DAYBOAT NOTES

News from the Yachting World Dayboat Association JULY 2014

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The sailing season is in full swing and I hope you are all enjoying the fantastic weather in your Dayboats.

You will see from the following articles that Dayboat Week at Rock at the end of May was a great success, and as you read the article from Nigel Young and Jack Young, you will see that the Dayboat and the week are a great combination for the whole family to enjoy, which is something that your committee has been encouraging over the years – it's not just a championship it's Dayboat Week!

The later article entitled North Cornwall Coastal Cruise took place at the end of Dayboat Week while the rest of us were all "sailed out" enjoying a free day walking, golfing, cycling, etc. What the article doesn't mention is that Tim sailed with two crew, his daughter Diana and her friend Katharine. Some of the Dayboaters who were walking the coastal path came back to Rock reporting that a dinghy had been sighted off one of the headlands and were in awe that it was a Dayboat. Rumour has it that Tim navigated not with a chart but with a road map – well done Tim! (but I still have sleepless nights imagining the headlines had they needed to be rescued?)

Our first boat out or our new hull mould, DB 674 Liquid Luck, is performing well at Poole YC and regularly finishes in the top three, so if you're thinking of a new Dayboat.....

On a personal note, mine and Phil's season has been slightly disrupted by babysitting duties so I have lost my crew for some races and have offered my services as crew in a few races. Not having crewed much before this season, it has certainly made me realise that it is more difficult that it looks, so thanks to all our crews who come out in all weathers.

Plans for Dayboat Week in 2015 are not quite buttoned down yet but we will let you all know as soon as we have finalised the details. If you want to pencil something into your diaries, it could be Saturday 6th June to Thursday 11th June 2015 in Salcombe, but wait until we definitely confirm before committing yourselves.

John Lokier DB 632 Don't Panic

Cover picture: Rock 2014. Champions Nigel and Jack Young in DB 657 PaPa2 keep ahead of second-placed Peter Hewitt and Chris Lockett in DB 669 Merlin.

Many thanks to Roger Harrison for his photographs - www.newphoto.ch - lots more on the ywdb website.

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Committee changes

lain and Cass Macpherson, having served on the Association committee for many years resigned this year. Iain was Chairman and Cass Secretary until last year. They were lead organisers for a number of DB Weeks including this year, so they will be sorely missed. Thanks were expressed at the end of DB Week by giving each a small gift.

Alistair Seaton of Bosham and Anita Habgood from Poole were welcomed as new committee members.

Remember to visit the Association website www.ywdb.co.uk Information - News - Boats & Gear for sale and lots of DB photos

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Thornbury Sailing Club

Nothing on the racing front but a satisfying cruise in Avocet down to the island of Flatholm in the Bristol Channel on 14th June. There is a beach on the NE corner of the island which consists of large pebbly stones so beaching is quite possible with care. On the day we arrived there was a tripper boat from Weston-super-Mare well and truly beached (see photo) The out and back distance from Thornbury SC at Oldbury on Severn utilising the ebb and flood tides is around 50 nm



Two TSC members, Jeremy Warren and Phil Kirk are, as I write about to complete the circumnavigation of England, Wales and Scotland taking 32 days in their Wayfarer, Hafren. This is 28 days inside their original target of 60 days which in itself is well inside the current dinghy record.

(see http://www.xtremedinghycruising.com - they made it! - Ed)

The only really long distance cruise for which there is currently an account on the YWDB website (Information menu tab > Cruising Accounts) is David Clifford's week long cruise around Lands End from Oldbury on Severn. (*...see more of Tim's exploits on page 13. Ed*)

Tim Parkinson DB565 Avocet

Solway Yacht Club

DB 344 contiunes to be regularly sailed at the Solway Yacht Club at Kippford on the Scottish Riviera. One highlight was the Round Rough (Island) Race and Picnic. There's rather a nice video on the webside. Pity we were at the opposite end of the beach but you do get a few glimpses of Brillig.



How did we win the posiest boat prize? By flying a large red ensign from Brillig's stern, using an old fishing rod as the flagstaff!

http://www.thesyc.com/News.htm for the full report.

