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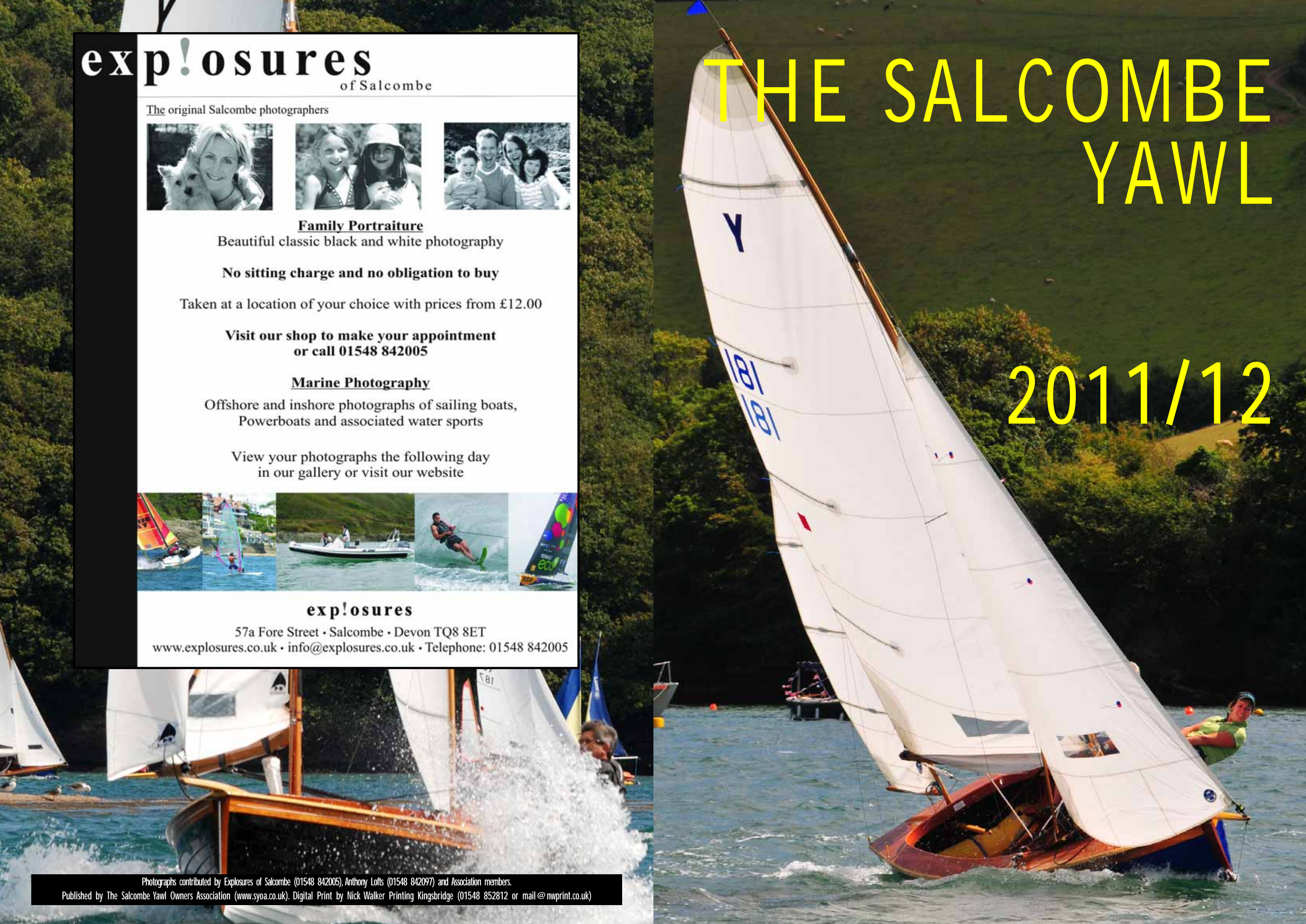


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THE SALCOMBE YAWL

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ROUND UP OF YAWL BUILDERS & MAINTAINERS

I have done the rounds of the guys who look after our boats to see what has been going on this winter and it seems they have been busy.

