



The Salcombe Yawl Baltic Exchange Race Weekend



Drinks before dinner at The W P.

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The Baltic Exchange Sailing Club Commodore, George Eddings, ably supported by his lovely assistant Mike Robson presented the prizes. The winning teams were Baltic Exchange in Y159, second team was Howe Robinson in Y187, and the third team were Nomikos in Y163. The paddling race on Sunday was won by Nomikos in Y163. Every team was awarded a consolation prize for just being there.

Last weekend the Salcombe Yawl Owners Association together with Salcombe Yacht Club had the pleasure of hosting members of the Baltic Exchange for their fund raising racing weekend to benefit the RNLI and Salcombe Yacht Club.

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WELL, WHAT A WEEKEND WE'VE JUST HAD!!

Summer arrived, five races, two lunches, a wild dinner and more prizes than I've ever seen.

A huge thank-you to all who participated, you helped raise over £6,300 for the Salcombe Lifeboat and £1,000 for the SYC which as you know is greatly needed at this time. I really thought the weekend went very well, lots of hard work from you all, some were missing the Rugby, others wishing they were sunbathing on the beach, but the support from everyone from the race box, the safety boats, the helms and their boats, the Salcombe Yacht Club Staff you' all know who you all are, very well done.

As Scud the OOD said at the briefing at the Lifeboat station,



"You are seeing Salcombe at it's best and it's worst, fabulous sun

and no wind." So the Race Officers had to be very imaginative with setting courses, which included on Sunday a Yawl Paddling Race which definitely sobered everyone up after the fabulous dinner at The Winking Prawn. As soon as we paddled round the first mark what should



turn up but some wind, three laps around markers 2 and X, exhausting. We did get some reasonable sailing in after that as well as on Saturday afternoon. Certainly the first race on Saturday was a challenge but we all made the course eventually.

What a great crowd The Baltic crew are!!! They all got into the spirit of things very quickly. I notice, looking at the photos on exposures web-site, that they all like to pose whilst having their picture taken, the racing temporarily seem to go by the wayside. The best shot I saw was one chap doing the crossword on the start line.....and Ross with his Lifeboat crew in Y106 seemed to have mugs of coffee on board. I also overheard a young lady in



Y187 challenge, dare I say it, one of the Red fleet Yawls on a matter of right of way - I think she would be very useful at Regatta Week. My crew and helm in Y74 spent all the time arguing about tactics and sail trim, they were not watching where we were going and we ended up on Mill Bay, very embarrassing, thanks for the nudge off Rob. Y17 had a bit of trouble with their centre plate but to the rescue, Scud and Ross who got it back in place. David in Y89's crew did not turn up on Sunday, I believe they may have got lost but we found them in another boat who seemed to have four in it!

All the land based crew and wives and girlfriends were very well looked after too. On Saturday they were taken out in Samuel and Marie Parkhouse's Lifeboat



and had a good tour around Salcombe Harbour and watched the racing from the water. I believe they even took part in a mock

rescue which I'm sure was all planned to add some authenticity(!) by the Lifeboat team headed up by Graham Parker, Mike Wrigley and Mike O'Brien. On Sunday they were taken out in our fabulous lifeboat the Baltic Exchange III, for an exhilarating trip out at sea.

The dinner on Saturday Night at The Winking Prawn was excellent, how we all got in there was a miracle, thanks Mark and your team for making our visitors welcome. Lots of good banter and dressing up. The visiting commodore Gorge Eddings seemed to take to the dressing up



and donned a wig, and our very own big chief Commodore Malcolm Squire made them all



welcome, and told them a story about him nicking a bus after some bash! I assume it was a "true" story Malcolm about you and your brother Andrew, who was helm in Y169.

Mike Robson presided over some prize giving and speeches, the first lifeboat Crewed Yawl over the line in Saturdays race went to Chris



Turns the Baltic's skipper. Richard

Fulford-Smith got presented with a prize, I think it was for being Richard Fulford-Smith or was it for wearing that very becoming hat! Everyone entered into the party atmosphere.



I must now talk about Mike Robson who is the leader of the visitors and the main architect of the weekend. His organisation and enthusiasm was very infectious, and for my part I have a new friend and he and his jolly Baltic band are welcome back any time. Maybe we can persuade them to buy a yawl of their own and race more regularly. Y? The Baltic, has a nice ring to it.

A commercial break. The Photographer from exposures took some fabulous pictures you can view them on on their website at www.exposures.co.uk. Username: balticexchange Password : 011011 I think they cost for a standard size about £15.00.

A message from Graham Parker "Hi Andrew, What a fantastic weekend! On behalf of the crew. Would you please extend our thanks to all the yawl owners for their unbelievable generosity in lending their boats and time. Everyone really enjoyed themselves." All the very best ... Graham, Chris, Andy and the Salcombe Lifeboat Crew.

Well that's about it, I can't remember anything else, it's a bit like saying you remember the 60's. if you can remember it you were not there. So if I haven't mentioned you in this newsletter or shown a picture of you don't take it personally. See you all on the water. Andrew Stirling Y74. Chairman of the Salcombe Yawl Owners Association.