

# DAYBOAT NOTES

News from the Yachting World Dayboat Association

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Since our last edition of Dayboat Notes, the Association held its AGM during Dayboat Week at The Royal Torbay Yacht Club in May. One of the items on the agenda was the election of a new chairman and secretary and I was delighted to be voted as your new chairman together with Phil being voted as your new secretary. For the past three years, the Association has been fortunate to have Iain and Cass Macpherson as our chairman and secretary and both Phil and I are indebted to them for the hard work and dedication that they have put into their roles – it will be a hard act to follow.

So, these are my first Chairman's Notes, here we go. Just returning to the AGM, I was delighted that all other serving committee members were happy to stand again, and in addition, we welcome David Macfarlane to our committee. David is from Bosham Sailing Club whose fleet of YW Dayboats has grown from 1 or 2 several years ago to 20 at the current time. It is important that our second largest fleet is properly represented on the committee.

What do all of these 15 committee members do, I hear you ask. Well, we meet 3 or 4 times a year, at no cost to the association, mainly but not limited to, the promotion of the class (e.g. Dinghy Exhibition at Alexander Palace), control and safeguard the boat moulds, and organise Dayboat Weeks. I am pleased to report that we expect to exhibit at Ally Pally in March next year, the boat moulds have now all been renewed, the next Dayboat Week is booked for Rock, and we still have money in the bank.



If you're wondering who on earth are John & Phil, well that's us with our trophy which we won at a previous Dayboat Week at Rock in 2007.

Thank you to all our contributors for this edition, especially Kath and Bob Davis who bring it all together to this polished professional finish.

Happy reading and enjoy your open events.

John Lokier, DB632 Don't Panic

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*Cover picture: 27 entries at Dayboat Week - report on page 7*

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## THE COMMITTEE

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Please contact any Committee member for advice or information

### Welcome to new members

Charles McNally DB653, Majo Too, Bosham YC

Daniel, Rhiannon and John Davies, DB350, Two Sisters, Swansea

Katharine Hodgson, London

John Mullan, Gravesend

Natalie and Paul French, Bournemouth

John Thorn, Torquay

Charles James, Poole YC

Vincent Foster, Janet Jones and Kody, DB555, Toast, Stokes Bay SC

Adrian and Jane Weller, DB618, Vis Vitae, Bosham SC

Jonathan Burke, DB105, Vida, Glasgow

Phillip Blake, Poole YC

Jane Mendelssohn, DB339, Sans Souci, Bosham SC

John Waters, DB604, Men Behaving Sadly Again, Poole YC

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## NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

### POOLE



The Dayboat pontoon ready for the season

The Spring series running through April and May, on Monday and Thursday evenings resulted with a win for DB 670 Déjà Vu, sailed by Bob and Margaret Clewer. 24 boats took part in the series, with the best race turnout being 15. This made a promising start to the season.

John Waters has rejoined the DB fleet in Men Behaving Sadly Again, (ex Jamsangler DB 604). John is a very experienced sailor and a great addition to the class at Poole.

I have had several new suits of sails to measure at the start of the season. Pete Sanders appears to be the sailmaker of choice and it has been good business for him. This may seem to be an advert for him, but, credit where it is due, he seems to produce consistently good sails that suit the characteristics of the DB.

Ten PYC members made the trip to Torquay for Dayboat Week – a very good turnout. It proved to be a most enjoyable week as always. A full report on the sailing is included elsewhere in the “magazine”.

We look forward to the Poole DB Open which is effectively two one day events. The start on Saturday will be at 2pm for a harbour course which incorporates a voyage around the islands. On Sunday there are three points races scheduled for the Newton Cup. The first race is at 10:30am. The date? 27-28 July.

Pete Hewitt DB669, Merlin.

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**Is your club represented here? . . . . .**

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## BOSHAM

Spring? Never seen anything like it! Ally Pally came and we all thought: “Not long now.” Then it all closed in and weather worse than winter descended. However, as a result of the somewhat eccentric Bosham race programming the Classic Dayboats have actually managed only to lose one race – but that was in June, for goodness sake!

