



# June Newsletter

## Including Sailing News

Dear Member,

May was a busy month at the club and June will be no less so. Let's take a look back and forward.

The weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May saw the **Devon Yawl Open** being hosted by the club. The sailing was competitive and fun and everyone enjoyed coming back to the club to enjoy a barbecue and social time on both the Saturday and Sunday. Have a look at our **Facebook** page for feedback and photos <https://www.facebook.com/Yealm-Yacht-Club>.

Whilst there, take a look at the photos from the **3 Creek's Race** which took place over the weekend of **21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May**. The brainchild of **Luby and Chris Brook**, it was run independently by them for a couple of years before the YYC took it on as part of our sailing programme.

No less than **13 teams** of **sailors** and **runners** entered. The **start was in Dartmouth** on the **Saturday** with a run to **Kingswear via the Dittisham ferry**, then a **sail round Start Point to South Sands in Salcombe**. From there a **second run** took the **athletes** around **Bolt Head and Bolt Tail** before a well earned overnight rest in Salcombe. On **Sunday** the fleet sailed to the **Yealm** before **landing their runners on Cellars Beach** for the **final run round the Revelstoke drive and Membland to the finish at the club**.

Of the **13 teams**, **11** made it to the **start in very testing conditions**. **F5-6 winds** with the **possibility** of a **F7** later made **Start Point** and the **Salcombe entrance unpleasant** and **possibly dangerous** so the **start was delayed** whilst the **conditions improved**. **8 boats completed** the **first day's running and sailing**. **Conditions improved** on **Sunday** for some **excellent sailing** and **running** before a **spectacular finish** at the **club**.

**Completing the course** was a **fine achievement**, especially in the gruelling conditions on Saturday, but **special congratulations** should go to our **winners**.

**1st** was **Jemesis** a very well sailed **J boat** from the **Exe** with mean lean looking runners!

**2nd** was **Bare Necessities** a **speedy catamaran** from **Saltash**. Once called **Drama Queen** our offshore **sailors may remember following her to Trebeurden** on several occasions!

**3rd** was our very own **Saltheart** sailed by **Chris and Sarah Williams** with runners **Chris and Luby Brook** and **Tim Wilbraham**.

**4th** was our second **Yealm yacht, Magic Dragon**, sailed by **Stephen Maltby** and his crew.

**Special thanks** go to **Luby and Chris** for thinking up this race and to **Marchand and Petit** who not only **sponsored the race** but turned out to support it in each port.

**Saltheart** is on a winning streak as she won the May Triangle over the Bank Holiday weekend with **Satisfaction** sailed by **Chris Matthews 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and **Simon and Hilda Julien** in **Calisto 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This **series of races** too had their **challenges** as the race from the **Yealm to Falmouth** on **Saturday** was **dogged by light winds** and **thick fog**. The **start was postponed** and having **felt its way** down the coast to **Udder Rock** near **Fowey** the **fleet raced from there to Falmouth**, but **no one crossed the line within the time limit**. **Sunday** saw **much better visibility** but the **winds** were still **light and variable**, however we did manage to race to the **Gwineas Buoy** near **Gorran Haven** on a shortened course. Staying in **Fowey** overnight, the **sailors were treated** to a **delicious buffet** at the **Gallants Sailing Club** provided by our **sponsors, Angela and Barrie Hallett** for which **we thank them**. **Monday** saw **fast passages** on the **race back to the Yealm** in a **northerly F4/5** under mainly blue skies and sun.

**Don't forget** the **RNLI Passage Race** is this **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June**. There's still time to enter and the weather is looking good. **Further information from [passagerace@yealmyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:passagerace@yealmyachtclub.co.uk)**

At the time of writing we have **25 boats registered** for the **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parade of Boats** on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**, but **we're sure there are more of you** who would like to join in – **there's still time to enter!** Assembling in **Wembury Bay**, the **parade will begin at 1100 led by 'Diomed' carrying 'HM the Queen'**. **We hope** that boats **will be dressed overall** with **crews in fancy dress**. There will be **prizes for the best dressed boats!**

**Entry is free**, but **you need to register** – please **email [secretary@yealmyachtclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@yealmyachtclub.co.uk)** if you would like to enter.

Ashore, the club will be open from **1030 for coffee, croissants and cake** with a **barbecue being served from 1200**. It is an **open event** at the club so **everyone is welcome** to join us. **Spread the word and let's celebrate the Queen's special birthday in style!**

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Yealm – Trebeurden Race** starts at **1830** on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Again, there's **still time to enter this enjoyable and social race to France**. The **Notice of Race, Entry Form and Sailing Instructions** are on the **club website [www.yealmyachtclub.co.uk](http://www.yealmyachtclub.co.uk)**. A **pre-race barbecue** will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 1830**, so why not **come along and show your support** for the competitors.

Meanwhile at the **clubhouse**, the **nibbles served on a Friday evening** are proving to be **very popular**, especially the **succulent bite-sized battered fish** that **John prepared last week!** A drink on the deck on a sunny evening to end the working week is just what you need, so why not come and join us!

Moving **Happy Hour** to a **Monday evening** is also proving popular and coupled with the **2 courses for £12, 3 courses for £15** it makes for a **good value evening**.

**Don't forget** that **the club** is **available for private functions** – birthday parties, christening, wedding parties, funeral wakes etc. Do contact our manager, Abi Alford to discuss things. **Email: [abigail.alford@btinternet.com](mailto:abigail.alford@btinternet.com)** or call **872291**.

The **Social Committee's** looking ahead to our **autumn/winter programme** and would be **very happy to receive suggestions** of **talks and events** from you. We have a **Suggestion Box on the table in the foyer**, so do let us know what you would like.

*We look forward to welcoming you!*

*Abi, John and the team*