

DAYBOAT NOTES

News from the Yachting World Dayboat Association
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Season's Greetings



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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from your Committee.

2015 was a mixed year weather wise, but I hope you made the most of it with your Dayboat activities. You will see from the enclosed articles that our three main clubs held successful Open events, albeit with fewer than normal visitors due partly to the dates being so concentrated over a short period – 2016 dates are more evenly spread.

Our latest new build boat (DB 676) has been moulded and is now with the Hewitt family, for fitting out. We'll be exhibiting at the Alexander Palace Dinghy Show again next year (5th and 6th March), and James Hewitt has kindly agreed to show his new boat on our stand.

Regrettably, our designated boat builder has built his last Dayboat and so we're now searching for a new builder – see the article on page 14.

Plans for our 2016 Dayboat Week are progressing well. Brixham Yacht Club is located in the town next to the picturesque harbour, so accommodation within walking distance of the club is recommended as car parking may be a challenge. The club overlooks Torbay which will be our sailing area for the week and Brixham YC are looking forward to welcoming us again after an absence of 49 years.. I am sure that it will be a great week - whatever your sailing experience is, come along and join the fun!

Time marches on and we're already in the process of assessing venues for 2017 and we should be able to announce the winner in late Spring/early Summer.

To all committee members and Dayboat club organisers, a big thank you for yet another enjoyable year.

John Lokier DB 632 Don't Panic

Cover picture: Photographs of the Long Distance race at Salcombe in June, (from the website)

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Please contact any Committee member for advice or information

Welcome to new members ...

Paul Ewan, Tiptree, Essex. Paul now owns DB 198, which won DB Week 1961 - see the article on page 10. Unfortunately it doesn't appear in the old photograph!.

Mike Broughton, Lymington, Hampshire. He has DB 415 and is a member of RNSA.

Joseph Mann, Saltash, Cornwall. DB 486, Skeena.

We wish you all happy Dayboat sailing

We are on Facebook. Want to join?

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



NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

You may sail the only Dayboat at your Club, but we would still like to hear from you

..... contributions to kathdavis@btinternet.com by mid June for the next issue

THORNBURY

Determined efforts have continued to crack the ultimate Pill Challenge of reaching Bullo Pill, which is about 15 nm upstream, in one tide. Tim Parkinson in Avocet reached it but could not sail in due to the strong current. Dave Allen did manage to get in the pill and managed to get back to Oldbury but getting ashore proved a little difficult as there was not much water in the pill! Next year!!

On the racing side it is newsworthy that there are two Dayboats sailing in the Club Winter Series; Pluto sailed by Tim Parkinson and Tony Ryan and Constance by Dave Allen and Andrew Pike. They are currently fighting for 6th place in the handicap series.

And looking ahead we are planning a THORNBURY DB OPEN after a gap of 13 years. This will be on the weekend of September 10th and 11th next year.

Depending on the preferences of entrants this could be a one day open with the other day given over to a long distance pill cruise or even race.

In order to dispel any ideas that we just sail in a muddy creek I include a map of our sailing area. It is very nearly 2.5 nm across to the other side. I do agree there is rather less when the tide is out! And there are significant currents which will not be extreme on the chosen dates next year.



Tim Parkinson, DB 565 Avocet

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BOSHAM

I am pleased to report that we have enjoyed another very successful year at Bosham.

New to the fleet this year, we welcomed Paul Dewing and Katie Prentice with the beautifully restored DB 475 Flo. This brings the fleet up to a total of 21 boats.

Paul and Katie not only competed in every points race throughout the season but also attended their first Dayboat Week at Salcombe.

At Dayboat Week they were joined by 5 other Bosham boats, plus a non sailing, guest appearance from Iain and Cass Macpherson!

Whilst the wind gods misbehaved for a large part of the week the sun shone and the Bosham contingent fully enjoyed all that Salcombe had to offer.

A total of 11 boats competed in our Open Meeting. Peter Hewitt and Natalie French (DB 669) battled an increasing wind to win the first two races and were therefore able to sit out the 3rd allowing David and Fiona Macfarlane (DB 597) to secure 2nd overall from Paul Dewing and Katie Prentice (DB 475)

For the third year in a row our main club Regatta was won by Mark Stanton (DB 673) this year crewed by Emma Seaton.