Stones have done three rebuilds and have some orders for new P & B sails and their paintshop has been busy to. The Boat Store have also been busy. They sold Y105 and have given it a good spruce up ready for this year's racing. Y106, Jock Lennox's yawl has had some new ribs and some new planks after his dunking during Regatta and new North Sails.

Y69, David Fitzsimmons' Yawl, has had a paint job and a new set of North Sails and there were a few other orders for sails. Y156 has had a new mast. It also seems a lot more blue fleet boats have had self-bailers installed - we must be going faster!

Banger replaced planking in Y104 Alpha of Aune, built by Hugh Cater of Bentham in 1976 a major rebuild including a new plate box, replacement planks etc etc. Also work has been done on Y155. Podge has had Y189 Charles THompson's new yawl in, it seems, all winter for some go faster painting and my boat Y74 for a freshen up.

Mike Atfield has been very busy. This autumn he did a lot of work on David Jayne's yawl Y28 - new top strakes, main thwart, new decks, beadings and coamings, he then carried out repairs to yawl 150 - new half top strake on starboard side from chain plate back to transom, new aft deck and new beadings all round. He has just finished putting new coamings and all round spruce and mahogany beadings on yawl no 91.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andrew Stirling (Chairman) Y74 Quince.

Dan Bridger Y159.

Jock Lennox Y106.

Wendy Stewart Y169.

Jon Lewis Y150.

Hon. Secretary Allyson Lofts Y132.

Hon. Measurer John Donovan (ex Y84)



"We can't possibly put that on the web site, can we! "

FROM THE CHAIR

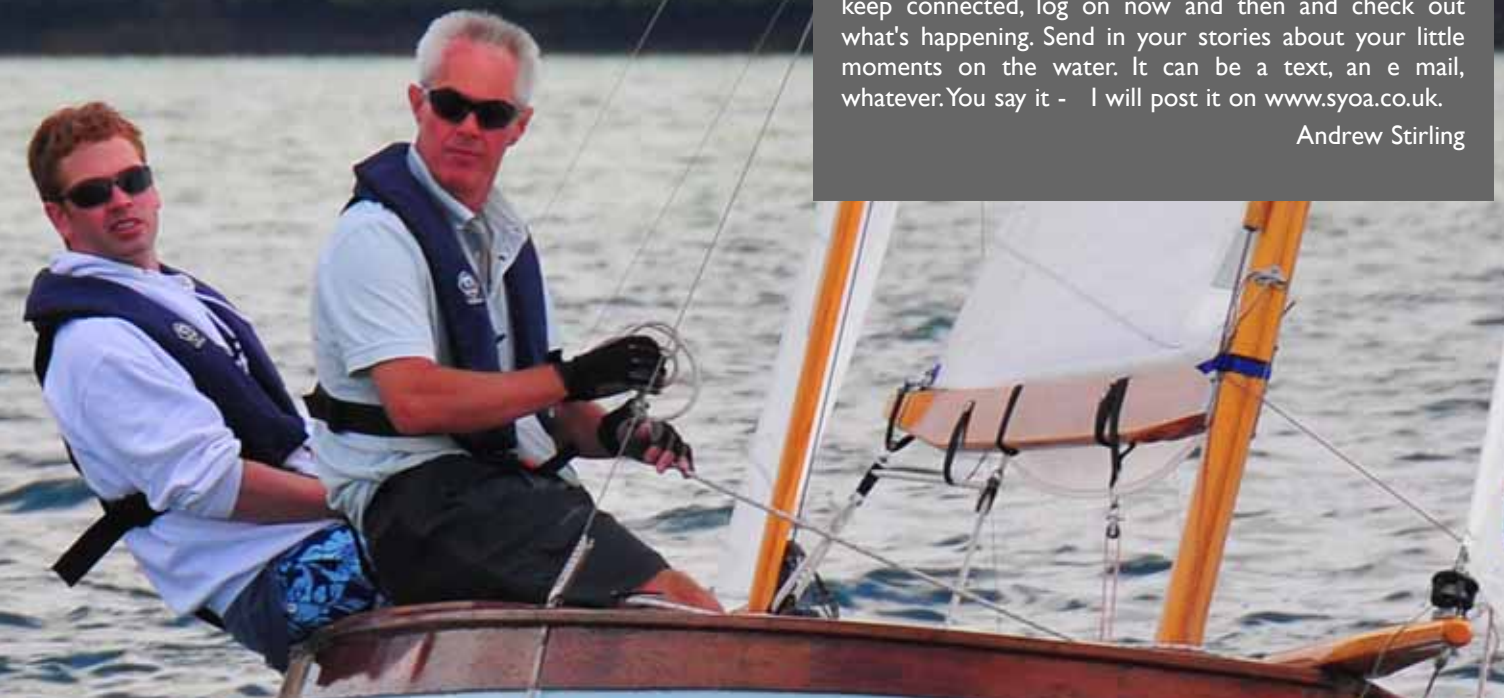
Hi Y'awl!

