



# Salcombe Yawl

First May Open 2014



The traditional Yawl Black Tie dinner was held this year at the new Salcombe Harbour Hotel. I think they did a great job, the room was nicely laid out and we had cocktails on the deck outside beforehand, we even had some sun. Would you like to go back, if so please let me know your thoughts as I will need to book it.

Yawl weighing! three Yawls were weighed last weekend, so more need to be done. I will be taking the scales for re calibration as we need more headroom due to the weight of the trolleys, so they will go up from 450kg to a max of 500kg.

Your committee will meet shortly to prepare for the AGM.

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May bank holiday was a busy one for Salcombe Yacht Club with three days of very competitive racing for three classes, in addition to the usual club racing. A prevailing South Easterly wind presented conditions where the tactics of Snakes and Ladders applied, with the winners being those who avoided the snakes and found a few ladders.

## Salcombe Yawl Open Meeting

twenty eight Salcombe Yawls took to the water, with 11 boats in the Classic and 17 Modern boats racing.

Racing in the **Modern Yawls** was extremely close with consistency proving the name of the game. Exmouth Sailmaker Frankie Rowsell sailing with his wife Charlotte in his dad's boat Red Rooster opened the series with a first place from Simon Gibbens and Andrew Reed.

Sunday morning saw a highly competitive race, with the key move being made by class stalwart Charles Thompson sailing with Alistair Morley who took the west side of Wide Gates to emerge in the lead, which they held to the finish line to score their maiden open meeting victory.

In the afternoon Will and Rob Henderson returned to business as usual, by taking Black Tern from last to first in a challenging race out to the Gammon mark, some two miles out of the harbour, against a strong tidal stream, which was to test the patience of many of the competitors.

By Monday morning there was all to play for, with five possible winners should Frankie and Charlotte slip up. Early leaders were Richard Fulford-Smith and Molly Pike, hotly pursued by the Red Rooster. With an early shortening of the course it looked as though Fulford-Smith would take the win, however Rowsell slid past in the closing stages to take the win.

## Results

1st Salcombe Yawl 184 Frankie and Charlotte Rowsell.

2nd Salcombe Yawl 179 Richard

Fulford-Smith and Molly Pike.

3rd Salcombe Yawl 163 Michael Webster and Sue Proudfoot.

In the **Classic Yawls**, there was close racing with John Smithers and Peter Hughes dominating in Heron. Anthony and Allyson Lofts took the Saturday afternoon race, whilst David Jayne sailing with Dan Bridger brought out a beautifully restored Turn to win on Monday, which was enough to secure them third place overall after Anthony and Allyson.

1st Salcombe Yawl 19 John Smithers and Peter Hughes.

2nd Salcombe Yawl 132 Anthony Lofts and Allyson Lofts.

3rd Salcombe Yawl 28 David Jayne and Dan Bridger.

"Dave Greening"

**The next Open** is on the 24th May the average amount of Yawls for this weekend is 25, let's see if we can up the average, the first Open was spot on with a three year average of 28 Yawls. Sign up early you know it makes sense. Chairmans drinks (Pimms and Beer) are on Sunday at 7.30 at the Yacht Club, I look forward to greeting you all.

Welcome Lindsey Walker as a SYOA member.

Top left photo the Yawls in the Sound sailing with the lovely Kelpie. Top right Yawls and the club house.

If any of you wish to contribute words or photos to SYOA news letters or the website just send them to me.