Over the year long Club Points series we had an average of 9 boats competing.

For most of the year Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (DB 616) were leading the YWDB's only for a combination of Alastair's dodgy back and a slight problem with the signing on sheet (!) dropping them down the overall reckoning. After a slow start David and Fiona Macfarlane (DB 597) found some significant light weather speed from August onwards to clinch 1st place in the final series race from Paul Dewing and Katie Prentice (DB 475) 2nd with Ian Norman and John Smith (DB 652) in 3rd place.

At the annual Bosham Classic Boat Revival meeting in September there was a total of 60 boats entered with the YWDB's well represented in the Medium



Close racing at Bosham between Barry and Jan Colgate (DB634) and John Webber crewed by Robin Kent (DB600)

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fleet. David and Fiona Macfarlane (DB 597) headed the YWDB's in 5th place overall but were unable to come to terms with two very well sailed Fireflies and a pair of majestic Brightlingsea One Designs.

Looking forward to 2016, we are very confident that there will be a record turnout of at least 9 Bosham boats attending Dayboat Week at Brixham.

David Macfarlane, DB 597 Yellow Peril

SOLWAY

Fog and chill for Easter Sailors in Kippford. (just a little late, my fault! - Ed)

Fog and a steady light wind greeted a strong entry into Solway Yacht Club's annual Easter Egg Races in Kippford on Easter Sunday. Despite a delay while hoping for the fog to clear, the Race Officer Capt. Gordon Daly, set an inshore course, the maximum visibility would allow.



Race 1 Foggy Start (photo Jim Holland)

Race one and Stewart Biggar led the fleet with Ian Purkis and his crew of Margaret and Thomas Purkis (aged 8) holding second. The end of lap 1 and Purkis made an elementary mistake, failing to pass through the start finish line, requiring him to turn back to correct the error. This promoted Zak Holland, the leading SYC Cadet member into second and Duncan Blandford into third, positions they held to the race end.

Race two and a similar pattern, with Biggar out in front again. This time no mistake from the Purkis crew who came home second, just ahead of Blandford third again, and Holland fourth.

The Easter Egg prizes were awarded with Biggar clear winner. However there was a tie for second with second to fourth finishing exactly in reverse order in race 2 from race 1. The Purkis crew were lucky to be awarded 2nd overall, based on their 2nd in the final race.

With 8 crews competing, mostly cadet members, this was one of the best entries in recent years for the early season event.

Ian Purkiss, DB 344 Brillig

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GRAVESEND

It is with great sadness that I have to report the loss of Jean Twyman earlier in the year and more recently Pat Rouse. Those more seasoned Dayboat sailors will know that along with her late husband Jim, Jean was instrumental in not only bringing the Dayboat class to GSC but also ensuring it thrived over the many years they sailed together and brought up a family of Dayboat sailors. Jean had her last sail in a Dayboat on her 90th birthday, as featured in the July edition of DB Notes.

Whilst Pat was a more recent convert to sailing along with husband David and family, they sailed the wooden Dayboat Oasis and more recently DB643 Zenith. I think it's fair to say that Pat would sometimes be a reluctant crew, but once out on the water had a smile on her face and gave advice to David on where to go. (at least that's what she once told me).

They were regular attendees at DB week over the recent past, sharing a holiday cottage with Frances and me on a number of occasions, in what became a GSC tradition.

Both Jean and Pat will be fondly remembered but greatly missed by all who knew them.



The number of GSC Dayboats out on the water has been low as a number of the regulars have been missing for various reasons. Due to more self-inflicted injuries this been a season of spectating rather than sailing for me. Once again I have lost a season's sailing and the novelty of watching from the shore has worn off. I hope to get back on the water next year and looking forward to sailing at Gravesend and Brixham.

It was good to see Dave Thompson sailing at Salcombe DB week, although crew issues meant he could not take part in all the points races. He has only managed a couple of races in the past three seasons

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Paul Winterflood has managed to take the club series trophy as well as being the sole GSC representative at some of the DB Open events.



