



# Salcombe Yawl

2013 August Regatta



**The Yawl Tennis Match** was a lot of fun thank you to David and Felicity for organising and everyone who brought along food. Top lady player was Bridget and joint top male players were David and Stephen.

**The Baltic Weekend** will be on 12/13th Oct so please put in your diaries, as soon as I get the details I will let you know. It will be a lot of fun, good for the club and the Yawl Fleet, You might even find a buyer for that Yawl that is for sale, as well as raising money for the Lifeboat. HM has offered free parking in the boat park if you need somewhere to keep your Yawl from the end of September.

To remind you, check out the newsletter from the last Baltic event on the web site.

Can you start e-mailing me if you will participate with your Yawl.

**Your committee** will convene before the end of the year to debate the questions asked at the AGM, I will report back after, if in the meantime any of you have a view regarding fleeting and the way we are racing at this time send them to me and I will present them at the meeting.

**Welcome** new members Steve Walter, Nigel Hannaford, Charles Melville, John Rowland, Andrew Ralston, Lindsay Walker,

Apologies for not having a Gold Fleet report.

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Salcombe Yacht Club and Town Regattas, SYC had 47 Yawls registered and a little less for the Town, I heard a number of reasons for a reduced number during Town Regatta, grandchildren, picnics on the beach and having fun, the sun was out - well it happens to us all sooner or later! The AGM supper was very well attended with 95 members and guess with at least another 20 who wanted to come at the last minute, sorry guys.

**The Blue Fleet** An entry of 20 classic yawls fought out a very competitive 6 race series with 4 different yawls winning one or more races during the week. Yet again the yawl to beat proved to be John Smithers and Peter Hughes sailing Y19. However, they faced strong competition from Andrew and Elizabeth Savell in Y140, Peter and Sue Colclough in Y84, and Anthony and Allyson Lofts in Y132.

The early stages of the week did not look quite so promising for Y19 with Andy and Liz Savell fresh from winning town Regatta following up their victory with first place in the opening race. However, as with all close series consistency proved the key with only Y19 and Y84 managing to keep their noses clean and not having to carry any dodgy results unlike some who were over eager and suffered from having to carry a high placing instead of discarding a poor result. This was to be the undoing of both Y132 who made a late surge by winning the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> races but suffered from inconsistent results earlier in the series.

It was also good to see a number of newcomers in the Blue Fleet with Y61, Y134, Y152, and Y69. Hopefully all enjoyed their debut and will be back for more in the September Open meeting. However, the most notable debut (no offence to others) came from Tom Morris a local cadet sailor who helmed Y98, to a very creditable 6<sup>th</sup> overall having never sailed a yawl before and the handicap of his father crewing! Had he not made the decision not to contest the breezy race 4 to avoid potential damage to a borrowed yawl he would I am sure have ended with a top five placing.

The final race saw a tie on 11 points

between Y84 and Y19 with the final decision going to Y19 on the basis of the sailing instructions for determining a tie. wSo well done John and Peter and aside from sailing well I still want to know which God you pray too!

I look forward to seeing you all on the water in the September open 14/15<sup>th</sup>. Woody Y97



And they are neck and neck  
**The Red Fleet** The racing was far more open than in recent years. Going into Friday's race any one of four boats were in a position to win the week. In the event Paul Ellis sailing Scud's Rum Tum Tigger and crewed on this occasion by Tom Ballantine got away at the start and was off Ox before Simon and Seve, Dan and Gail or Robin and I had completed our Snapes roundings. Paul then sailed away to win the huge and prestigious Auburn Cup, and with it the points trophy for the week. Earlier in the week the principal features had been the low tides in the afternoons and the unusual wind directions. The constraints that these imposed on the Race Officers meant that it was not until Friday that it was possible for us to go anywhere other than to the core low tide marks. Will Henderson. Black Tern, 26 August 2013