

# the salcombe yawl

THE MAGAZINE OF THE SALCOMBE YAWL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION



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2018



The **Salcombe Yawl PR** machine has been busy in 2017 with two great articles, one in "Classic Boat" the other in "Wooden Boat". The full Wooden Boat article is on the Yawl website, or you can order the magazine from their website as a digital download.

Felix Appelbe Y146 would like to remind members that it would be nice if they could invite a student/cadets to sail with them. As well as being a good experience for them and you, its possible that one day that student/cadet will be the one who buys a Yawl of their own to race, or to enjoy with their family. That will increase the market place for older Yawls, thus enabling space for new ones to be built. If you would like to offer the experience to a student/cadet, please contact Jayne Morrison at Salcombe Yacht Club to organise.



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Some results from 2017

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- 1st May Open red fleet
- 1st Late May Open blue fleet
- 1st Sep Open blue fleet
- 2nd Henry Lloyd Regatta red fleet
- 1st Auburn cup



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# FROM THE CHAIR

I've now got 1½ years until I finish my 4 year term as Chairman. I have to say, I have actually enjoyed it. It is a pleasure to be part of such a great fleet of great boats and I feel privileged to be part of the spectacle that sailing provides and part of the camaraderie that exists in the fleet off the water.

I hope this continues and the Committee has been working hard to promote the class, look after the owners' needs and provide good racing and good social events. We want to see more people sailing and hopefully in yawls.

Please do let me know if you have any burning issues or if you feel you have ideas to be explored to ensure the class is still flourishing in 20, 30 and 40 years' time.

Since the last magazine, the yawl weighing has gone well now the RoRo scales have been serviced and calibrated. It makes it much easier for yawls to be weighed for their 5 year check. Thanks to you all for adhering to the measurement regime required by the class rules and the buddy form procedure which seems a fair and uncomplicated way to keep people honest. Thanks also to all those who help with the weighing. It takes time and effort and should not go unappreciated.

The training weekend was a great success and the St Mawes trip was brilliant. Open meetings and Regatta weeks were well attended and the sailing was very good.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and to all members who have triumphed in other classes worldwide.

Tris Stone's party was a major highlight, as was the Atfield sail-by, albeit in atrocious weather.

The AGM threw out a few questions that the Committee are still debating.

The treasure hunt was a great success, as was the dinner at the Wardroom and the London curry night at the Oriental Club.

We have no away trips planned for this year but it would be good to find a volunteer or organizer who has the enthusiasm to make something happen. There is a small article later in the magazine discussing this.

My personal thanks must to the Committee members for their efforts over the past year. We have had some interesting debates and considered views about a number of issues. We have no wonder solution and generally the consensus is that we already have the set up to cope with various situations which may arise and if numbers allow.

I would like to set up a cruising section with more rallies and low key sailing events, although these are so weather dependent, it seems they would have to happen at short notice, so if anyone has any inclination to think about this more, I would be happy to hear your views.

Thanks to Andrew Stirling for being Committee member, editor of the magazine and controller of the website. A huge amount of work and support for us all.

Thanks also to Nick Walker for the magazine production. It seems to get better and better each year so please keep sending snippets and photos which can be used.

Particular thanks must also go to Allyson as Secretary. She works incredibly hard and supports the Association in every way.

*Happy sailing in 2018.*

**Andrew (Seve) Reed (Y167)**  
Chairman



*2 ex Yawl Association chairmen learn to drive the lifeboat.*





## CERTIFICATES & WEIGHING

Just a reminder that the website contains a lot of information. The class information section contains the weighing database and the current yawl specifications.

You will probably need no reminder that to race, you have to be a member of the Association and have a valid certificate. Boats need to be weighed every 5 years for them to be clear to race and weighing and recertification is required if any major work has been carried out.

Please check the website so you are not caught out!

## NEW MEMBERS 2017

Jayne Morris (A) Y101  
Sue Squire (A)  
Deirdre Bell (A)  
Andrew McTrusty Y53  
Caroline Trace Y118

## FUTURE PROMOTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

You may remember that we took Andy and Elizabeth Savell's yawl to the RYA Dinghy Show a couple of years ago. It turned lots of heads and we got some good feedback from others at the show. It was also a good focal point place for fellow yawlies to meet up.

