

DAYBOAT NOTES

DECEMBER 2008



Ron Lovett & Pete Sandham - 2008 YWDB Champions



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Chairman's Ramblings

The Dayboat Week hosted by Poole Yacht Club was the highlight of the year with a total entry of 36 boats. It is always nice to see new Dayboaters involved with the week and this year provided the perfect venue for newcomers to join in and be part of the sailing week - but not necessarily racing. Family sailing or cruising is an aspect of the week the Committee have always endeavoured to encourage - this time it was well supported and added a new dimension to the week.

We continue to seek out new venues for Dayboat Week, particularly away from the established sailing areas in the southwest and the south coast. In the May DB Notes I mentioned the planned visit to Blackwater Sailing Club on the east coast. The club was friendly and the sailing area was superb (with the tide in - please remember I sail in Poole Harbour). Unfortunately, Maldon



and the surroundings are not a main holiday area so accommodation is scarce, nowhere near enough to cope with the influx associated with Dayboat Week. Above everything else it is important that Dayboat Week continues to be a holiday, so we will keep looking.

This year I rediscovered the simple pleasure of sailing a Dayboat, not racing, just sailing for relaxation. With the hustle and bustle of a busy life it must count as one of life's simple pleasures....Ah well, next summer will soon be here.

As always, enjoy your sailing and may the winds be with you.

Pete Hewitt. DB 649 Mandarin.

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Membership Secretary

The position of Membership Secretary was created at the AGM. Deb Struthers volunteered and was duly elected. The committee welcomes Deb in this new role. She is the person to contact with any matters to do with membership.

And a welcome to

Kath Davis as a new member of the committee. As well as being the stalwart forward hand on "Frin" Kath taken on the task of editing DB Notes. (Hope you like it - Ed)





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The Cadets' Race A Mother's Perspective

The Kiddle Morris Cadet Cup has always held a great deal of significance for me. During the 1960s Brian Kiddle Morris was a neighbour of my parents and was always saying to my mother "Susan must learn to sail". After acquiring my first Dayboat I only had one opportunity to race for the Cadet Cup before I was too old!! I was thrilled when Emma expressed an interest in racing Hullabaloo in the Cadet Race.

Emma and her crew were pleased when the day of this year's postponed race dawned calm and bright. We arriving at Poole Yacht Club with great enthusiasm and waited for the course to be decided upon. It was not the usual triangular one which caused Mother a little confusion, but Emma was confident. Mother in the unusual position as crew counted down the time for the start. Emma made a clean getaway and sailed the first beat with confidence. Down to the leeward mark and back to the windward mark (not the same one as before) Emma was still sailing confidently, putting mother in her place when all the other competitors sailed to the initial mark. As Emma continued to sail the race my grin got bigger and it was a very proud mother who was sailed across the finish line by her daughter.

Sue Clayton DB 650 Hullabaloo

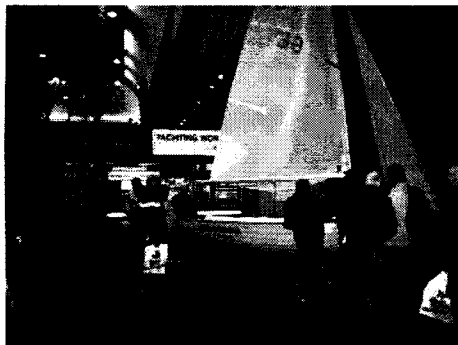
Mike McNamara to visit Poole

Something to look forward to! Mike McNamara has offered to run a Dayboat Tuning Day at Poole Yacht Club early next season - he refers to it as an "In Tune Day". The aim is to get the boat, the helm and the crew all in tune. He is a well-known sailor (but not in Dayboats - yet) and sail maker who has been making Dayboat sails for many years. The day will be open to all Dayboat sailors. Date, costs, etc. have still to be finalised. If you are trying to make your boat go faster, (that probably includes us all), this is an event not to be missed. More information in the new year.

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The Dinghy Show Alexandra Palace Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th March 2009



Dates for your diary....

The Association will again have a stand at the RYA Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace in March 2009. To keep the class alive and active, we need to continue to attract new owners, and a presence at the Dinghy Show is one of the best ways of showing-off the boat.

Last year we had David Cake's new yellow 'Moonrunner' (661) on the stand, backed up with display boards, a rolling digital presentation, brochures and a team of enthusiastic Dayboaters and our builder, Chris Somner. To demonstrate the Dayboat's versatility, on the Sunday we rigged Penny Davies's cruising 'bed' and boom tent. Phil Lokier was persuaded to climb in and pose for glamour photos.

In 2009 we will be showing another new Dayboat, and updating the display with some of the fine photographs taken by Mike Millard at this year's Dayboat Week. If any member has any other interesting photos of DB activities (perhaps cruising?) please pass them on.

The Dinghy Show is well worth a visit - presentations and talks, plenty of stands selling sailing gear and fittings, and of course all the other dinghies to cast your eyes over (although you are unlikely to be seduced away from your Dayboat!)

