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FROM THE CHAIR

This is my final year as the Chairman of the Yawl Fleet which has been a lot of fun and very engaging. I have learnt a lot and, I hope, contributed something back.

This year has a very full agenda with some new extras including a Yawl Training Weekend. Now, this is one of my little things about life - we never stop learning. We can always do better, but more than this, it's also about encouraging new sailors to join our fleet. Racing a Yawl at the best of times is intimidating and can be downright scary. I feel that if we are to keep the fleet going we need to create a platform to bring new members in and make them feel welcome and confident. I do hope this Training Weekend will not only appeal to the new, but will get the more experienced sailors to participate too. All the info is on the website and some in this book.

Another extra event is a Yawl Regatta in Fowey which according to the list of participants so far is looking like it will be well attended. A big Well Done to Woody for organising it. Next is the Baltic Exchange Yawl Racing weekend. The last event with them raised £7,000 for our Lifeboat and our Club benefited as well, so another well done to all who participated. We need at least 10 Yawls for this year's event which is on Oct the 3rd and 4th so if you are up for a mad crazy weekend and want to make a difference let me know.

We also have a cricket match on The Hipple at the end of August. This event is organised by Stephen Parker Swift, and will be a lot of fun. Low water is 13.58 so arrive about 12 ish and bring a picnic. Tennis match is on the 8th August please let David Jayne know if you wish to play, there is an amazing fake plastic plate to be won.

We will be running the Yawls in Flights again during the Town Regatta this year. The feedback I got from you was that it worked and was fun and a little different. As town regatta is the first week before SYC regatta this year it is REALLY important to get registered so the flights can be sorted. Watch out for the entry form in your email box nearer the time.

This year's Yawl black tie dinner is in the Harbour Hotel once more, I felt it worked well and it is a lot less work for the Fleet ladies who in the past have had to prepare the room.

Looking around the yards there seems to be a lot of work going on with Yawls. We keep the old boats going and going and at great expense and love, and the newer ones are getting all spruced up (no pun intended). Tristan has had a busy time organising lots of beautiful paint jobs. Banger is in his new shed and has had my Yawl and some others in for repairs. Scud has also been busy. Kevin at Bere has had Woody's yawl in for some major work and Jayne from SYC is working hard to get Y101 up and ready in her barn after buying it.

Now one last thing the Yawl Association would be very disorganised if it was not for Allyson. She puts a lot in, and I for one could not have done my Chairmanship without her incredible support and knowledge. We all benefit by it so a big thank you from me.

So all in all things are stable. No new Yawls but plenty going on with the rest. I am looking forward to this session and to seeing you all out on the water and, I hope, a few more of you behind me this year.



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MODERN FLEET

The modern fleet had a steady year, following the pattern of the last few years of a good turnout at the summer open meetings and regatta, a steady presence for the club series, and rather a poor showing for the September meeting.

The absence of Geof in 170 for much-needed refurbishment of helm and boat gave room for a number of series winners this year. The Spring series was deemed much too cold and there were no serious sets of results.

The summer series was run on handicap. Although you can argue about the numbers of the yardsticks (see town week results) the results showed a good mix of modern and classic winners.

The yacht club series was won by 177 David Greening and Stephen Galvin, followed by 132 Anthony and Allyson Lofts and 184 Frank and Charlotte Rowsell.

The summer series gave 159 the Bridgers, with 132 the Lofts second and 161 Peter Stratton and Nigel Hannaford, third.

187 Andy and Liz Savell won the bucket and spade series from 132 and 161.

The autumn series had a particularly good turnout, with a maximum of seven boats. Woody and the little Woodies in 97, triumphed over 159 and 161.

The early May open was won by Frank and Charlotte 184, Simon and Seve 167 with the better of the Hendersons in 183. But unusually, they were in fourth and fifth places respectively.

167 won the late May open with 177 and 184 following along behind.

Despite being held alongside the Bart's Big Bash there was a pretty poor showing for the September open meeting. Mike Webster and Peter Brewer in 163 coming first out of five entrants.

The club regatta followed the recent pattern of 183, posting a run of first and second's with 167, 159 and 184 fighting for the rest of the podium positions. Paul Ellis migrated north for the summer, but found that a life of idling and lotus eating on tropical islands was not a good preparation for the cut and thrust of Salcombe in the summer and was unable to show his usual form.

There are whisperings of a couple of keen sailors, who are actively considering buying newish yawls, and I think it would only require a little bit of fresh blood and some of the old blood to turn up a bit more often and I think we would be in quite a healthy position, if not back to the numbers of 10 years or so ago.