We have been contemplating it again in 2019. We could take another boat and perhaps an immaculate older yawl recently refurbished or re-varnished, etc. would be an idea if anyone would volunteer.

The Yacht Club used to exhibit but no longer do so but we can hitch up with them perhaps.

We also took Y15 to the East Portlemouth fete a couple of years ago and this again was in a prime location to attract attention.

Other future ideas are the Kingsbridge Show, Devon Country Show or the Crab Fest so we can attract a more local audience.

I hope there is some enthusiasm for this so any volunteers to help or loan their boat or their support and help would be great.





# LONDON CURRY NIGHT

35 yawlies attended a grand feast at the Oriental Club in February. Steve Galvin, who is a member, organised an evening in the library for drinks and a curry. It was a sumptuous affair and I hope was enjoyed by all. Steve put a decanter of port on each table which I am sure was remembered the next day!

The Oriental Club is remarkable for its position, just north of Bond Street tube. For nearly 200 years, it has been an iconic Central London focal point for those returning from India, the east and now Salcombe.

There have been extraordinary characters that have been associated with the Club since the Duke of Wellington founded it. I think we all felt very much at home.



# TREASURE HUNT

On perhaps the only glorious morning of the Christmas holiday, some 37 yawlies gathered at Higher Rew above South Sands. After a final roll call and a sloe gin sharpener, the fleet set off armed with a map and series of quiz questions.

We followed a fascinating route along little used pathways from Soar to Bolberry then down through Tor Woods where our knowledge of ornithology and the yawl fleet was tested. The OOD decided to shorten the course but a few gallant souls trudged back up the hill to Higher Rew.

We are deeply grateful to Graham and Tessa who put in a lot of effort writing the questions, putting out clues and ferrying strugglers. Malcolm and Sue were most generous hosts.



It turned out to be more collaboration than competitive quiz. There was no overall winner but a series of limericks provided by the contestants were excellent with notable brilliance from Molly Pike and Malcolm Squire to name but a few whose adept words summed up a most enjoyable event.

Let's hope we can do a similar event next Christmas.

Sadly in the last year we have lost two major sailing figures from the Salcombe community and especially from the Yawl Fleet.

**David Jayne Y28** and **Richard Murray Y155.**





# ST MAWES WEEKEND

**Seventeen Salcombe Yawls travelled to Cornwall over the weekend of 24th and 25th June for an away weekend hosted by the St Mawes Sailing Club.**

Early arrivals launched into the harbour on the Friday into a building force six westerly breeze with some trepidation, wondering if their boats would still be afloat in the morning, fortunately their insurers were let off the hook and by Saturday morning the breeze had moderated.

Race Officer, Commodore and Classic Boat journo Nigel Sharp set the course for the first race, with beats across Carrick Roads from the St Mawes Castle shore toward Falmouth.

The first start line had a port bias, quickly picked up by an over keen fleet, who headed for the pin, with David Greening and Simon Stewart doing their best to remove the mark with its ground tackle, leaving the PRO nothing to sight, as they gyrated, a General Recall was signalled.

For the second start, the proximity of the pin to the beach moved the action to the Committee boat end, and the smart money, including Rob Adams and Ian McCormick, Charles Thompson and Alistair Morley and Tom Napper tacked early and headed to the Trefusis shore to pick up a starboard lift into the windward mark. Eventually Napper was to slide back, while Malcolm Squire and Jonathan Britten worked through into second place, followed by Roger Tushingham and Sue O'Brien, avoiding a conflagration at the leeward mark, when two mizzens came down. Team Adams McCormick took a popular win.

After a quick sojourn for lunch, the course for the second race was set, with the now mizzen-less Chicken Run in the hands of Simon and Victoria Gibbens rounding

the windward mark ahead of Alistair Morley and Charles Thompson, who battled around a predominantly off-wind course. Gibbens ceded the first place to Morley and Thompson in recognition that a Yawl is not a Yawl (or a Ketch) without its mizzen mast standing.