As always if any other Dayboat sailors would like to sample this delightful sailing area, do contact us or the Club. Kippford Sailing Week is coming up; we'd love to see some others Dayboats

Ian & Margaret Purkis, DB 344 Brillig

Gravesend Sailing Club



This year has seen the new pontoon installed at the club. This does not mean we have done away with the crane launching but does mean those with a fear of heights can now walk down the ramp to climb aboard. But one person still needs to release the boat from the crane and sail across to the pontoon to pick up the crew.

The number of boats sailing in the DB series is down due to injuries and sickness afflicting a number of the club members . Gerry Mogg had to pull out at the last moment with a back problem, this after bringing his boat back to GSC all the way from Milford on Sea. This meant we only managed to get 4 GSC boats on the start line for the recent DB Open, they were joined by Diana and Tim Parkinson The two Saturday races were held in light but variable winds and sailed just off the club around the cans. This involved a number of place changes during each race with Richard Twyman in Hazy Daze winning both. Sundays forecast was for light

breeze, but it turned out to be F3 - F5 and just after they finished we had a number of gusts at F6. The race was using a mark on the far side of the river about a mile from the club. This enabled the Dayboats to do what Dayboats do best, excel in heavy weather conditions with wind over tide. Once again Hazy Daze came in first ahead of Ozone Friendly and Phoenix.

Results

- 1 Hazy Daze Richard & Deb Twyman
- 2 Ozone Friendly Paul Winterflood/Roy Turner
- 3 Avocet Diana Parkinson/Tim Parkinson
- 4 Widgeon Steve & Penny Davies
- 5 Phoenix Alanah Honey/Rob Turpie

Geoff Honey DB 636, Phoenix



Bosham Open Meeting

The weather gods were not very kind this year. All the previous week there had been hot sunshine and great sailing conditions. However, Saturday dawned very windy and a little overcast. This dissuaded a number of potential sailors to take to the water and out of a total entry of 17 boats (including 8 visitors from Poole, Gravesend and Shearwater) 12 boats came to the starting line.

As in previous years all the visitors' boats were berthed in David and Fiona Macfarlane's front garden close by the slipway and all the crews accommodated by Bosham Dayboaters within a short distance of the club.

Due to popular demand, the decision this year was to adopt a combination of laid marks and harbour marks. A lead boat was provided, much to the relief of Peter and Julie Drake (DB674, Poole) whose course chart disappeared over the side during the first race!

The first race started in a steady 18-20 knots breeze and Colin Blewett and Chrissie Campbell (DB 647, Poole) soon showed their potential and went on to win. They were followed by a very fast finishing Peter and Julie Drake who made up two places on the last beat just pipping Peter Hewitt and Katherine Hodgson (DB669, Poole) on the line.

In race two the wind eased back a couple of knots and the race officer sent the fleet on a very scenic tour of the Thorney Channel! Peter and Katherine took immediate control of the race with Colin and Chrissie 2nd and Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (DB616, Bosham) in 3rd place.

The finishing leg of the final race was a mile long run all the way back up Bosham Creek to finish at the Quay and a very short walk to a welcoming hot shower!

Peter and Katherine battled with Peter and Julie all the way around the course but managed to hold on to win and take 1st place overall. Colin and Chrissie took second place from the Drakes right at the death and 2nd place overall.

Final results:

1st Peter Hewitt and Katherine Hodgson, Poole YC

2nd Colin Blewett and Chrissie Campbell, Poole YC

3rd Peter and Julie Drake, Poole YC

4th Alastair and Jacqui Seaton, Bosham SC

The prizegiving was followed by an excellent BBQ at the club.

David Macfarlane, DB597 Yellow Peril

You may sail the only Dayboat at your Club, but we still would like to hear from you contributions to kathdavis@btinternet.com by end June for the next issue

Poole Yacht Club Report

Hello dayboaters, greetings from sunny Poole, what fabulous weather we are having although not always conducive for sailing. We have had a very mixed season so far with light winds resulting in several abandonments on race nights and Saturday afternoons, which has meant heading to the balcony for a cold beer, tough this racing lark!



The start of the 'single-handed' race

On a good note we managed to run a good 'Single-handed' race on Sat 28th June, 6 boats entered with a steady SW 10 knots, a closely contested race with a 1st for David Cake 661, 2nd Peter Hewitt 669, 3rd Anita Habgood 623.