The GSC Open weekend was once again supported by Tim and Diana Parkinson (pictured) who again showed the local sailors how to sail in strong tidal conditions. We do look forward to seeing some more Dayboaters at GSC next year, whilst the boats are still launched by crane the crew no longer have to negotiate the ladders. They can now stroll down onto the pontoon and climb into their boat, all done without getting wet.

Geoff Honey, DB 636 Phoenix

POOLE

A very mixed season at Poole this year, on paper all the dates were set and all the trophy races in place but the weather had other ideas.



Open meeting photos by Mike Millard

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We held the single handed race on 30th May, David Cake defended his title and won again. The Bar Buoy trophy was also raced on that day and was won by John and Phil Lokier. The wind and also lack of it meant that we were unable to race for the Bournemouth Pier, Bankes Arms and Studland trophies.



Pete Hewitt and Natalie French



Steve and Annette Wilson



Sue and Howard Clayton

The Poole Open Weekend was held on the 4th & 5th July which clashed with Bosham's regatta so we were down on visiting boats. However Paul Winterflood with Ozone Friendly attended from Gravesend. I managed to find him an excellent crew in John Lewis (no pun intended) a past dayboater and they finished a very respectable 3rd in the Round the Harbour Islands race on the Saturday, this being won by Pete Hewitt and Murray Glenister in Merlin with Wendy and myself finishing 2nd in Mandarin. 9 boats started but the wind became a little strong and with 1 breakage, 3 boats retired.

The wind on Sunday was a little kinder with 12 boats on the start line. Overall winner was Pete Hewitt and Natalie French in DB 669 Merlin, 2nd Steve and Annette Wilson in DB 676 Aurora and 3rd Sue and Howard Clayton in DB 650 Hullabaloo, Sue who managed her first capsizes in 40 years of Dayboat sailing (not bad going) commented 'it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be'. Paul French, Natalie's husband crewed for Paul Winterflood in Ozone Friendly and were 8th overall. He enjoyed it so much they have bought 633 Kaos and joined the club. A crew down Pete! All in all it was a good weekend.

On the 1st August we held the Wareham Trophy which entails entering

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the start of the Wareham River, this involves much tacking and getting stuck in the mud. One of the tactics is to stay back and see who hits the mud and then tack early gaining a few places! Pete and Sally Hewitt won the race, with Bob and Margaret Clewer winning the return for the Ray Allen Trophy.

Finally a date for your diary; Poole Dayboat Open is 11th and 12th June 2016 we hope to welcome you all for a weekend of sailing.



With the boats safely tucked up for the winter the Poole DBoaters have turned to other activities. John Lokier organised our first cycle ride along the trailway from Blandford to Shillingstone and we have monthly walks and cycle rides planned. Happy Sailing.

Roy Davies, DB 649, Mandarin

FROM THE WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

Paul Ewan, based in Tiptree, N Essex has just joined the Association and would really appreciate some advice on the feasibility of repairing DB 198. He describes the condition as: the hull has been pushed out of shape on one side where 2 planks are split as well as 4 ribs broken. At the transom 5 planks have pulled away, there are a couple of cracked planks underneath, one next to the keel near the front plus a couple of other bits to work on! Not good!!

Photographs illustrated the problems. Some advice was forthcoming, hopefully Paul has made a start and we look forward to hearing that DB198 is again on the water.

Matthew Toberman has other thoughts on what to do with his Dayboat

“Hi There, just wondering if anyone is interested in a somewhat dilapidated Dayboat... Unfortunately we just don't have the time to give it the time it deserves (needs!) but it comes with a rudder, a set of sails and a trailer and it was out sailing the season before last..... open to offers or possible charitable donation. It is located on the west coast of Scotland near to Oban.

RETURN TO BRIXHAM in 2016

We (Kath and I) recently visited Brixham Yacht Club with John and Phil Lokier, and Pete and Sally Hewitt, to finalise (almost!) arrangements for Dayboat Week 2016. As we were about to leave the Commodore, David Faithful, produced a weathered book of old photographs. Many of the Club's records and archives had been lost in a flood, but this book escaped. He turned up this photograph – the 1961 Dayboat Championships.



