



Salcombe Yawl

2012 August Regatta



Two more Mini Series to go.

The next one is on the 8th Sept and the grand finale and prize-giving is on the 13th Oct with a supper afterwards at the YC.



Great party at the Stone boat yard in August.

The next Open weekend is on the 22nd and 23rd September with a Supper in the SYC on Saturday night, sign up early so SYC know who to cater for.

I just about survived my first AGM the minutes will be on the website soon. Great evening afterwards, well done all who took part.

There are some good photos on the website of the windy day, with some interesting facial expressions, thank you Simon. Also for those of you that have not seen the video, our RNLI boys and girl doing a rescue at Soar Mill Cove.

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Some Yawls came through intact but three lost their masts, 30/40 knots of wind, rain, then a day with no wind, a very normal Salcombe August Regatta one could say, however questions have been asked. On the windy day! Should we have raced? Should we have better support for the OOD when things get tough? Should it just be the skippers decision on whether to race? Are we all capable in a rescue boat when needed?

Yawls for sale. There are quite a few for sale for many reasons, the yawl fleet is going through a little transition at this time. What can we do to promote the yawls and get more new comers? One way would be to take interested sailors out racing as crew, through our website and SYC. We should consider offering new sailors and the juniors crew time, getting the young interested is a medium term investment in our fleet and it is always good to see younger helm and crew out racing. A few years ago SYC had a yawl and it's not beyond us SYOA to consider buying a yawl for club use again as it will help promote the fleet.

There are a lot of us that are not confident doing OOD duties, it has been suggested that SYC re-introduce training, it's fun and confidence building and it would help with the duty roster which has had a lot of holes in it this year. Also, what about training in a rescue boat, yes we all know how to drive a rib, but towing, getting someone out the water etc, again useful and fun so come on SYC let's get pro and do some training

Now what happened over August bank holiday? Racing was cancelled, the Sea Race was cancelled and so was the Crew Swap Race Monday - Do you think that by the end of August you are a bit raced out? There were about 7 or 8 Yawls ready and willing for the Sea Race, but sadly

absolutely no support crew. To hold a sea race safely we need at least two rescue boats and one committee boat, so that's about 6 volunteers needed. I sent out an email to request support as well as asking who wanted to race but I got very little response!

I will talk to SYC re this bank holiday weekend and see how we can get their support for it as I believe in the past it has been our race to organise, but please just let us know what you want, it's very frustrating trying to organise events when we don't know who wants to participate.

Other potential events Morbihan and Antigua, all info on the website so check in and stay updated. Martin will try and do a Q&A and slide show on Antigua in the YC over the Open Weekend - I will let you know.

That's me done, another year nearly finished, if any one has any ideas for SYOA racing and fun for next year let me know so I can plan it into next years itinerary. Your committee are committed to making things happen but unless we know what you want from your sailing it's difficult to move things along so keep the suggestions coming through and we will try and accommodate.

See as many of you that can make it at the next open.

Andrew Y74