The wind held up and in the afternoon and 5 Dayboats did the Bar Buoy Race (thank you John Yonwin, it is a long time since we have raced out of the harbour). Peter Hewitt 669 came in 1st closely followed by Peter Drake 674.

We are looking forward to the Dayboat Open at Poole on 26th-27th July. On Saturday afternoon there is one race round the Harbour Islands followed by a carvery at the club in the evening. On Sunday there will be 3 races for the Newton Trophy. By the time you are reading this it will be over and we hope to have seen some of you especially visitors. Enjoy the rest of your sailing season.

Roy Davies, DB649 Mandarin



A date for your diary

RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2015 takes place at Alexandra Palace in London over the weekend of 28th February - 1 March 2015

DB WEEK AT ROCK

A full report of the week appears on the website - www.ywdb.com - and also at http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/176665/Yachting-World-Dayboat-Nationals.

YWDB Week Rock 2014 - a personal view......



I cannot remember the exact moment we decided to attend the 2014 Dayboat Week in Rock but it was quite an easy decision to make. It turns out in talking to my father who is now 84 years old that we have a family association with the class for over fifty years with Dad attending his first Day Boat Week in 1963. He won two races that year in a brand new wooden Glued Clinker Dayboat named Sea Nut that he had built, I think that name follows our

families love of the sea! That followed many years later with our next outing in 1980 when Dad had built his first "Smoothie" cold moulded boat DB 588 and I crewed for him aged 15 years, we had a great week but no trophies this time except for the cadet race! That boat was later sold onto Tim Parkinson who raced her successfully for many years before he was tempted back to the traditional clinker construction that he sails today.

The YWDB is an excellent boat for racing, cruising and teaching and it was the teaching aspect Dad had in mind when he built the original PaPa. That boat was built in 1999 / 2000 for my sister to teach her children to sail in and then a few years later he built PaPa 2 for me to teach my own children to sail in as well. The boats are very roomy and heavy and also have a metal centerboard so they are super stable, ideal for taking small children and the whole family out to sea in safety. As our boats are 100% wood and cold moulded they look like a piece of furniture on the water, there is nothing quite like sailing a wooden boat.

It was back in 2002 when Fiona and I were living in the UK that we decide we should have a go at Dayboat Week in the original PaPa. Our first outing was in Poole Harbour and we had a rude awakening with our poor downwind speed! Despite that challenge we managed 3rd overall with Fiona on the tiller and me pulling the strings. 2003 we went to Rock in Cornwall and managed 2nd overall, still not quite fast enough or clever enough to beat Peter Hewitt, the Champion at the time but improving. Finally in 2004 we got our act together and managed to win

the Week again with Fiona on the helm and me on the strings, then we put the boat back in the shed for a while. There was a rest period of 10 years whilst our own boys grew up and got a few sailing trips under their belts before a mad idea came into my head one winters day in 2013.

So that brings me nicely on to 2014, as you can see we may have been associated with the class for 50 years or more but we don't actually sail in the main regattas that often! It was decided that I would sail our own boat PaPa 2 with my eldest Son Jack as my crew. Jack and I raced together for the first time in 2013 in the Glandoore Classic Week and also in the Castletownsend Dinghy Week both in a mixed handicap fleet. PaPa 2 had never actually seen another YWDB let alone raced against one so it was going to be interesting on the start line for race 1 in Rock!

At some stage in the regatta planning we also decided that I should get the original PaPa from the Isle of Wight and Fiona would sail that one with here sister in the regatta. Easy to say but actually quite a logistical nightmare to organise but it did offer me an excuse to ride my motorbike.....Once I realised that was part of the plan then the rest fell into place.

We arrived en masse in Rock Cornwall a couple of days ahead of the regatta to give us time to set the boats up and see how they were going. We had to measure a couple of new jibs and Peter Hewitt obliged with his tape measure on the Club house floor. With all the official stuff taken care of we rigged and launched the boats and put them on their moorings for the week. With the boats being heavy and the sand being nice and soft in Rock it was no problem letting the boats dry out every night and certainly a lot easier than dragging them up the slipway after racing every day.