We started the season in high hopes, with nominally 20 boats on the strength and because of this we have had a couple of informal races with our own start; and without handicapping. The shape of things to come?

Six Bosham boats went to Torbay for a thoroughly enjoyable Dayboat Week. Congratulations to David and Fiona MacFarlane (DB 597) for breaking into single figures in the points series; and welcome to newcomers Judy Roberts and Liz Adams (DB617) and Adrian and Jane Weller (DB618). From the point of view of your correspondent, one of the highlights of the week was the ferry trip around Berry Head to Dartmouth, a prolonged sheltering from the weather in the Dartmouth Arms and the ride on the steam train back to Paignton.



Port/Starboard?

The last week of June saw Bosham SC's “3 Day Week”. YW Dayboats acquitted themselves well with Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (DB616) coming first in the 4 Race series of the CDB Division of the Medium Fleet. The other Dayboats competing were 4th with a first in Race 3, Judy Roberts and Liz Adams (DB617), 5th Barry and Jan Colgate (DB634) and 7th Mark and Sue Ross (DB637). Adrian Weller was back in the Torbay Minnow for this event and did rather well too – must have been the Dayboat training!

By the time this piece goes to print, we will have had the Bosham Open and Bosham will have put on its Classic Boat Revival at which a large fleet is expected to gather. More of that later.

Iain Macpherson, DB614 Doublon

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**..... even if you are the only Dayboater at your club, we would still like to hear from you.**

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## BOSHAM OPEN MEETING

On Sunday 14th July, Bosham hosted its second Open Meeting for YWDBs. 6 visiting boats, representing all the YWDB fleets in the country, joined 9 home fleet boats in ideal sailing conditions.

The weather was spectacular with a steady 10-12 knot breeze and unbroken sunshine, meaning that T-shirts, shorts, hats and sun cream were very much the order of the day.

Three Olympic style races were run from a committee boat in the main part of Chichester Harbour and each race featured a different winner.



In race 1 Peter Hewitt, crewed by Katharine Hodgson had a comfortable win ahead of David and Fiona MacFarlane from the home club .

In race 2 James Davies and Adam Gray pulled out a significant lead from the rest of the fleet during the second race, with Bob and Kath Davis coming second.

In the last race Colin and Chrissie Blewett just held off Peter Hewitt to secure first place.

The final results were very close with a count back needed to decide 3rd and 4th places.

David Macfarlane, DB597 Yellow Peril

### Results

1st	Peter Hewitt and Katherine Hodgson	Poole YC	3pt
2nd	James Davies and Adam Grey	Southampton/Gravesend	4pt
3rd	Colin and Chrissie Blewett	Poole YC	5pt
4th	David and Fiona Macfarlane	Bosham SC	5pt
5th	Bob and Kath Davis	Poole YC	7pt

***Remember to visit the Association website***

***[www.ywdb.co.uk](http://www.ywdb.co.uk)***

***Information - News - Boats & Gear for sale  
and lots of DB photos***

***More stories from members in the Forum***

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## DAYBOAT WEEK at ROYAL TORBAY YC

For a boat designed 64 years ago it was a testament to its durability and accessibility that 27 boats made the trip to Torquay to take part in what has become more informally known as "Dayboat week". Don't be fooled by the age of the boat (or some of the competitors!) the racing at the sharp end is fierce but after 56 years of Dayboat Week there is more to it than just the racing. Of the 27 boats, none are local to Torbay, with 11 coming from Poole, 6 from Bosham, 6 from Gravesend and 4 other clubs represented.

I had read before I left that the racing in Torbay was of the highest quality unless the wind comes from the East or North East when it gets rather disrupted by the hills and racing needs to be taken further off shore. So for the first day we were disappointed to see a mixed easterly wind creating chaos on the beats as the shifts starting to swing. Many boats found themselves running parallel with others but on different tacks. The fun had just begun. Plenty of opportunity for ground to be won and lost although the experienced heads of Pete Hewitt, Murray Glenister and Richard Cake showing the way to finish in that order.



