



Salcombe Yawl

2012 Jubilee Year Early June Open



The Yawl drinks in the Chart Room was well attended good company and a great supper afterwards, we are better behaved than the solos apparently, I don't know if that's good or bad.



The Crew Exchange on the website is receiving more attention now. I know there are Yawls that don't sail sometimes due to crew or helm not being available and the crew exchange information is a good resource to use. I had a great sail the other day in Y165 as crew, it's good socially as well as fun to sail with new people, so I would encourage more of you to give it a go. www.syoa.co.uk

Up and coming; The next Mini Series race is on the 30th June with a Curry afterwards and again it would be very helpful to know how many for the Curry, email me or sign up on the notice board.

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The second Open of the 2012 season went very well and a big thanks to the guys and girls in the box and the very busy rescue boats. What a mixture of weather - 35 knots to 0 knots - it certainly tested our endurance. We had 35 Yawls registered for the event, a good turnout considering all the things that were going on over this Jubilee Weekend.

Well there was plenty to do, very testing racing conditions and good food and drink at SYC. I thought the Water Pageant was fabulous and a very well done to all who participated - The Savell's made a great Yawl presence, Scud and Wendy and Dog must of had the smallest fully dressed boat in the fleet, plus many familiar Yawlie faces out in their various boats. Charles won The Best Dressed Yawl for the well-drawn union jack on his mizzen, and all the yawls that dressed up looked very good and spirited: the Stewart's in matching stripy tops, yawl 84 had glitter wigs and fancy matching tops and my own Yawl with an equally well-painted mizzen, thank you Christine. Luckily damage this weekend was minimal, three knock downs one broken mast and one damaged mast!!.

There did seem to be some issues on the scoring and I heard a few grumblings about not shortening the race on Sunday afternoon. It's tough to expect us as amateurs to be perfect and mistakes will be made, we just need to work together and support whoever is on duty.

The Blues

What a weekend, wind, more wind, even more wind & no wind in three days. We had 19 boats out for the open which is a good turnout considering it was the Jubilee weekend and some people stayed at

home for the celebrations. Saturday saw a Northeasterly F3-4 & a strong flooding tide which pushed a few boats over the line at the start. Competition was very close with several boats taking the lead during the race. John Smithers in 19 took the honours at the line. Sunday morning brought Southwesterly F4 with an ebbing tide at the start which caught us (150) out as we were over the line and had to return to restart. In the end John Smithers did it again followed by Peter Stratton in 161 taking second showing how well he is doing now. Sunday afternoon proved a real test for the five boats that braved the conditions, Both David Edmonds in 108 and ourselves were hit by a very nasty gust in Mill Bay just after the start capsizing us both, Andrew Stirling in 74 retired but Woody in 97 and Peter Stratton finished the race. Monday proved to be the complete opposite, we had a drifting match up 5 before a very light breeze filled in by the time we reached the Bag. At the line honours went to Ian Savell in 140. Looking back, we had a weekend of hard sailing which we can talk about in the bar in the future.

Jon Lewis

The Reds correspondent is on holiday.

Well done to those who participated in the debate on Yawl Fleeting. Can I also have your thoughts on the digital scales on the web site.