I'm sure you all read your yacht club Masthead and I suspect it will be mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin. But please be aware that from the beginning of the season, and including open meetings and regattas, you will be required to sign on online before sailing and, if you don't, may well find that the officer of the day finds you to be invisible and you won't get a result!

Dan Bridger

TRAINING WEEKEND 25th-26th APRIL

Your weekend is going to be hosted by Richard Whitworth Racing Coach with special guest

Justin Jones from English Braids.

This weekend is open to all, whether you know everything there is to know or you are just starting to race your Yawl. Richard comes with an outside perspective and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge racing a Merlin and coaching. He also acts as an agent for North Sails, so will be able to talk and demonstrate sail and rig setup. The Yawls are, as we know, a unique local boat which have their own unique needs but the general principles apply. It would be very useful to me if you could register your interest in coming so we can judge some of the topics we might focus on and prepare for a great fun weekend. Having some of our more experienced Yawl Sailors will be of great help in beefing up the experience and contributing on the more unique quirky elements of a Yawl. So please register your interest with me by e-mailing, andrew@syoa.co.uk

Weekend Itinerary

- Friday 7pm - Introductory briefing and overview for the weekend.
- Saturday 10am - On the water session. Starts, windward, leeward courses etc HW 11.20
- Saturday 2.00pm - Club Racing in the afternoon, it is also the first race in the Mini Series.
- This race will be videoed by Richard for analysis afterwards in the Yacht Club.
- Saturday 5pm - Video analysis in The Map Room, drink in hand.
- Saturday 7pm a talk by Justin on the right bit of string for the right job and how to choose. We will also run a competition and the winner will get his Yawl completely re-strung as a prize courtesy of British Braids and The Boat Store
- Saturday 8.00 pm - Supper in the Yacht Club.
- Sunday 10am - Richard will talk on RYA racing rules and how to use them to your advantage.

Richard Whitworth CV

GBR Blind Sailing Coach 2013 Worlds - 2 Golds and 1 Silver medal

2 x Merlin Rocket National Champion

2 x Salcombe Week winner

8 x Merlin Inland National Champion

Current Grand Slam winner (x3)

Current Silver Tiller Champion (x8)

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Tiger Trophy, Lord Birkett, Eskimo, Star-Cross

Steamer, Poole Week '14 Flying Fifteens Olympic

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FOWEY OPEN MEETING 27th/28th June 2015

Hosted by RFYC & Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

An exciting new addition to the Yawl sailing calendar is an Open Meeting within the historic Cornish town of Fowey. The Fowey estuary, home to the Troy One Designs, provides an outstanding location for a change of scene, with a four race series providing a mix of both estuary and bay sailing.

Racing is scheduled to commence circa 10.30 on Saturday morning so it would be advisable to travel to the event on Friday evening. For those travelling from Salcombe, the journey time is approx 1.5-1.75 hours approx 65 miles. Racing on Sunday is scheduled for completion 1.30 to 2.00 to enable lunch at a prize giving at the Royal Fowey Yacht Club. Saturday evening there will be a barbecue hosted by the Fowey Gallants Sailing Club.

For those of you who have not visited Fowey, it is one of the most beautiful Cornish fishing towns on the South Coast. It is very similar to but smaller than Salcombe. The sailing should offer all a fresh challenge, whilst those within the shore party can watch from the veranda of the RFYC or wander through the quaint streets, where there is a wide range of shops to suit all tastes.

To make this a viable event we need at least 15 entries (10 approx already confirmed) so please commit early. There are a number of parties who have confirmed they would like to attend but do not have a road trailer. So please can anyone who is not coming but has a serviceable and roadworthy trailer available please let either Andrew Wood or Andrew Stirling know so these can be matched. There are a number of road trailers at Stones boatyard so could the owners of these please confirm to Tristan if they are happy for their trailer to be used.

Whilst in Fowey all yawls will be moored on pontoons so it is necessary to bring mooring ropes and adequate fenders as we will not be dry sailing. Launching will take place from Caffa Quay and trailer storage and parking has been arranged.

Hopefully many of you will fancy a change of scene and will see this as the perfect spot for a long weekend of good sailing and convivial company.

Entry Fee £90.00 including: Harbour Dues, 2 days Trailer Storage/parking, 2 x barbecue tickets, rescue boats, mooring fees.

Accommodation Information : www.fowey.co.uk

Note for the diary St Mawes June 2016.

Any queries Contact Andrew@Broadbasefs.co.uk



SYOA DINNER

The traditional Yawl Black Tie dinner was at the new Salcombe Harbour Hotel. They did a great job, the room was nicely laid out and we had cocktails on the deck outside beforehand and we even had some evening sun.