The Royal Torbay Yacht Club has been in existence for 150 years and sits quietly on a road back from the harbour with great views over the bay, which deceives the eye into the belief that all is calm out there. Certainly not the case on our second day which was to include a commemorative sail past in celebration of the club's history, which unfortunately, together with race 2, had to be postponed. Still, never a chance to get bored at a Dayboat week with plenty of social events to keep the spirits up.

The 2nd and 3rd points races were sailed back to back on a lighter day but no less frustrating. Again the wild swings of wind under the cliffs made the beats a bit of a lottery, but some had better numbers than others. The second race saw

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the same two at the top but with brand new boat Icarus sailed by James Davies coming through into 3rd place. Unfortunately for the 3rd race the wind not only decided to swing around by 30 or 40 degrees but to then abandon the race completely. This led to an almost comical finish with around 20 boats neck and neck creeping towards the line. Having had a strong lead for much of the race, Murray Glenister and Bob Davis were caught in the hole as the pack descended on them. From the chaos emerged some sort of order as Sue Clayton jumped free on a personal gust of wind to take line honours and her first win, a mere 37 years after her first Dayboat week.

Race 4 was another tricky situation with a much steadier breeze (we thought) coming on shore. At the first mark the race was led by Richard Cake in his 34 year old wooden boat, followed closely by his son David in his 5 year old fibreglass boat (it gets into the blood this boat). The lead changed hands and the wind died leaving everyone bobbing along the waves waiting for any breeze at all. Eventually the fleet drifted across the finish line with Pete Hewitt drifting faster than others to finish first with Geoff Pell 2nd. With just one race left in the points series Pete Hewitt had taken the title as unfortunately Murray Glenister's crew (& wife) Theresa, had not been well enough to compete that day.

The final day saw a much more consistent breeze and the best sailing of the week. Although only 9 boats may agree with that statement as they were the only souls brave enough to venture out to sea. Any suggestion that the older wooden boats aren't up to the task was firmly rejected as Tim Parkinson edged ahead in Avocet (first registered in 1975) to round the windward mark first and keep hold of that lead all the way home. Apparently it was Tim's first championship points race win in 30 consecutive years of attending Dayboat week. Both great achievements. It certainly was not a day to hit a mark but David Cake had a quick turn to do before hitting the plane on the reaches to make up lost ground. When the wind blows these boats can really take it and handle beautifully. In a breeze of around 25 knots, no capsizes and I think, no breakages. They really are made to last. Who knows, there may be another 56 dayboat weeks to come. There's definitely at least one in Rock, Cornwall next year.



David Cake DB661 Moonrunner



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## Dayboat Week 2013 Results:

1	Pete Hewitt and Chris Lockett	669	Merlin
2	James Davies and Adam Gray	673	Icarus
3	Sue Clayton and Howard Clayton	650	Hullaballoo
4	David Cake and Steve Claxton	661	Moonrunner
5	Bob Davis and Kath Davis	641	Lucky
6	Tim and Diana Parkinson	656	Avocet
7	John and Phil Lokier	632	Don't Panic
8	David and Fiona Macfarlane	597	Yellow Peril
9	Wendy and Roy Davies	649	Mandarin
10	Richard Cake and Richard Weston	583	Instant Sunshine
11	Paul Winterflood and Charlotte Davies	535	Ozone Friendly
12	Murray and Theresa Glenister	659	Lyberty
13	Andy Cake and Dick Sears	609	The Black Pig
14	Judy Roberts and Lizzy Adams	617	Frin
15	Geoff and Margaret Pell	672	Dazer
16	Michael Hewitt and Natalie French`	601	Johdie
17	Barry and Jan Colgate	634	Piu Mosso
18	Mark and Charlie James	635	Young at Heart
19	Richard and Debbie Twyman	612	Hazy Daze
20	Iain and Cass Macpherson	614	Doubloon
21	Adrian and Jane Weller	618	Vis Vitae
22	Steve and Penny Davies	660	Widgeon
23	Tony Ryan and Katharine Hodgson	494	Pluto
24	Mike and Jackie Cutler	629	Kerfuffle
25	Stuart and Carol Martell	655	Emma
26	David and Deb Struthers	378	Tapio
27	Harri Davies and Jon Mullan	514	Yaki Dar

## A Special Award

For many years Frances Philbrick crewed at DB Week with husband Gerry. We are not sure how much 'persuasion' took place. Sadly, Frances died last year and to show his appreciation of those many races Gerry donated a 'once only' prize, a quilt made by Frances. It was to be awarded at Dayboat Week to the highest-placed lady crew to complete all races. This was won by Diana Parkinson - well done, Diana.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAYBOAT WEEK 2014</b> <b>ROCK SAILING AND WATER SKI CLUB</b> <b>MAY 25 - 29</b></p>
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A new rule was proposed and agreed at the AGM.