SMSC hosted a pleasant evening of eating, drinking with sailors comparing notes, before retiring to bed in the fine hotels and camper vans of St Mawes.

Sunday dawned with almost perfect conditions, with a 15 to 25 mph Westerly. The fleet set off in formation out of the river, followed by a tough beat over the tide to Governor then a run past Carricknath to the club line turning mark. Morley and Thompson powered their way into the lead, with Malcolm Squire and Jonathan Britten emerging from a belated start into second place. Andrew Wood and Miles did an excellent starboard approach to the windward mark to round in third place in their Classic boat, but were to be ground down on the off wind legs by Mike Whitehouse and Andrew Reed.

So an excellent weekend was had by all, with new faces at the front; St Mawes SC ran a first rate event and we look forward to returning.

## **Overall Results:**

### **Modern**

1st Yawl 189, Charles Thompson and Alistair Morley

2nd Yawl 178, Rob Adams and Ian McCormick

3rd Yawl 173, Malcolm Squire and Jonathan Britten

### **Classic**

1st Yawl 97, Andrew Wood and Miles Carden

2nd Yawl 112, Simon and Nikki Dobson

3rd Yawl 82, Tom Napper and Crew





# GRAHAM PIKE Y154

I started crewing aged 5 - or rather sitting with my brother in the front of my father's Island Class clinker dinghy which was then raced at various places along the south coast, including my home town of Swanage. Cadet fleets were popping up to encourage youth sailing and my father and several other parents built us boats from kits. Being a baker's son, mine was called Cream Puff. I then progressed to Fireflies and National 12s. My main competitor at the time was Rodney Patisson. After school, I moved to the Hamble area to work in the marine industry. I won the Albacore nationals and following some success in International 14s I finished second in the Prince of Wales Cup and the Champion of Champions. I also spent a season campaigning a Soling with Rodney.

In 1964, I bought a Merlin Rocket hull from Bob Hoare. I fitted it out in the shed where the Cadet was built and called it Chimbarazo. This was the beginning a love affair with Merlins lasting more than 25 years. The Merlin is a thrilling boat to sail in all conditions and the class has a social life second to none. The championships and Salcombe Merlin week were the highlights of the sailing calendar, both fiercely competitive. We would be disappointed not to finish in the top 5. The silver tiller circuit took us all over the UK from Newbiggin to Shoreham, Draycote Water to Ranelagh and through the class we developed a network of life long friends.

As the Merlin was a development class one was constantly working out ways of getting more boat speed - that being one of the main attractions of the class. The mid sixties was a period of great innovation. I became good friends with Spud Rowsell. He and Phil Morrison in Exmouth were at the cutting edge of new design, always pleased to find someone willing to push the boundaries and test the rules envelope with a new boat. We spent many happy hours in Spud's workshop pooling ideas about revolutionary rig development, spinnaker chutes, built-in buoyancy and transom flaps. After this, a capsized was no longer the fast track to the bar.

Tessa and I started sailing Merlins together in 1977. In the winter months we sailed at Bristol Corinthian. Recognising the need to keep building costs down and boats affordable, Spud built us the first competitive foam sandwich Merlin - Gringo. This was followed by Rainbow Warrior in which we won the Burnham Icicle. A few years later we won the last race of the Exmouth Merlin Championships and this turned out to be our last Merlin race together.

Reluctantly we decided that our best Merlin days were over and the time was right to buy a yawl. The yawl racing at Salcombe looked fun and competitive. It was also a development class and despite the lack of a spinnaker, the technique for getting the best out of a yawl in the harbour was not so very different to Merlin sailing. We bought Y31

from someone in Chichester, but it proved too big a task to get her race-ready. So, in 1992, much to the consternation of many locals, we asked Spud to build us a new yawl. Olive Branch was delivered by sea from Exmouth. She is still a beautiful example of Spud's work. Aged 25 she is arguably an old boat now. The fact that we had the temerity to introduce a yawl built outside the Salcombe Estuary made it hard to get accepted in the fleet

and we struggled initially with the tendency of both the bowsprit and the mizzen to snag on moored boats. But we persevered and we soon started winning regattas and open meetings. Olive Branch was quickly followed by a string of Rowsell-built yawls in the fleet.

