



# Salcombe Yawl



Fowey Open Weekend 2015



The Yawl picnic is next, its on the 12th July all info on the Yawl Website. I Hope to see as many as possible turn up.

Don't forget to register for The Town Regatta ASAP so we can sort out flights.

The 5 year weighing rule don't forget to keep your certificate up to date, your committee is there to help.



I need a rescue boat crew for Sunday the 2nd August First TR Race.

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The Salcombe Yawl to Fowey road trip went off without a hitch - 12 to be precise, towing hitches that is, making their way to the historic town of Fowey. As we got nearer to our destination we found local lanes to negotiate and both Barney and Dan discovered they were much narrower than Salcombe! Chris and Maureen Ogg of the RFYC and Gallants Yacht Club hosted our event and really did a great job organising things and looking after us, a big thanks to them.

First off - the getting there. Lots of rusty trailers because we really don't go anywhere very often. My trailer arrived and needed new bearings and a lot of grease. On arrival in Fowey there were signs everywhere, Salcombe Yawls this way and that, signs saying Yawl Parking and Yawl Mooring, all very efficient.

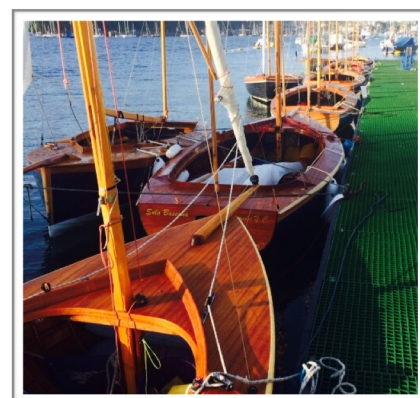
Then came masts up and rigging, thank goodness Scud was there to help with mine, others were managing them with a little help. We were asked to bring fenders for mooring, oh, what an interesting selection!

A very nice welcoming drink at RFYC in the evening where we got to meet everyone.

The briefing at the Gallants Yacht club on Saturday morning with coffee was run by our host Chris Ogg, whose



opening line was, do Yawl Owners ever read anything? The Club had sent us everything we needed but we



seemed to have missed some! We eventually found a photocopier and at least got an idea where the racing marks were. Life jackets are a must in their racing rules!

On Saturday morning we went out of the harbour which was a little choppy with a steady 15 knots and we did three circuits of a triangle.



Unfortunately Woody in Y97 broke his mast not due to gear failure, just a



weakness we think. Then it was lunch at the Gallants Club, then back out in the afternoon with the local fleets, the Fowey River's and the Troy's. I retired due a technical problem with my leg so Woody resumed racing in my Yawl (Y74) and I went on the rescue boat. Again the fleets went out to sea. It was lovely to see all three wooden fleets out racing.

Back to base and a lovely barbecue at the Gallants Yacht Club which was delicious a big thanks to Gretchen and her staff for that. We met the Commodore a Mr Allen Toms who is not only a local boat builder of the Troys but apparently wins all the time, (hmm where have I heard that before, a boat builder who wins?). He presented our VC Lesley Galvin with a Club Burgee which we reciprocated the following day. Sunday racing was around the bouys in the harbour - short and sweet two races - back to back.

I spent my time helping in The Box and the comments from the locals that popped in were very interesting – “What an aggressive lot they are on the start line”, “Nice looking boats but whats that funny sail on the back for”.

Finally a great lunch on Sunday afternoon in the RFYC and prize



giving. Once again Lesley was



presented with a Burgee which of course we reciprocated. Glassware for the winners, David receiving his prize



missing his crew who kept hiding from the camera, as he was nervous some of his fellow Solo sailers might find out he had been in a Yawl. Lovely to have you with us Chubby!

All in all a great weekend lots of sailing, chatting, food and dare I say a little wine.

Yes I was there, bad leg and all, and for those who are interested its better,



and a mystery doc could not explain but lots of speculation. Oh and I don't need a new hip thanks guys.

There is talk of going to St Mawes next year so get planning.

A typically Yawl sailor not wanting to



get his feet wet.

That's it till next time.



Andrew Y74

sail number	Helms name	PYS	27th June Race 1	27th June Race 2	28th June Race 3	28th June Race 4	Series result	position
74	stirling Sordear	Classic	11.00	10.00	10.00	6.00	26.00	4th
97	Andrew Wood	Classic	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	39.00	6th
99	Stephen Galvin	Classic	9.00	11.00	11.00	RTD	31.00	5th
112	Simon Dobson	Classic	6.00	7.00	7.00	5.00	18.00	1st
138	Greenhill	Classic	8.00	9.00	6.00	7.00	21.00	2nd
150	JO clare Lewis	Classic	10.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	25.00	3rd
148	M Jephcott	modern	7.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	4th
159	Dan bridger	modern	1.00	2.00	1.00	DNS	4.00	1st
168	Andrew Ralston	modern	5.00	6.00	8.00	3.00	14.00	6th
169	Ian Stewart	modern	2.00	5.00	4.00	DNS	11.00	5th
171	Mike Whitehouse	modern	3.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	9.00	3rd
177	David Greening Chubby	modern	4.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	2nd