Well another year of challenging sailing, camaraderie and good socialising. It's sounds good and it's easy to say but more difficult to achieve. We are having to work harder and for longer. We have more boats than we have had before. It's difficult to find places to keep them and they are getting expensive. I suspect in reality the situation has has always been like that but we adapt.

Salcombe Yacht Club have been very busy making our club better and more up to date for our socialising. Salcombe Harbour has made lots of changes to our race course facilities to try and accommodate more boats and make it easier. Expensive - well yes it is, but! The working longer, that looks like it's here to stay. Camaraderie, well that is up to us. We all sail together. We all use the water and facilities together. Let's make sure the Yawls are the leaders in Camaraderie.

I hope some of the new sailing activities this year will help us deal with all the World is throwing at us. Your committee have been very busy making plans so please keep connected, log on now and then and check out what's happening. Send in your stories about your little moments on the water. It can be a text, an e mail, whatever. You say it - I will post it on www.syoa.co.uk.

Andrew Stirling



NEW MEMBERS

(F)	Steve Cooper	Y62
(F)	John McLaren	Y84
(F)	Patricia Gilliam	Y17
(F)	Matt Bennion	Y31
(A)	James Gibbs	
(F)	Anthony Lofts	Y132
(F)	Oliver Alsop	Y160
(F)	James Simpson	Y105
(F)	Philip Cook	Y27



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A NOTE FROM THE HARBOURMASTER

As I write this it is only three weeks to Easter! Winter is almost over and Spring upon us. Most of the winter maintenance work is now complete, we have still to clean and paint the last few mooring buoys, refit the yacht taxis, scrape and paint the pontoon piles, wash the guano off the pontoons and launch the boats from the car park but we are on track to be finished in good time.

The work on the Salcombe Town Landings was completed on time, which will, from 1 April, provide temporary berthing on the back of Normandy Pontoon for vessels up to 5.5m for stays of up to 2 hours. This improvement should provide much better access to Salcombe from the water. However, please do not tie onto the back of other boats on Normandy as this will seriously hamper movement in the narrow channel and block other boats in. The front of Whitestrand will be the commercial berth with two 11m berths for overnight (1900-0800) berthing by arrangement. This new service can be booked through the Harbour Office. There is new signage to help the introduction of the new berthing regime on the Town Landings, but if you are unsure please just ask.

We have completed the consultation for the Strategic Business Plan 2012-2017, and the final plan will be considered by the Board on 26 March. The big issue for 2012 is a review of the Moorings Policy. Thereafter, the berthing improvements proposed for Kingsbridge is the flagship project over the life of the plan. Otherwise we are looking for a period of consolidation!

There are a couple of technological advances which we have made over the winter, firstly

you can now pay any harbour invoice online by following the directions on the Harbours web page www.salcombeharbour.co.uk. Secondly we have established a twitter account. The intension for this is to use twitter to complement our information flow to harbour users. We will only be tweeting information related to the operation of and safety within the harbour. Follow @Salcombeharbour.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without having a few words about safety. If you are unfortunate enough to have an emergency of any description within the harbour and need to alert the emergency services, the best way to do this is to call 999 and ask for the Coastguard or similarly call Mayday on VHF#16. By taking this course of action the Coastguard will coordinate the response of the emergency services and also call the Harbour Authority. When the speed of response may be vital calling the Harbour Authority first will only build in a delay. Finally, please wear a lifejacket when you go afloat, preferably an automatic inflation model, it may help save your life.