We are not quite as competitive now but we have been sailing together for 40 years and with a combined age of 139 we still love the challenge in all conditions, occasionally managing to fend off Will, Spud, Simon, Malcolm etc.

I like to think that the arrival of Olive Branch helped to modernise the fleet, build interest and attract new yawl owners. My fervent hope is that the divide between red and blue fleets will disappear and that we can return to the days of one fleet with prizes for old boats. This was the case when we started racing yawls and it seemed to work well and give everyone something to race for. I would also like to see more development, so as to encourage new yawls to be built and attract top class and young helmsmen. Good competition and new boats are essential for the future of the class. We should learn from the success of the Merlins, keeping the spirit of development at the forefront. Maybe we will even have foam sandwich and spinnakers one day. What we mustn't do is stay rooted in the past as that will ultimately be the death of the class.

**Graham**





## YAWL TRAINING WEEKEND 27/28/29 APRIL '18

The race training weekend will again run on 27/28/29 April and will be a good start for your racing season.

Richard Whitworth has agreed to be our coach again, but we have fresh ideas and ace helm Will Henderson has kindly offered to front the Sunday morning session on the racing rules for tricky situations we often face in the estuary.

The itinerary will, as before, run from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime and include the first Yawl Mini Series race on Saturday afternoon and a group supper on Saturday night. High water on Saturday will be 18.15 BST 4.3m.

The theme of Richard's teaching this year will be how to best control your rig as the point of sailing and wind strength varies. We have as an introduction, a very straight forward and well-illustrated video by the renowned national sailor Mike McNamara, and Richard will be refining this to what we face in the Yawls. The video, shows very clearly the big changes that the sail controls make to the sail shape, and their impact on boat speed and pointing, both aspects being the hallmark of top sailors.

The weekend's schedule is .....

**Friday 20.00 to 22.00 .... SYC chartroom** Mike Mc's video and Richard's own views on how to get the best from your Yawl. If you have a particular issue you want to air with Richard, do please let me know beforehand.

**Saturday 10.00 -12.00.** On-the-water instruction from Richard. In particular he will be watching the setup of your rig, both good and bad and of course giving us his usual tips on how to better handle our Yawls!

**Saturday Club Race 14.00 ....** Race 1 of the Yawl's "Mini Series 2018"

**Saturday 19.00..... Group supper ....Details TBC**

**Saturday 20.00 to 22.00....SYC Chartroom** Video debrief of the day's sailing by Richard who will concentrate on what he noticed with the sails and mast setups.

**Sunday 10.30 to 12.30 ....SYC chartroom.** Top helm Will Henderson has been racing Yawls in the Estuary for many years and is very well placed to lead this session on the racing rules for tricky racing situations we face in the estuary. When our sea room gets restricted by shorelines, moored boats, course marks and nearby Yawls, race placings often change significantly. Handling those situations correctly is a great opportunity to get to the front of the fleet.

Do please come along if you can. Its free and there is most of the year's Yawl calendar in which to work on all the tips. If you can't spare the time to do it all then come along to parts. However Saturday morning on-the-water instruction is limited in numbers so do let me know

Please email me in good time to reserve a place on training and also to book meals at [john@thesmithers.com](mailto:john@thesmithers.com)

**John Smithers Y19**



## SALCOMBE GIN SALCOMBE YACHT CLUB REGATTA 2017

Race officer Geoff Gilson made the most of the conditions in the afternoons which started with sea breezes in the early part of the week, had a wobble on Monday, when the wind died at Widegates, before returning with a vengeance for the last two days, concluding with winds in excess of 30 knots at the close of play on Friday.

The Salcombe Yawl Gold fleet racing is a reasonably laid back affair, and allows Yawls of all ages, and sailors of all abilities to compete over shorter courses without the pressure of the afternoon fleets. This year saw an increased turnout and was dominated by Nigel Austin sailing the legend that is Taylor Maid to clock up another five wins to her esteemed history.

