share the start and course with them which made for a few difficult situations where I, at least, couldn't quite work out whether I was supposed to be sailing against certain boats or not, and if not, why wear they covering me!

Back to the front of the reds..Spud was putting together a serious set of results, as were Simon and Seve, helped by not having a DNF to count. Will won on Wednesday but wasn't able to assert his usual authority, has he found a mast which is just too bendy?.

Friday was a bit less windy, and finally I was able to lose my big ugly crew and re-instate my usual, smaller and much less ugly one. A good straight race to finish the week with. Spud and Kevin won the race and won the week, Simon and Seve remained consistent but finished 2nd in the race and in the week. Gail and I finishing 3rd.

In conclusion, a good windy week with good straight races. It was good to see Rob Yates [165] and the Savell's [187] showing some consistent speed. It was also good to see the shaggers being consistently fast, but most of all we all agreed it was great to see Spud back on the water, and winning.

Dan Bridger

**The Annual Gold Fleet Dinner at the Salcombe Coffee Shop was**



well attended, and last years recipient of the Persistence award Hamish Stewart who was 1st in the Gold Fleet, presented the award to this years winner David Sworder.



Keep it up guys.

**Regatta 2011 blue fleet musings**

Well this regatta blew the cobwebs away again, I think it is about time we had one of those regattas where the sea breeze fills in before we start and we can have a good sail in a force 2 to 3 not the strong stuff we have had over the past few years. However these conditions seem to suit some despite challenging the rest of us. Monday especially proved to be an expensive day for many of the Yawl sailors who braved the conditions, several capsized while even more broke masts and some suffered equipment failure. Before the next race there was a hive of activity in the boat park. Masts were purchased or borrowed and the local chandleries did their best to help get everyone back on the water. Congratulations of course must go to John Smithers & Pete Hughes in Y19 who came first overall by winning 4 races, a very impressive result considering the

conditions we had all week. David Jayne & Suzie Clarke in Y97/Y28 came second. They borrowed Woody's boat (Y97) for the week as Y28 was awaiting a major repair, but sailed using Y28's rig. On one day, I think it was Wednesday, I saw David's mizzen fall down. Then I heard a loud snapping sound. Not to be deterred he had detached his fixed mizzen boom by brute force in order to fit it all in the boat to continue the race! I must also mention Hywel Bowen-Perkins & Richard Morris in Y98 came third overall with a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and an 8th. I would like to thank the Salcombe Yacht Club for organising another regatta so well and I hope to see you all at next year's event. We had the first race of the autumn series on Saturday, there were 5 red & 4 blue fleet boats out, the wind was F3/4 from the SW and everyone commented what a good sail it was. How about joining us, the harbour is quiet; the weather is still warm and the racing competitive, it is a good time of year to have an afternoon race and then a drink at the club to discuss the afternoon's events and where you went wrong.

Jon Lewis.

**For fun** I have been reading some of the old news letters, and the interesting thing is, nothing has changed. The issues are still the same. (they are on the web site) if anyone has any pre 91, I would like to borrow them for the website.

**From a 1991 news letter**



"I did not know they used a cannon for the the finish, did you"