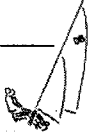
If you are intending to visit the show and you would be able to spend an hour or two on our stand to sing the praises of the Dayboat to other visitors, please contact me.

Bob Davis DB 617 Frin



Who won what at Dayboat Week - Poole 2008

Weston Bay Championship - Championship Dayboat	Ron Lovett	Eliza 602
City of Plymouth Cup - Championship runner-up	Bob Clewer	The Black Pig 609
Yachting World Points Trophy - Champion Dayboat	Ron Lovett	Eliza 602
J C Payne Trophy - First points race winner	Peter Hewitt	Mandarin 649
Cake Trophy - Second points race winner	Ron Lovett	Eliza 602
Aberdonian Trophy - Third points race winner	Bob Clewer	The Black Pig 609
Marlow Ropes Trophy - Fourth points race winner	Ron Lovett	Eliza 602
Poole YC Trophy - Fifth points race winner	Ron Lovett	Eliza 602
Petticoat Plate - Best placed lady helm in points races	Wendy Davies	Young at Heart 635
Lady Crew Trophy - Best placed lady crew in points series	Margaret Clewer	The Black Pig 609
Married Couple Trophy - Husband & wife crew with the best points total	Bob & Margaret Clewer	The Black Pig 609
Reginald Sawtell Tanner Trophy - Crew of the Championship boat	Peter Sandham	Eliza 602
Graham Penny Trophy - Highest boat on aggregate over a consecutive 2 year period, outside the top 6 places	Wendy & Roy Davies	Young at Heart 635
Marlow Rope - Best placed first timer in points races	Jonathan Parker	Danish Blue 620
Decent Trophy - An age/points formula from points races	Jill & David Everitt	Ogo Pogo 603
Tatman & Lowther Trophy - Winner of the Long Distance Race	Bob & Margaret Clewer	The Black Pig 609
Husband & Wife Trophy - Best placed husband and wife crew to finish the Long Distance Race	Bob & Margaret Clewer	The Black Pig 609
Ladies Race Trophy - Winner of the Ladies Race	Penny Davies	Widgeon 660
Kiddle Morris Cadet Trophy - Winner of the Cadet Race	Emma Clayton	Hullabaloo 650
Under 15 Trophy - Best placed under 15 year old in Cadet race	Not awarded	
Smartie Dish Trophy - Winner of the Crew race	Diane Parkinson	Avocet 565
Seamanship Trophy - for an outstanding feat of seamanship observed during the week	James Davies	Widgeon 660
Tanner's Traditional Trophy - Best turned out traditional hull at the Championship voted for by members	Jonathan Lilliker	Little Bit 532
Wooden Bowl - In the opinion of the Committee the best cruising report published in DB News during preceding year.	Not awarded	
Brixham Trophy - Member trailing his boat the greatest distance to DB Open Meetings, including National Championship, during preceding year.	Tim Parkinson	Avocet 565
Quay Sails Shield - Member gaining the best points total at DB Open Meetings including the National Championship during the preceding year	Tim Parkinson	Avocet 565
Leaky Boat - Highest placed riveted clinker wooden boat - regardless of rig	Richard Cake	Instant Sunshine 583

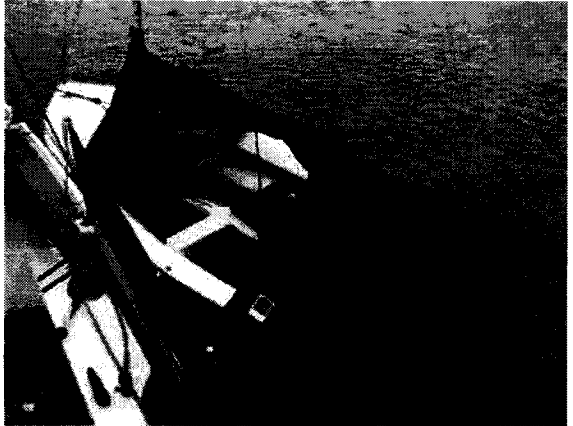


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Dayboat News from the Thames

I'm not sure what I can actually report from Gravesend Dayboats as I missed most of the season (hope you will be able to throw those crutches away soon, Geoff - Ed). Let me assure you even when the conditions look decidedly unpleasant, it's no fun watching others on the water. The season started well with Penny Davies joining some of the cruisers for a trip down river and camping aboard. Once she had repelled a drunken sailor who attempted to stow away. He was put onboard another boat, but had he been capable would have been made to walk the plank.

The news from GSC appears to be Paul Winterflood gaining in experience and club trophies sailing Ozone Friendly which he acquired last year from Geoff Pell. He has just invested in a new suit of sails so I will probably be seeing more of his transom than I want to next season. This seasons GSC DB Open was held in conjunction with the London River Travellers Trophy, part of a



handicap series between clubs based on the Thames. It saw Dayboats alongside MRX's (very briefly at the start), Lasers (for a bit longer) Wayfarers (much of the time) but in front of the Bosuns. It was a good days sailing and we hope to repeat it in the future.