23 Modern Salcombe Yawls competed for the Paris Points Cup, in what was to prove an extremely competitive fleet, and though the eventual winners were the ubiquitous Will Henderson and Jim Stone sailing Black Tern, there were five different race winners including Merlin and RS400 sailors Jon Gorrington and Nicki Bass and XOD stalwart John Tremlett sailing with Rob Adams. The Auburn Cup, the Salcombe Yawl sailors POW was won on an extremely windy Friday by Simon Gibbens and Andrew Reed.

The Salcombe Yawl Blue fleet aka Classic fleet saw Mike Knowles and Mark Waterhouse open up an early lead at the beginning of the week, but John Smithers and Pete Hughes got into their stride on Tuesday and Wednesday to control the series, with a late start by Anthony Lofts putting paid to his chances of stealing the series from Smithers and Hughes.





John Tremlett of Haines Boatyard in Chichester Harbour became XOD champion for a record fifth time after winning the class' annual Captain's Cup at Cowes Week. The X-One Design fleet is one of the most competitive and numerous in the country. Tremlett (left) sailed his boat Lass with crew



Ian Andrew, Richard Bullock, Alastair Shaw and David McGregor over the week to post four firsts, a second and a seventh, discarding an 18th for a total of just 13 points overall, well ahead of Simon Russell's second-placed X166 Swallow with 26 and Paul Woodman's X32 Ibex (third), with 38.

The Captain's Cup was presented at the annual XOD class prize-giving in November. Class Captain James Meaning said: "John Tremlett and team have taken the XOD class by storm in the last five years with their uncanny ability to navigate the Solent's notoriously fickle tides and varying sea states. John always seems to be at full speed when the starting gun goes. Very few helms have his ability to recover from a bad situation and still finish in front. Winning for the fifth consecutive year is an achievement unprecedented in the 106-year history of the class."

Tremlett also took a win with Rob Adams at the Salcombe YC regatta in August, finishing 14th overall, despite racing only four of the six races. Sailing an elderly Finn, he was again in the mix at Bosham SC Classic Boat Revival in September, finishing eighth overall after several podium places.





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# FIREFLY EVENT SUMMER 2017

During Regatta week, 6 Firefly dinghies were used for a select individual race between classes. Will Henderson and Paul Ellis with able and willing crews participated for the yawl fleet against competitors from National Twelves, Solos, Laser Toppers and Merlin Rockets.

I am pleased to say that despite internationally renowned yachters, the yawl entry came first and second overall with a convincing display in both races. It just shows how we continue to attract the best helms and maintain the extremely high quality of competition within the Association.

The event was well supported with partisan crowds gathered on the Yacht Club terrace, the beach and on boats.

An ad-hoc running commentary kept spectators vaguely aware of the standings and all agreed it was a fun event.





## AS I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW



Mike and Jean Atfield retired in 2017 after building traditional wooden boats and Salcombe Yawls for more than half a century, spending all of their career, minus eight months, working on Island Street. The first one I think was Y122 in 1980 the last yawl they built was Great Bustard Y189 in 2011.

To give them a proper send off we all got absolutely soaking wet in a sail past of boats, including some of the 30 Salcombe Yawls they built, we battled the weather to sail up the estuary and past his workshop and the Yacht club. A drink was seriously needed at a gathering in the Yacht Club afterwards.



## YAWL MAY DINNER 2017 & FAWLTY TOWERS



Well, various people said our dinners were getting a bit boring so we tried something completely different! We had a delicious dinner provided by the 'Galley Girls' but the waiting staff came from another era.

Manuel, Sybil and Basil kept us all in order and served our meal whilst entertaining us with takes from Barcelona and Torquay. The hotel inspector, aka Wendy Stewart was a little surprised. The evening culminated with a Conga led by Basil Fawlty around Cliff House - suitably bonkers!

This year, we will be returning to our old haunt of the Buckland Tout-Saints Hotel last visited in 2005. Nothing like ringing the changes (principally caused by Cliff House doing weddings on both Saturday and Sunday).