Troy One Design in Fowey Harbour

DATES FOR 2015

World Mini Series

April 25th HW 11.19	May 9th HW 10.03
May 30th HW 16.55	Jun 13th HW 16.16
Jun 27th Cancelled	July 11th HW 14.38
July 25th HW 12.43	Sep 5th HW 11.30

The Yawls will race as one fleet with a 2.59 min handicap between Blue and Red fleets.

There will be a Prize for the overall winner of the series. Your score will be your best of four. There will be seven designated races within SYC sailing series, with three discards. All races will be timed.

Opens and Regattas

Early May Bank Holiday Open Meeting:

May 2nd - 4th. 2nd May HW 05.40

Late May Bank Holiday Open Meeting:

May 23rd - 25th. 23rd HW 10.20

Yawl Regatta at The Royal Fowey Yacht Club:

27th - 28th June

Salcombe Town Regatta:

August (the 2nd is extra race) 3rd - 7th

S.Y.C. Regatta: August 9th - 14th

S.Y.C. Sea Race:

Saturday August 29th. HW 06.30

September Open Meeting:

September 19th - 20th. 19th HW 09.50

Social 2015

Salcombe Yawl Dinner:

at the Harbours Hotel: Sat 2nd May @ 6pm

Chairman's Drinks: at S.Y.C. May 23rd @ 7pm

Yawl Picnic Sunday: July 12th HW 15.48

A.G.M. and Supper: at Cliff House: Tuesday

August 11th

Tennis Tournament: August 8th

Cricket match on the Hipple:

Monday 31st August @ 1.00pm LW 13.58

Supper at S.Y.C: Saturday September 19th

Baltic Exchange racing, fun, partying and

fundraising for our lifeboat weekend: Oct 3rd

- 4th

Mini Series Prize Giving: TBA

Weighing Days: TBA

Yawl Training Weekend: 25/26 April



NEW MEMBERS

The SYOA membership continues to develop and I welcome several new members to our little group, I hope personally to welcome you at the YC bar soon.

Paul Tripp Y85
Robert Hitchen Y185
Peter Hadley Y124
Lindsay Walker (A)
Christopher Simpson (A)
Frank Rowsell (A)
Ian Savell (A)
Sue Proudfoot (A)
David Whitewood Y37
Hugh St Pier Y87 re-joined
Ian Crabb Y83
Felix Appelbe Y146

WEIGHING

It is the owner's responsibility. Please check if you are up to date. Look on the website to see when you were last weighed and if in doubt talk to a Committee member.

Tristan has one set of scales and the other set are in the Town. It will be easier to get it done before your Yawl is rigged at the beginning of the season.



YAWL PICNIC

The Yawl picnic was a lot of fun. A big thank you to Richard a Jude again for the use of their garden. We all felt a bit like squatters, as they were not there. They had taken advantage of the lovely weather and taken their boat off for the weekend. We had a good turn out and transport was varied. Two yawls, a Merlin and the rest of us in an assortment of motorboats. Tony Godfrey and crew turned up in Y33.

YAWL COMMITTEE

Committee members

Andrew Stirling (Chairman) Y74
Dan Bridger Y159
John Smithers Y19
Will Henderson Y183
David Jayne Y28
Secretary Allyson Lofts



THE THINGS WE DO for our Association!

Allyson lobbying for a rule change? But really, a BIG THANK YOU to Allyson for her hard work



SALCOMBE YACHT CLUB AT NONSUCH BAY

Twelve intrepid married couples made an excellent decision to leave behind the frigid British weather and indulge themselves in the biennial RS Elite Valentine's Regatta at Nonsuch Bay, Antigua.

The event was organised in great style by Martin and Cheryl Beck with Martin taking care of the easy stuff and Cheryl I/C the socials.

The sailing consisted of a series of round robin races with each crew allocated to a different Elite so there could be no allegations of 'fast boat bias'.

The weather was perfect, beautiful sunshine and steady winds of 15-20 knots from more or less the right direction.

There were some excellent close quarter races with Tim showing his undoubted skill. He didn't have everything his own way, however, as Mark, in particular, showed his keelboat expertise.

At the end of the series the finalists were Tim/Bernie, Mark/Sarah, Dan/Gail, Martin/Cheryl and Ian/Jo.

The final was contested in a force six, 5 degrees and pouring with rain. No it wasn't! The usual conditions applied and the competitors challenged them with gusto. In particular Dan who managed to ram Martin, who was in his new boat, despite having no rights and having been told in advance by his crew (me) that there was NO space. Dan did the gentlemanly thing but, seriously rattled, did not feature in the finals. After the three races the clear victors were Tim and Bernie with Mark and Sarah in second place and Martin and Cheryl in an excellent third.