Best wishes from all of the Harbour Staff for 2012 and if there is any way we can assist you, please let us know.

Ian Gibson, Salcombe Harbour Master

SALCOMBE YAWL EVENTS 2012

SAILING

The Salcombe Yawl 2012 Olympic Series: see page 12

Early May Bank Holiday Open Meeting: May 5th - May 7th

Weighing & Measuring day: TBA

Sail/Fun Race and Picnic: Sunday May 20th (H.W. 12.30)

Jubilee Bank Holiday Open Meeting: June 2nd - June 4th

Jubilee Bank Holiday Training event: Tuesday June 5th

Baltic Racing Weekend: TBA it's changed.

Salcombe Yawl Pursuit Race: Sunday July 22nd @ 2.30p.m.

Salcombe Town Regatta: August 6th - August 10th

S.Y.C. Regatta: August 12th - August 17th

Sea Open Meeting: Sunday August 26th

Crew swap race: Monday August 27th

September Open Meeting: September 22nd - 23rd

SOCIAL

Salcombe Yawl Dinner at Cliff House: Saturday May 5th

SYOA Golf Day: T.B.A

SYOA Tennis: T.B.A

Chairman's Drinks & Yawl supper at S.Y.C: Saturday June 2nd

A.G.M. and supper at Cliff House: Tuesday August 14th

Supper at S.Y.C: Saturday September 22nd

YACHT CLUB STUFF

It seems a long time ago that I wrote anything for the yawl newsletter, but you are a major part of the club and Salcombe and Yawls go together like bowsprits and mizzens.

Lots of changes at the club since this time last year. Mainly to do with the Club management structure but also completion of phase I of the improvement works.

Jon Murrell is no longer Club manager. His duties have been spread out between our staff and the flag officers. It's been a steep learning curve but I believe we are now getting on top of it.

Jayne Morris continues to be sailing coordinator (no praise high enough for Jayne) and she will be dealing with all your sailing matters.

Please note, we are planning for entries for open meetings and regattas to be done online. This will save a lot of admin time. Details will follow soon. Also if you would like any changes to the open weekends (ie back to back races, a day off with the family etc) please let us know.

Jools is now our bar and catering manager. Please give her all the support you can and please use the Club as much as possible. It's hard times, we need your patronage. The new kitchen is now finished and the cellar established in the old kitchen. The beer is now perfect again and if you haven't, try the cuisine (Sarah the chef is cooking up some fine food).

While at the dingy show (where the Club came in the top five RYA clubs of the year) we learned of various grants. We intend to apply for these to build the new changing rooms. To obtain these we need to change some of the Clubs rules. Please support these when they come to the AGM. The grants will make a huge difference and help keep subs down.

Have a good years sailing,

Malcolm Squire
Commodore



BALTIC EXCHANGE WEEKEND

Last Year the Salcombe Yawl Owner's 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.

Scud, the OOD, said at the briefing at the Lifeboat station, "You are seeing Salcombe at its best and its 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.

The Winking Prawn was excellent. How we all got in there was a miracle. Lots of good banter and dressing up. The visiting commodore George 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.

Mike Robson presided over some prize giving and speeches. The first lifeboat Crewed Yawl over the line in Saturday's 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.

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 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.



IS YOUR YAWL LEGAL?

Yawl owners are no different from other classes in so far that it's your responsibility to ensure that your boat and all the equipment confirm to the current rules, otherwise you are open to being protested and possible disqualification.

We all know the importance of getting your sails measured, following a rule change at the last AGM, we as a class appoint our own sail measurers and each measurer has been issued with a numbered stamp, this brings us into line with such classes as the Wayfarer and Melges 24. So now when you have sails checked the measurer will sign, date and stamp the sail.