GSC also saw the arrival of another 'smoothie' in the form of Arycanda, Tim Parkinson's wooden smoothie. This was Don Young's first cold moulded hull and has been bought by Jane Trowell and James Marriot, who wasted no time in using it to explore the east coast rivers around Burnham on Crouch as well as the Medway. They borrowed Penny's boom tent and camped on board (don't know about the stowaway though). Hopefully we will hear more of their travels in the near future.

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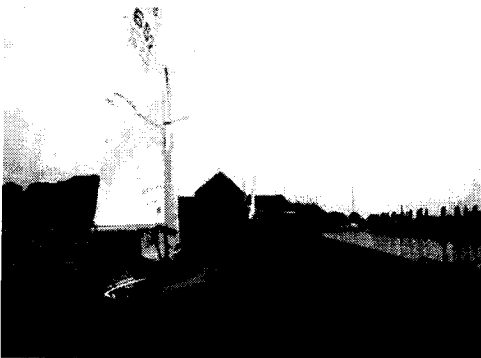


Once again there should be a sizable GSC contingent at Fishguard next year for Dayboat Week, where the members of Fishguard Yacht Club gave us a very warm welcome in 2004. A number of us have already booked accommodation and are looking forward to the week. Believe me it is worth the effort to trail to Fishguard, and it's easier than travelling to Rock.

Geoff Honey DB 636 Phoenix

Bosham Sailing Club

What a season! Always either too much wind or none at all! Anyway, the 12 race handicap series of the Bosham Classic dayboats was finally completed over 8 races and the Invitation Meeting was cut short by the strong winds. We even "sailed" one race by playing silly games in the bar.



Bosham's fleet of 10 Yachting World Dayboats all turned out whenever they could and acquitted themselves well. Yellow Peril (DB597) looks set to win the series followed by this year's newcomer, Xtra-Muriel (DB600) in third place and Piu Mosso (DB634) seventh. The rest of the YWs will all finish 12th or better. The fast division of the Classic Dayboats numbers 43 in total with average starts this year of 20. As is the Bosham custom, all

boats race off their individual handicaps, based on the Portsmouth system. Yellow Peril's performance is all the more creditable then, sailing as she does with a number below the official Portsmouth 1200.

There seems to be a continuing interest in YW Dayboats at Bosham and we are hopeful that more people will be attracted as time goes on.

Iain Macpherson DB 614 Doubloon



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Dayboats at Poole Yacht Club

There's more to Dayboaters than just sailing as the pre-season cycle rides and walks prove very popular every year. The sailing season kicked off with a Spring meeting at the club to enthuse everyone for the forthcoming season before the sailing got underway on Sunday 30th March. Poole Dayboaters race Monday and Thursday evenings from April to September and many Sundays - in all 64 races were possible plus 13 trophy races, and to cap it all, we hosted the Dayboat Nationals at Poole as well. Phew!

However, some of the best made plans came unstuck as strong winds or lack of wind meant that there were an unusually high number of abandoned races for the second season in succession - 6 of the trophy races were called off and could not be rescheduled due to other commitments of the club. When we look back over the season, many memories are not just of the sailing, but of the drinks and meals in the clubhouse after evening racing where nautical terms and manoeuvres are amicably discussed.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year was to host the Dayboat Nationals at the club in August. 36 boats entered the week and despite mixed weather, all sailing events were completed and the week was a great success with the social highlight being a guided tour around the RNLI Lifeboat college. Well done to Ron Lovett and Pete Sandham in Eliza (DB 602) from Poole who are our National Champions for 2008, and many thanks to all those dayboaters (present and past) who helped make the week such a success.



We're a lazy lot at Poole as we only take our boats out of the water once a year - at the end of the season, so while you are planning your visit to Fishguard next year, spare a thought for us Dayboaters at Poole as we contemplate two haul outs in one season.

John Lokier DB 632 Don't Panic

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AGM update



The 2008 AGM was held at Poole YC during Dayboat Week. The agenda included proposals for a number of rule changes and a change to the way the Association is organised. The changes are summarised below:

6.1 The subscriptions will remain unchanged for 2009.

6.2 The position of Membership Secretary was approved as an Officer of the Association.

6.3 Rule 13. This proposal was approved and now brings the Dayboat Class rule into line with the Racing Rules of Sailing. The jib stick can be used on either side of the mast, irrespective of the position of the main boom, but must be attached to the mast.

6.4 Rule 10. This change was approved so the bands on the spars may be paint or tape.

6.5 Mr Jim Twyman was made an Honorary Life Member of the Association.

The possibility of using a composite or moulded rudder blade was discussed after the meeting and the general feeling was that this would be acceptable provided the performance was comparable with the existing wooden blades. A moulded composite blade could be produced more economically than the individual wooden blades now being produced.

The condition of the Association-owned moulds was also discussed. At present we are able to store them all undercover but they are all wearing out and will need to be replaced at some point. During the discussion it was suggested that we consider creating a specific fund for mould replacement.

The Committee will now consider these items and any proposed changes will be brought to another AGM.