I only vaguely remembered that the DB fleet had been to Brixham before. Avid readers with a good memory will remember Richard Cake's piece in Dayboat Notes of Dec 2012, part of which is reproduced on page 13. A trawl through the data on the DB website revealed that the Dayboats also visited Brixham for the Championships in 1960, 1961, 1964 and 1967. So we are returning after a gap of 49 years!

The results for these early 'Weeks' are quite illuminating. Turnouts were impressive – 49 boats in 1967, 39 boats in 1964, 37 boats in 1960, although for some reason only 10 in 1961 (no landing craft available? - Ed). In those days the fleet was divided into A and B fleets for clinker and smooth-hulled boats, although not many smooth boats competed (between 2 and 6).



Some members might remember some of the names on the results – Don Tanner, Gordon Anderson and others. Richard Cake (still sailing in Instant Sunshine DB 583, pictured) won the event in 1967 in DB 205, Spartan (and thereby disqualified himself from ever winning the 'Decent' Trophy where age of helm and crew are factored-in with the overall result. Did he think about that at the time?). His brother John (now John Caig) and

late father Eric showed well in the results in 1960 and 1964. I believe that Richard is planning to return to Brixham in 2016 so he will be hoping to repeat the feat 49 years later.

Bob Davis, DB 641 Lucky

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Dayboat Week 1967 at Brixham

- The 'Top 20' clinker-hulled Dayboats

| Boat | Boatname | First Name | Competitor | Club | Crew | Position | Points | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 |
|------|---------------|------------|---------------|------|------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 150 | Karen | Richard | Cake | PYC | | 1 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 88 | Damon | Don | Tanner | PYC | | 2 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 21 | Daylight | Gordon | Anderson | AxSC | | 3 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| 275 | Kerrl | Canon D. | O'Hanlon | PYC | | 4 | 17 | 1 | 2 | R | 6 | 9 |
| 344 | Brillig | B.G | Frampton | PYC | | 5 | 19 | 22 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 243 | Jane | J. | Maclennan | PYC | | 6 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| 373 | Sine Nomine | M. | Bowyer | PYC | | 7 | 24 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| 444 | Up An' Over | G.A. | Stead | | | 8 | 30 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 8 |
| 246 | Koshka | J.K | Short | PYC | | 9 | 36 | R | 14 | 10 | 5 | 7 |
| 153 | Madcap | A.G. | Davis | PYC | | 10 | 41 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 11 |
| 380 | Namrus | E.J. | Surman | | | 11 | 47 | 27 | 15 | 9 | 11 | 12 |
| 294 | Temper | J.C. | Johns | | | 12 | 53 | 4 | 17 | 8 | 24 | R |
| 164 | Whimbrel | H.D. | Boulcott | RGYC | | 13 | 54 | 19 | 10 | 15 | 13 | 16 |
| 188 | Kindred Spirt | M.N. | Smith | | | 14 | 55 | 7 | 13 | 22 | 15 | 20 |
| 410 | Dolly | R.M | Lees | PYC | | 15 | 57 | 21 | 24 | 13 | 8 | 15 |
| 407 | Deva | A.G. | Farrell | GSC | | 16 | 57 | 10 | 18 | 17 | 12 | R |
| 32 | Sospah | Graham | Lee | PYC | | 17 | 60 | 12 | 23 | 11 | 14 | X |
| 183 | Diana | M.A. | Kiddle Morris | | | 18 | 66 | 3 | 4 | 14 | R | R |
| 93 | Swallow | I. | Jamieson | | | 19 | 70 | 17 | 12 | 24 | R | 17 |
| 379 | Dauphine | J.R. | Barker | RGYC | | 20 | 79 | 15 | 22 | 21 | 21 | R |

Quite 1960's formal - not many first names, crews don't get a mention (shame!). Collars and ties were probably worn on the water. I wonder how many of these boats are still sailing? Brillig (DB 344) certainly is - see Ian Purkis's piece on page 6 .

These and many more results of DB Weeks and other events can be found on the website.