As a bit of light entertainment Martin organised some Q'ba short course racing. Cheryl and Sheila did a fantastic job keeping up with the boys in Aeros although Sheila did have a few lee shore probs. At the end of the three races the well deserved winner was Mark, who found the conditions and boat to his liking. A new purchase for the new season perhaps?

The final sailing hurrah was a series of three races in RS Elites for invited Salcombe helms and local talent. (Including multiple world and Olympic champ Paul Hogg Jensen, father of Jonas who gave our boy Ben such grief in 2012).

Dan had recovered his mojo by this time and he and Mark scored a comprehensive victory winning 2 of 3 races with Martin and Steve winning the third. Well done those Brits!

As might be expected, there was more than just sailing. The socials were excellent, in particular Steve's 50th birthday party at Catherine's restaurant, and an impromptu disco in Martin and Cheryl's apartment.

At the end of the week Tim and Bernie were worthy recipients of the most beautiful trophy and Dan was the recipient of an edible thong for his display at the Antigua Yacht Club. Time to draw a veil.

Roll on 2017!



BART'S BASH

Salcombe Yacht Club took part in the biggest sailing event ever, Bart's Bash. It coincided with the Yawl Open weekend so the last race on Sunday was all and sundry racing. We had the Yawls, Solos, a Moth and a Mirror to name but a few. It was, to say the least, a very confusing start, as we all had to start together. It was a handicap race worldwide and in total we had about 40 boats participating, and around the world there were 19684 sailors participating.

Tim and his crew Jayne, Christine and Sue in the box, got in the spirit of the day. They seem to only be wearing flags - good job it was a lovely sunny day and not blowy otherwise we might have had a little flashing.

It was a great fun and well done to all who made it happen. The whole event raised a lot of money with SYC making their contribution.

So the Yawl results, the for Bart's Bash, first - Michael Webster / Peter Brewer in Yawl Y163.

Rob Adams and James Armitageohn came third in Yawl 141.

I believe it's now an annual event so look out for the date this year.



RACING RESULTS

Mini Series

1st 159 Dan Bridger/Gail/ David
Apologies to Woody Y98 for the mistake - it was originally said that he had won

1st May Open

Modern

1st 184 Frankie Rowsell/Charlotte Rowsell
2nd 179 Richard Fulford Smith/Molly Pike
3rd 163 Michael Webster/Sue Proudfoot

Classic

1st 19 John Smithers/Peter Hughes
2nd 132 Anthony Lofts/Allyson Lofts
3rd 28 David Jayne/Dan Bridger

2nd May Open

Modern

1st 167 Simon Gibbens/Andrew Reed
2nd 177 David Greening/Steve Galvin
3rd 187 Frank Rowsell/crew

Classic

1st 28 David Jayne/Dan Bridger
2nd 84 John/Annie McLaren
3rd 19 John Smithers/crew

3rd Yawl Open

Modern

1st 163 Mike Webster/Peter Brewer
2nd 171 Mike & Karen
3rd 141 Rob & James

Classic

1st 19 John & Tom
2nd 97 Andrew & Tim
3rd 84 John & Annie

SYC Regatta

Gold

1st 97 Sophie Wood/Isabelle Wood
2nd 105 James Simpson/Christopher Simpson
3rd 49 Bill Fellows & crew
4th 62 Stephen Coope & crew
5th 24 Guy Adams/Judith Adams

Blue

1st 114 Mary Henderson/Mandy Henderson
2nd 132 Anthony Lofts/Francesca Lofts
3rd 61 James Mead/Paul Ryson
4th 150 John Lewis/Clare Lewis
5th 98 Hywell Bowen-Perkins/Richard Morris

Red

1st 183 Will Henderson/Jim Stone
2nd 167 Simon Gibbens/Andrew Reed
3rd 159 Dan Bridger/Gail Bridger
4th 184 Frankie Rowsell/ Charlotte Rowsell
5th 154 Graham Pike/Tessa Pike

Town Regatta

Modern

1st 187 Andy Savell/Liz Savell
2nd 181 Martin Beck/Cheryll Beck
3rd 163 Mike Webster/Paul Smith
4th 141 Rob Adams/Will Bryant

Classic

1st 19 John Smithers/Peter Hughes
2nd 28 David Jayne/Dan Bridger
3rd 132 Anthony Lofts/Allyson Lofts

Bart's Bash

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