The subject of music at the dinner is up for discussion; any thoughts either way most welcome.



# SALCOMBE YAWL EVENTS 2018

## SAILING

Training Weekend

Early May Bank Holiday Open Meeting

Late May Bank Holiday Open Meeting

S.Y.C. Regatta

Salcombe Town Regatta

S.Y.C. Sea race

September Open Meeting

Friday 27th-Sunday 29th April

May 5th - 7th

May 26th - 28th

August 5th - 10th

August 13th - Friday 17th

Saturday August 25th

September 15th - 16th

### Mini Series

(this will form part of the training weekend too)

### 1 discard for mini series

July 21st

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
|                | H.W.  |
| April 28th     | 18.15 |
| June 9th       | 15.04 |
| June 23rd      | 15.18 |
| July 7th       | 12.56 |
| July 21st      | 13.28 |
| September 22nd | 17.26 |

## SOCIAL

Chairman's Drinks at S.Y.C.

Salcombe Yawl Dinner at **Buckland Tout Saints Hotel**

A.G.M. and Beach Boyz party at Cliff House

Weighing days - contact Andrew Reed

Andy Savell or Andrew Stirling

Saturday May 5th

Sunday May 27th

Tuesday August 7th

Boat park from 2pm May 4th

or by arrangement before you launch for the season

7p.m.

# SALCOMBE YAWL RESULTS 2017

## TOWN REGATTA BLUE FLEET

|     |     |                |                    |
|-----|-----|----------------|--------------------|
| 1st | 155 | Guy Rigby      | Tom Crampton Smith |
| 2nd | 15  | Mike Knowles   | Crispin Waterhouse |
| 3rd | 93  | Kevin Anderson | TBC                |

## TOWN REGATTA RED FLEET

|     |     |                |                 |
|-----|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| 1st | 183 | Will Henderson | Mandy Henderson |
| 2nd | 159 | Dan Bridger    | Gail Bridger    |
| 3rd | 154 | Graham Pike    | Tessa Pike      |

## SALCOMBE GIN - 2017 SALCOMBE YACHT CLUB REGATTA

|             |     |     |             |                 |                             |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>RED</b>  | 1st | 183 | Salcombe YC | Will Henderson  | Mandy Henderson / Jim Stone |
|             | 2nd | 167 | SYC         | Simon Gibbens   | Andrew Reed                 |
|             | 3rd | 173 | Salcombe YC | Malcolm Squire  | Jonathan Britton            |
| <b>BLUE</b> | 1st | 19  | SYC         | John Smithers   | Pete Hughes                 |
|             | 2nd | 132 | Salcombe    | Anthony Lofts   | Allyson Lofts               |
|             | 3rd | 15  | SYC         | Michael Knowles | Mark Waterhouse             |
| <b>GOLD</b> | 1st | Y61 | SYC         | Nigel Austin    | and crew                    |
|             | 2nd | Y62 | SYC         | Stephen Cooper  | Samuel Cooper               |
|             | 3rd | 152 | SYC         | Jane Panahy     | Darius Panahy               |

## EARLY MAY

|             |     |            |     |      |               |                       |
|-------------|-----|------------|-----|------|---------------|-----------------------|
| <b>BLUE</b> | 1st | Saraband   | 97  | SYC  | Andrew Wood   | Issy/Sophie/Ru McColl |
|             | 2nd | Frigate    | 132 | SYC  | Anthony Lofts | Allyson Lofts         |
|             | 3rd | Gemstone   | 112 | SYC  | Simon Dobson  | Nicki Dobson          |
| <b>RED</b>  | 1st | Shag       | 167 | SYC  | Simon Gibbens | Andrew Reed           |
|             | 2nd | Black Tern | 183 | HISC | Rob Henderson | Tristan Stone         |
|             | 3rd | Typhoon    | 181 | SYC  | Paul Ellis    | Peter Cook            |