Finally race day came and fortunately for us it was light winds as my crew was a little below average weight at 35kg. One championship race was sailed on the first day and after a long battle with the current National Champion Peter Hewitt we managed to win the race by a small margin. The boat was actually quite fast upwind and a little sticky downwind so it made for a really interesting race. There were 26 boats on the line with several past class champions so it was a real test for us on day one.

Straight after the points race the class hold what they call an Opportunity Race. This is a Crews' / Ladies' / Cadets' race all in one and the results are taken out of the one race for all categories. Jack jumped ship for this race as the wind was up and my Sister in Law Nicola took the helm of PaPa 2 with me as the crew. We only made our change over just in time to get the one minute gun and start so we didn't get the best start to the race possible. Diana Parkinson led the way for 99% of the race with us chasing hard, it was only in the final few metres to the line that we managed to slip past Diana and for Nicola to take the Ladies Prize and the Crews' prize for the race. Well done Nicola.

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The theme continued for the week with light airs and building tides and we continued to work on our downwind technique as the week went along. In each of the points races we were never more than a few boat lengths away from Peter Hewitt or Murray Glenister and we had some really nice racing. I think its safe to say that racing with your own son or daughter in the boat is really something special. We were talking all through the race and I was trying to explain to Jack in

simple terms why we were doing what were doing etc......We had a ball and he learned so much about tides and wind it was a great experience for him and an even greater one for me sailing with him.

Somehow we managed to keep the wheels on the wagon and won races 1,2,3 and 5 with a small slip up in race 4 where we had a shocking start. However after a long fight back in race 4 we managed to get up to second and secure the



Championships with a race to spare. That was a nice moment but the best was still to come. The final race 5 was the nicest of all with about 12-14 knots of wind, sunshine and a strong flood tide. We managed to make a better start and win the pin this time leading from start to finish. We had some new faces chasing us in this race as the wind was up for the first time.

Finally it was all over and we went ashore for the last time and the Prize giving dinner. I had some plans to make a really nice speech and talk about how it's been great fun growing up with a boat builder as a Father and sailing with him and then years later repeating the exercise with my own Son. For those of you there the story was a little different as I was slightly overtaken by the emotion of the whole event. Dad was supposed to be at the regatta watching his Son and Grandson racing but due to ill health that never quite happened. However he was delighted to see the original boat arrive back home on the Isle of Wight in one piece and listen to all the stories from the week.

The Dayboat Class may not be a modern high performance boat but like any One Design Racing its the purest form of racing you can do. When you get a fleet of 26 boats sailing under their own class rules on short courses you can be certain of some great racing. We are planning a return visit in 2015 if the dates work out and I guess as my crew is growing fast we might like a little stronger winds! Or maybe not, if its a light forecast I can always take my youngest Son James!

Well done Jack, it was a great week and one to remember.

Nigel Young, DB 657 PaPa 2

...and his crew

On Sunday the 25th of May my dad and I took part in National Dayboat Week in Rock, Cornwall. That day was windy enough, the races were later than I thought. the first race started at 14.00. I was quite nervous the first day as I hadn't sailed the boat for about 6 months. It was really fun. il was working the jib and my dad was helming. We had about 6 or 7 races altogether and my favourite one was the long distance race even though it wasn't a points race, it was very light that day. Almost every evening we went into the club house and had a drink, sometimes we had dinner there. On the Wednesday there was a midweek prize giving and on Friday there was the real prize giving. We got quite a few trophies. I even got a crew trophy. By the end of the week I got to know most of the other sailors and their boats. That week was the best sailing week in my life and I hope we can take part in it next year.

Jack Young

Another young crew

Jack was not the only young crew sailing at Dayboat Week. Sam Harris took the front seat of Mum Anita's boat - DB 623, Second Fling. He also took the helm for the Opportunity Race and carried home the Kiddle Morris Cadet Trophy. Well done, Sam.





We are on Facebook. Want to join? Register (easy) and then search for 'Yachting World Day Boat' and ask to join - it's free



The Yellow Boats

There are often private races within the main fleet at Dayboat Week. One such race took place this year. This was the race of the Yellow Boats. As you can see from the photograph, it was often quite close.