Not being a current Yawl sailor I don't know what goes on from race to race, but I did hear that some masts were damaged and replaced during last years regatta, as yet I've not been asked to measure any masts! It's not just a case of the position of the black bands on the mast, the weight, centre of gravity and height of the jib halyard block are all equally as important. There are also strict rules should a mast be repaired, details of this are clearly explained in the class rules, however should you repair the mast don't forget it could lower the centre of gravity and that could put you out of class.

Other frequently forgotten points are - do you carry an anchor and warp, minimum weight of the anchor 4.5kg and 18m of warp. Most people are aware of the buoyancy requirements of the hull, but is it securely fixed to the hull and in such a way that should the unfortunate happen the bags won't burst on a sharp nail or screw? Also don't forget the buoyancy requirements for the helm and crew, the rules state that adequate personal buoyancy must be carried for all crew members when racing, you don't have to wear it in light conditions but it must be on board.

Good sailing

John Donovan



GOLD FLEET NEWS

The red fleet guys may think they have all the fun but a sail with the gold fleet is a most enjoyable way to spend the afternoon. A couple of years ago during the regatta sailing, rounding the various marks, it was decided that it would be nice to have a little Gold Fleet Get-together. Thus the first Gold Yawl dinner in the Salcombe Coffee Shop took place in 2009.

Nicky and I thought it might be a nice idea to have our own trophy, but definitely NOT sailing related.... we are Gold after all. Thus the Trophy for Persistence was born. Worthy winners in 2009 were the Majski Crew. If memory serves me correctly, I believe they managed to get sailing despite their boat being on the mud on day one due to sinking. In 2010 it was awarded to the Stewarts who had sailed the full course despite the shortening of the course. Then in 2011 David Sworder and Alison Benz were worthy winners having completed all the races with their cut down main.



And I think that is the point of the Gold fleet. The sailing is fun but the friendship of the people is more important.

Regards

Skylark

TRIP TO THE GOLFE DU MORBIHAN

The trip organised by Penny Reed was a great success. Very challenging sailing, good food and wine. There were nine Yawls and about thirty people. The organisation was as competitive as the racing which made for an interesting time.

Technical support for the Yawl fleet from the backs of the many land-rovers being used as workshops in front of the hotel.



Felicity caught up with the satanic dancing with oddest looking machine you have ever seen. I don't think she has been the same since.



Charles and his trailer - one wheel on my wagon is an understatement. How he could continue down the motorway with one wheel at 45 degrees is a mystery. Jean Jacques (our host) showed amazing generosity which included him sorting out welding which incidentally only lasted until Bonfire hill where it collapsed that was the most accurate bit of just in timing I have seen.

Jock was not able to take his Yawl because he had an EU car and bought a UK trailer towing board. One more bit of evidence that we are not really part of the EU.

As seen in Morbihan and as with all things French we will copy, so the new meaning for Y flag will be- Brassieres must be worn!



THE SALCOMBE YAWL 2012 OLYMPIC SERIES

This is a mini series within the SYC sailing series, of course the initiative is to try and encourage some more Yawls out on a Saturday with a prize at the end. There



will be six designated races, to qualify you must do at least half the races.

On each race day there will be a Curry Night at the SYC's fab new restaurant. A Podium Prize-Giving will be on the last race day, a specially cast Salcombe Yawl



Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be presented.

So what I need you all to do is look at your diary, make a plan, put the dates in and commit. Let's celebrate this Olympic year by participating in our own event.

Don't just dream it do it. The designated race days are:

Saturday April 14th.

Saturday May 19th. (The same weekend as the picnic.)

Saturday June 30th.

Saturday July 28th.

Saturday Sept 8th.

Saturday Oct 13th.

To qualify you must sail three out of the six races.

OTHER NEWS

SOUTH POOL REGATTA

A few Yawls were at a rather bleak cold evening at the South Pool Regatta in aid of Jon Alsop. One Yawl that got stuck in a tree on a falling tide which was kind of interesting. Very good party after.

NEW YAWL

2011 saw the launch of "Great Bustard" Salcombe Yawl No.189. Sometimes pictures tell a better story. It's a work of art. It was lovely to see and if you want to watch, the launch the video is on SYOA.co.uk.



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