## LATE MAY

|             |     |               |     |     |                  |                 |
|-------------|-----|---------------|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>BLUE</b> | 1st | Saraband      | 97  | SYC | Andrew Wood      | Tim Petit       |
|             | 2nd | Gemstone      | 112 | SYC | Simon Dobson     | Nicki Dobson    |
|             | 3rd | Frigate       | 132 | SYC | Anthony Lofts    | Allyson Lofts   |
| <b>RED</b>  | 1st | Shag          | 167 | SYC | Simon Gibbens    | Andrew Reed     |
|             | 2nd | Black Tern    | 183 | SYC | Will Henderson   | Rob Henderson   |
|             | 3rd | Great Bustard | 189 | SYC | Charles Thompson | Alistair Morley |

## SEPTEMBER RED AND BLUE FLEET

|     |          |     |     |             |            |
|-----|----------|-----|-----|-------------|------------|
| 1st | Yawl (R) | 154 | SYC | Graham Pike | Tessa Pike |
| 2nd | Yawl (R) | 181 | SYC | Paul Ellis  | Peter Cook |
| 3rd | Yawl (B) | 97  | SYC | Andrew Wood | Tim Pettit |

Mini series was won by Andrew Wood & Tim Petit





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## YARD ROUND UP

There are a lot of fabulous Yawls on the market, last year saw some movement at least 5 Yawls changed hands. The yawl web site is a good place to start looking, if you have any Yawl bits masts, sails etc, there is always someone looking, send the info to "info@syoa.co.uk"

Triston Stone has had one of the busiest winters on Yawls, Y89 is in being re ribbed and painted in and out, lots off painting and varnishing etc, so we should have a very good looking fleet this year. Stone have a few Yawls for sale "The great Nuffin Y141 is one. Spud Rowsell has always said to Rob that the hull is the fastest in the fleet with the least wetted area. She has certainly proved that at times.

The Boat store have also been busy Ian has sold Rumtamtigger Y169 to Stephen Scholefield, who currently races a J 111 in the Solent but is very keen to come and take on the might of the red fleet and do battle with Salcombe conditions. Y99 has had a new Show fitted and a paint and varnish job over the winter. David Jayne's Yawl 27 is actively up for sale via the Boatstore. She has recently had many thousands spent on her via Mike Atfield so is in tip top condition for the season.

## RORC CARIBBEAN 600



Antigua's RORC 600 Race, held in Feb 2018, saw two Yawl sailors participating on different boats. Guy Rigby Y155 and John Smithers Y19. Unfortunately the weather conditions were terrible, big seas and unusually very strong winds for this time of year. Both boats retired as did 50% of the fleet. Antigua Yacht Club put on a great party at the end and all retiring teams were acknowledged with a bottle of rum.





# WATCH HOUSE LOG

The very mention of duties in the Watch House and on Safety Boats send many running for cover saying they have a busy diary or many other varied and interesting excuses! However, we would like to gently remind you that anyone sailing at SYC is expected to fulfil duties too so that we can put on the racing for everyone in our annual programme. If you are unable to do a duty perhaps one of your family or friends or your support crew would be kind enough to step in? We allocate duties where possible ahead of time, but we do find it difficult to fill duties particularly over Opens which occur over the Bank Holidays. We ask that all classes support our duty system and actively volunteer to fill the gaps. The duty roster can be found on our website. Your individual logins will be your email address. Alternatively please ring the office and Jayne Morris will help sign you up.

You may ask what is expected of me? The tasks vary from Race Officer, Timekeeper, Flags and Safety Boat helm and crew. Without volunteers to help we cannot run our races. If you are new to duties we will roster you with someone experienced. It may mean you have to come to Salcombe for an additional weekend. Thank you to all those who have already signed up.

Many people find duties surprisingly enjoyable and they learn much about the racing, history of Club Fleets and characters at SYC...

We are pleased to report that over the winter Geoff Allen has kindly and skilfully made a new flag storage box so our Watch House is organised user friendly. Results are taken down with pen and paper so please don't be afraid of Computer results systems. There is such a joy in receiving a finishing bell having completed a race at SYC. Please play your part so the bell can ring happily for everyone.

Thank you so much to all our volunteers and Happy Sailing!

Jayne Morris





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