Result

- 1 583 Instant Sunshine Richard Cake
- 2 597 Yellow Peril David Macfarlane
- 3 661 Moonrunner David Cake



View from a newcomer

GREAT VENUE, GREAT CLASS, AND SIMPLY THE BEST FISH AND CHIPS

Rock was our first Dayboat Week - and what a lovely place to go sailing - if a little short of water for some of the day.



We bought our YWDB, Debutant, two years ago and with lots of encouragement from our fellow Bosham crews set a course for Cornwall.

Rock SC rivalled Bosham for its fantastic setting and we felt right at home short tacking up the shore to stay out of the tide for the long distance race - and long it certainly was - we heard of 2 people who fell asleep on the marathon run back to the harbour.

A mixture of races of a reasonable length worked well for us and I really enjoyed the chance to helm the ladies race.

The late afternoon starts actually worked out quite well, allowing for some stunning walks to Polzeath and Port Isaac and the odd round of golf for those brave enough to tackle the tricky course, before a leisurely lunch on our amazing balcony watching the tide re float our boats just below us. It was the first time we had kept our boat on a mooring and I was a little worried as to how we would manage, but relatively light winds all week meant it was quite a fun experience and a big thank you to one of the ladies from Rock who always rushed to fetch us in with a big smile.

A good combination of socials - well maybe we got a little too competitive in the quiz and a little too noisy - and the chance to meet new people all added up to a thoroughly enjoyable week with a lovely holiday atmosphere.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to put on the event. We are definitely planning to return next year.

Alastair and Jacqui Seaton, DB 616 Debutant

A North Cornish coastal cruise

Cruise in YWDB Avocet from Rock to Port Isaac and back on 29th May 2014

On the Thursday morning the the wind was NW 3-4 as forecasted and cloudy with some glimmers of sun. The crew was Tim Parkinson, Diana Parkinson and Katharine Hodgson.



Diana and Katharine

09:06 We left one of the outer moorings in Porthilly Cove two and a half hours after high water on on a strong spring tide. With a small number of tacks in very popply water downstream of Padstow but mainly a closehauled reach in smoother water, we crossed the Doom Bar without noticing. But further out to sea significant breaking white water was visible on the larger waves. Prudence took us towards the cliffs leading up to Pentire Point into flatter water. From there we took a starboard tack out into the main coastal tide.

10:00 Avocet was midway on the transit

between Pentire and Newland with the wind now a strong NW 4 and a clear view East to The Rumps and Moules Island plus glimmers of sun. Avocet was on a fair reach so was able to overcome the foul ebb tidal flow easily and by 10:30 we were off the Moules. We kept to seaward of The Moules, being uncertain of a race between that island and the Rumps. A dolphin jumped clear of the water when we had the Moules and Rumps in line. Many Guillemots were whizzing along close to the water. Although the waves were significant Avocet was riding them well and we did not take any water over the foredeck.

We headed across Portquin Bay towards where the skipper reckoned the Portquin inlet was and as we got nearer he concentrated on readying the anchor and line.

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Is it a Dayboat? Spotted by Charlie James, DB 635

This meant he had his head down beneath the foredeck for a short time and when he re-emerged the crew had concluded there was no inlet and nothing to attract us to the proposed destination. So we proceeded around the next headland and towards Port Isaac which looked more promising.

11:15 Sailed into the harbour entrance and beached Avocet on the sandy shore and secured her to a harbour cable (not that she was going to float away as the tide receded!). Walked up the delightful town and had a very serendipitous meeting with fellow DB competitors, Adam Gray and Claire

Perkins, who kindly provided the cash to purchase some warming coffee before we ate our sandwiches on a sheltered seat. The skipper had not reckoned on there being an hour's difference in low tide times between Padstow and Port Isaac. Thus we had an extra hour to explore Port Isaac.

14:15 Avocet lifted off the sand and after rowing across to the shelter of the East

breakwater we hoisted sail and tacked out of the harbour and narrow inlet with little difficulty. This time Avocet had to overcome the flood tide but did so with ease in the NW 4+ wind. We spotted what we think was a Sea Turtle after leaving Port Isaac. An hour later (15:15) we were off the Rumps and heading for the island of Newland which it had long been the skipper's ambition to sail round.