## **Rule 22 Electronic Equipment**

The use of all electrical or electronic devices or instruments is prohibited except for the following functions: time keeping, compass heading and changes thereof, or the recording of sound or photographic images. Equipment so used shall not receive or use data from any external source.

## **Are wooden boats finished?**

It is a fact that 483 of the 673 DB registered are/were of wooden clinker construction. It is also a fact that once the maintenance of this type of hull is neglected for an appreciable time it requires considerable skill and effort to restore the hull to good condition.

Recently I have had contact with at least two boat builders who have acquired old neglected DB hulls for the purpose of training a new generation of apprentices in the skills required for working on wooden boats. One builder has only the hull and consulted me on acquiring spars, sails, etc. so that he could recover some of the training costs. Thus I've suggested to him that he endeavours to put the refurbished hull, which will be to a high standard, on the market as a spare. After all we replace masts and spars when they are broken or worn out, so why not hulls?

Thus I am floating the idea that we could foster a trickle of refurbished hulls back into action if owners of old boats who are currently discouraged by problems with their hull (I mean boat not body!) would be attracted by my idea. Please contact me (direct, on [ywdb.co.uk/forum](http://ywdb.co.uk/forum) or the Facebook group) if you have any suggestions or comments that are relevant.

Tim Parkinson, DB 565, Avocet

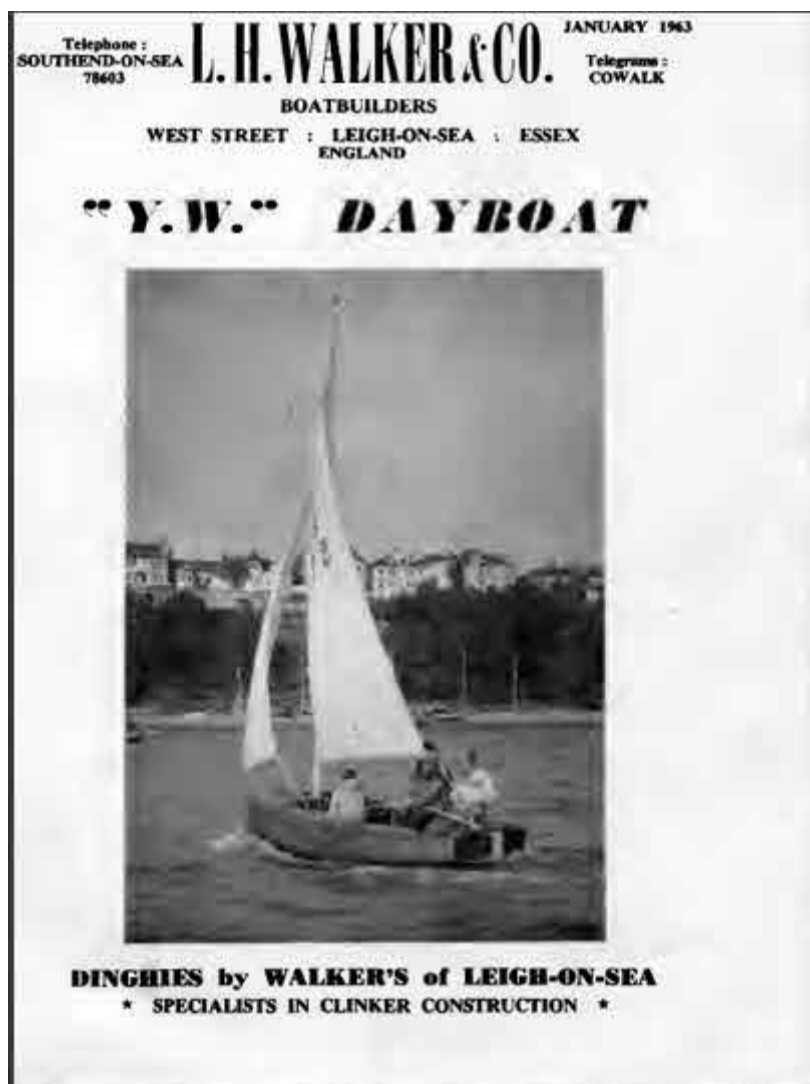


Tim with daughter Diana, beating the rest of the fleet to the line in races 5 at this year's Dayboat Week. Proving that wooden boats can still be competitive.

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## From the Website



“As specialist builders of clinker construction since 1946 and renowned for our dinghies both home and abroad, we now offer you the WALKER’S version of “The Yachting World” DAYBOAT.

We were most impressed with the design and performance of this craft when tried out in the Thames Estuary. With our knowledge and practical experience of Clinker construction coupled with craftsmanship and first-class materials we can offer a DAYBOAT which every yachtsman will be proud to own.

“The Yachting World” DAYBOAT, already very popular, and adopted by several sailing clubs, has proved itself to be a roomy, stable and seaworthy boat. Sturdily built, it is a general purpose boat, suitable for the family man, racing or cruising.”

*The full brochure, including prices is reproduced on the website*

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## **Dayboat Week 2014. – Rock, Whit Week.**

Next year's DB Week is to be held at Rock, Cornwall. This is a venue that has been regularly used on the DB circuit and has always proved a popular location. The dates for the sailing are Sunday 25th to Thursday 29th May 2014, inclusive, making it possible to book Friday to Friday or Saturday to Saturday accommodation.