MEMORIES OF DAYBOAT WEEK 1960 (at Brixham)

From DB Notes December 2012, by Richard Cake

“ at that time very few of us had road trailers. The drill in those days was to ring up Keith Short when your boat was ready after the winter and Keith, who had a trailer, would turn up with a few club members and take your boat to the club. Simple!

So how to get our boats to Brixham?

Well, Bob Newton was commodore of Poole at the time and also as the commanding officer of the Royal Marines at Hamworthy was an honorary member of the club. The solution was obvious: Bob persuaded the marines that what they really needed to do was to carry out an exercise in boat transport by taking a secret cargo (13 Dayboats and the club launch) along the coast to Brixham.

Such an easy solution! So at 6am on a foggy August morning, we set sail from our moorings to join the tank landing craft moored in the main channel just off the club. On arrival (see photo) it transpired that much to our surprise there was a gantry across the stern of the ship, too low for us to negotiate with our masts up, so down they had to come, much more of a performance than now I can assure you, what with taped up bottle screws and split pins.

However, with all safely stowed aboard the ship sailed for Brixham and we all got in our cars the following day to meet her on arrival in Torbay, where the process was reversed.”



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2016 takes place at Alexandra Palace in London over the weekend of **5 - 6 March 2016**



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NEW DAYBOATS

A new Dayboat for James Hewitt (676) has come out of the moulds at Chris Somner's workshop and will be fitted out by the Hewitt 'family'. Its first outing is planned to be to our stand at the RYA Dinghy Show in March.

Unfortunately this may be the last new Dayboat Chris Somner builds. Chris has found that building one Dayboat a year (the current rate), and storing the moulds between builds, is not economic. At Chris's request, the Association has removed the moulds (which are the Association's property) to dry storage in the Poole area. Chris has built 14 grp Dayboat hulls since 2007, and also produced the new deck and hull moulds, and his involvement has provided some much-needed impetus in moving the Class forward after many 'lean years'- only 4 new Dayboats were built between 1997 (when previous builders Porter Brothers temporarily ceased trading) and 2007.

But the situation is that the Association is now seeking a new builder who can produce individual, high-quality boats at reasonable cost. We are progressing some possible candidates, and further suggestions would be welcome. We will keep members updated on progress.

The Committee

MOULD FUND

Members will recall that the new hull mould was part-funded by loans of £500 each from nine members. Four loans have still to be repaid. The Committee has agreed to repay 2 further loans in January 2016. Although the Association's finances are healthy, we will incur additional expense next year for mould storage and there may be additional unforeseen costs associated with locating a new builder. In recent years members have made generous donations to the Mould Fund with their annual subscriptions, which has enabled the actual membership fee to remain unchanged. The Committee hopes that many members will feel able to continue to supplement the Association's subscription income by making a modest donation when renewing their membership.

Bob Davis, Treasurer

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

CALENDAR 2016

5-6 March RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2016 Alexandra Palace, London

The Association stand will be in the Great Hall. Call in and say Hello and take a look at the newest Dayboat, 676 . Volunteers to help on the stand for an hour or two (or longer) would be welcome.

Bob Davis
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11-12 June Poole Open Meeting

Roy Davies:
roy.pooledb@talktalk.net

A 2 day event; a social race around the islands of Poole Harbour on Saturday, an evening meal at the club and a series of 3 races on Sunday.

2 July Bosham Open Meeting

David MacFarlane
davidmac100@gmail.com

There will be 3 back to back races in Chichester Harbour with starts from a committee boat. The racing will be followed by a prize giving tea and then an informal supper at the club.

Bosham Club members will be very happy to host any visiting crews at their houses for the Saturday night.

23 July Gravesend Open Meeting

Geoff Honey
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6-11 August Dayboat Week at Brixham YC

Phil Lokier:
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10-11 Sept Thornbury DB Open Meeting

Tim Parkinson
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After a gap of 13 years we do not have an established format for the TSC Open, but we are likely to opt for a one day open on Saturday with a Pill cruise on Sunday. Given the tide time the first race on Saturday would be 12:00

All information is correct at time of printing.

Check the YWDB Website - ywdb.co.uk for latest information

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