15:30 Kept well to the North of Newland but closed in as we rounded this large craggy rock. The water was considerably lumpy there and it was a relief to the crew that the waves diminished as we approached the cliffs between Pentire and Polzeath where for the first time the



Tim rounding Newland Rock

wind became fluky. The water became smooth as we sailed past the Bar and the final sail up the Estuary to the mooring was achieved in fine style.

16:30 Picked up the mooring well-satisfied with our cruise.

Tim Parkinson DB 565 Avocet

We are not alone!

During a holiday in Ireland recently, we spotted a familiar-looking dinghy on a trailer on the quayside in Kinsale. When the owner appeared he confirmed that it was an IDRA 14 (IDRA = Irish Dinghy Racing Association) which rang a bell - Iremembered that this is another George O'Brien Kennedy design and a close relative of the Dayboat. An opportunity for a spot of 'Googling' to find out more.

The IDRA 14 was designed by G O'B K in 1936 and the first boat (called 'Fuss' for reasons unknown) was built in Poole in 1938. It is reported that the designer raced 'Fuss' in Poole Harbour 'with some success' in these pre-war years. After the inevitable pause, interest in dinghy sailing revived in 1946 and the IDRA adopted the 'Fuss' design as a National Class. About 140 boats were built in wood and grp,

and there are still strong racing fleets at clubs in Dublin Bay. Although the hull shape is very similar to the Dayboat, the IDRA 14 is rather lighter (at 325 pounds hull weight) with a wooden centreboard, a 140 square foot spinnaker (the same size as a Fireball spinnaker) and (wait for it!) a trapeze. (No apologies for the imperial units here - we are a 'traditional' Class!)

In 1948 Waldringfield Yacht Club in Essex were looking for a new 'modern' dinghy to adopt, and



IDRA 14s racing in Dublin Bay

decided on the Fuss/IDRA 14 design, with small modifications (but no trapeze). This became the Dragonfly One-Design. About 40 Dragonflys were built and there are still about 10 boats racing on the River Deben at Waldringfield.

It is interesting to see that both Class Associations report increased enthusiasm for renovating older boats, something we are seeing in the Dayboat Class. And also interesting that a new wooden IDRA 14 and a new Dragonfly are being built. (It is worth reminding members who focus on racing that wooden boats can still be competitive in the right hands, as Richard Cake and Tim Parkinson regularly remind us).

Two other Clubs chose the 'Fuss' design – Hardway SC at Gosport (the 'Hardway Seabird') and Christchurch SC (the 'Christchurch Dragonfly') but few boats were built and these seem to have disappeared. Some Dragonflies were exported to Durban in South Africa, although it is not clear whether any of these still exist.

The YW Dayboat is really a 'first cousin' to the 'Fuss' design, being intended to cope with coastal sailing and without the complications of a spinnaker or trapeze,

for which many of us (and our crews) are probably grateful! But the family links are strong. We can be encouraged by the way the IDRA 14 and Dragonfly Associations have kept these classes alive and enthusiastic, even though their 'base' of boat numbers is much smaller than ours, and we can almost certainly learn from their experiences. And perhaps we could meet up sometime?

Of course some members will already know about these Dayboat 'relatives' and can add more – any information that might be of interest to other members would be welcome.

Bob Davis DB 641, Lucky



Welcome to new members ...

... although not all are new to Dayboats

Keith Webster, DB 324 Dixie, Benfleet Yacht Club
Robert Fndlay, DB 640 Hair Raiser, Bosham Sailing Club
Nigel, Fiona, Jack & James Young, DB 657 PaPa 2, Royal Cork Yacht Club
Roger Smith, DB 571, Deben Yacht Club
Will Sandland, DB 272 Just Retiring, Poole Yacht Club
Matthew Ellis and Owen Hebditch, DB 572 Attila, Poole Yacht Club
Vincent Foster, Janet Jones and Kody, (the dog!), DB 555 Roarin Betty, Stokes Bay
Sailing Club.
Paul Winks, DB 433 Daisy, Sheffield
Nicola Kiely, Co Cork, Ireland
Lee Eynon, Stokes Bay Sailing Club
Richard Weston
Gerry and John-Paul Mogg, DB 502 Aphrodite, Gravesend Sailing Club
John Fletcher, DB 615 Blanche, Bosham Sailing Club