As always the ideal is to find somewhere to stay within walking distance of the club. These properties tend to be in high demand as it is a school holiday week commanding premium rates. A quick scan online provided a range of places at varying prices. There are a variety of options within a short drive of the club, including holiday caravans and camping as well as self catering cottages. I can recommend Dinham Farm Cottages from experience as we have stayed there in the past. My advice would be to look online and reserve/book as soon as possible.

The sailing club is small and very friendly with good facilities. There is a superb south facing balcony for spectators. The moorings dry out but are on a sandy beach. Non sailors can enjoy walking in the area, while Padstow is a ferry ride across the estuary.

Planning for the week is in very early stages but the format should be similar to our usual with two or more meals included in the entry fee.

Please put the date in your diary – we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Sally Hewitt DB669 sponsor.

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Would you like to attend Dayboat Week but are put off for some reason?

Too expensive?

Always in school holidays?

Afraid of being at the back of the fleet?

Embarrassed if you win?

Too old?

Too young?

Don't have a crew?

Don't know anyone?

Whatever the reason the committee would like to hear from you..... the Dayboat Week formula is not written in stone. Write to Phil Lokier, Hon Sec 11 Jupiter Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, BH21 3XG or email [phil.lokier@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.lokier@btinternet.com) if you have any thoughts, thank you.

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## **The Anderson Trophy and mentoring system**

The Anderson Trophy was awarded for the 3rd time for the at Torbay this year. Entries were placed in order of the possible result – based on the previous Dayboat weeks' results and judgement (guesswork?) where no suitable results were available. Each boat from the 'top half was paired with a boat from the bottom half – lots being drawn to decide the pairings.

The winning team would be the pair of boats with the lowest combined points score, and the 'No 2 crew' would take the trophy home. The main intention was to encourage discussion and passing on of advice and assistance across the fleet.

The following article was written after last year's event, but the sentiments are the same – apologies to Stuart for its late appearance.

Ed

## **Mentoring of DB655 and its crew**

When I first came across mentoring at Dayboat Week 2011 in Weymouth, I thought it was a vaguely patronising idea and slightly anti-competitive. The former presupposes that we are fairly useless sailors, which, of course, we are and the latter that a national championship is handicapping the best in favour of the worst by getting the former to give away some of the secrets of their success to the latter.

At Dayboat Week 2012 in Fishguard, a more positive mindset emerged in DB655. We decided to accept the idea of mentoring as being a helpful mechanism towards defeating some of our intrinsic weaknesses in both boat setup and practical racing. At this point, we were hit by a stroke of good luck. In the draw for mentors, we got Murray Glenister, a first class sailor of YW Dayboats. DB655 was always a good downwind boat, but because of set up changes suggested by Murray, she is now a transformed boat going upwind. Back at Bosham having had the suggested changes implemented, we are now much more successful in our series racing. There were many other pieces of advice given by Murray in both setup and practical racing, which don't need detailing here. But suffice it to say, that in my opinion, mentoring encourages a new spirit of optimism in those benefiting from its advice and perhaps defines the compassionate spirit of dayboat racing at the national level.

Stuart Martell DB655, Emma

*Apologies to Don and Nigel Young. In Nigel's article in the last issue of DB Notes I managed to transpose their names*

*Ed*

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## A new Dayboat, a new hull mould, and another Dinghy Show

As reported in the last edition of DB Notes, the Association commissioned a new hull mould, part-funded by loans from members. Many of you generously added a donation to your annual subs again this year. This together with a generous donation from Gerry Philbrick, a life member of the Association has raised almost £1000. A big thank you to you all.



Icarus at Torbay

The starting point for the new mould was a new Dayboat hull made in the old mould, and then faired and sprayed to a fine finish to form the 'plug' on which the new mould was laid-up (follow that?). The end result is a new Dayboat (Icarus, DB 673 – grp hull with wooden deck), owned by James Davies, and a new hull mould.



Icarus at RYA Dinghy Show

Icarus (with some help from James) has already proved herself at Dayboat Week and other events (see Reports in this issue). The new mould is in Chris Somner's shop waiting patiently for the first customer to order the next new Dayboat.

James trailed an (almost) finished Icarus to the Dinghy Show at 'Ally Pally' in early March, so we were, once again, able to show a brand new boat on the Stand. The Show was, as usual, a very sociable affair. The stand generates a lot of interest: promotion and advertising often don't bring instant results, but your Committee believes that the Show is an effective way to keep the Dayboat in the 'public eye'. Many thanks to James and all the 'team' who turned up to set up, look after and dismantle the stand.

So 'mission accomplished', almost. Anyone for a new Dayboat?

Bob Davis DB641 Lucky

Hon Treasurer

	<p><b>RYA Dinghy Show 2014</b> <b>1 – 2 March</b></p>
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## Going electronic

Many of you received your membership card and certificate as a .pdf file this year. We are also starting to send some of you an electronic DB Notes. We recently contacted all members for whom we have an email address asking if they would like to receive an electronic copy of DB Notes, starting with this issue.

Consequently some 40 or so of you will be reading this on your computer screen. If any of you want to change your mind, either way, just let me know by email [kathdavis@btinternet.com](mailto:kathdavis@btinternet.com) If you don't remember getting the email please contact me, so I can check we have the correct email address, I did get a few returns.



## Have you joined the Group yet?

Some of the things you missed:

- Mould progress in pictures
- 100 years anniversary of George O'Brien Kennedy's birth.
- Wooden deck going onto Icarus - in pictures
- Tommy Bennett found a boat, but where does he start restoring?
- Tom Blackmore shows off DB259 after restoration
- The Stand at the Dinghy Show before the show opened
- Daily update of DB Week results

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

You are invited to  
**DAYBOAT OPEN MEETINGS 2013**

**POOLE YACHT CLUB on 27-28 JULY**

Contact Pete Hewitt - [Sa11yHewitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Sa11yHewitt@yahoo.co.uk) - 01985 214745

**GRAVESEND SAILING CLUB on 10 - 11 AUGUST**

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## Rock 2007 Gallery

more pictures on Website – [ywdb.com](http://ywdb.com)



The Clubhouse

## DAYBOAT WEEK 2014 at Rock Sailing & Water Ski Club 25 - 29 May



Dayboats at rest



Dayboats at play

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The easy way to load the trailer.....

