

# DAYBOAT NOTES

News from the Yachting World Dayboat Association

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Hello Dayboaters,

I hope you're all making the most of the fine weather and enjoying your Dayboat, whether you race at your local club or just cruise around the waters of our beautiful coastline. From the following articles, you will see that Open Meetings have already been held at Poole, Bosham, and Thornbury, with Gravesend's Open scheduled for 12/13 August.

In addition to the three Opens already sailed, I am pleased to report that our annual Dayboat Week held in Falmouth in June was a great success. Falmouth was a new venue for Dayboat Week, the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club were excellent hosts, and the sailing waters were first class, so I'm sure that we will return in future. We welcomed some 'first timers' and were pleased to see two Gravesend boats returning to Dayboat Week after a few years absence.

It has become customary to announce next year's venue for Dayboat Week at this year's venue but the final decision had not been made when we visited Falmouth. However, I am now pleased to announce that:

**2018 Dayboat Week will be held in  
Poole Harbour, Dorset at  
The Poole Yacht Club.**

**Sunday 12th August to Friday 17th August 2018.**

We're currently working on the sailing and social programme in order to put on a memorable week which will be inclusive for all Dayboat sailors whatever their ability.

In previous Dayboat Weeks, part of the success of the week is to accommodate visitors within a short distance to the host club, preferably walking distance, and with this in mind we will shortly be publishing a list of options and ideas for accommodation in the vicinity of Poole YC but in the meantime, if you have any queries about accommodation, please see contact details on the back cover.

At our AGM in June, the previous 10 committee members were all re-elected for another year so you can be assured that the Association remains in good hands.

That's it for now, going sailing.

John Lokier, DB 632 Don't Panic

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## Welcome to new members ...

Paul & Christine Sheldrick, DB546 - Alanna, Bosham SC

Russell Paine, DB272 - Debonair, Portsmouth SC

Georgina, Simon, Genevieve and John Bullingham, DB648 - Shamal, Avon SC

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Please contact any Committee member for advice or information

## WANTED

At the AGM it was suggested that we “look for” Dayboats no longer being sailed in the hope that they can be found new homes, and so keep them sailing.

Do you know of a Dayboat, possibly in need of a new home? If so please let us know via the website.

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*Cover picture: Michael Sykes and Emma Clayton sailing the oldest boat at Dayboat week. DB 136 Merganser was built by Michael's father in 1952*

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## NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

### Gravesend SC

OPEN WEEKEND - 12th & 13th August 2017

Gravesend Sailing Club would like to welcome all Dayboat Owners to this years Open Weekend. Sailing on the Saturday will be 2 short races starting with a briefing at 12:00hrs and first race at 13.00hrs. This will be followed by a BBQ supper.

The Sunday race will start at 09:30 followed by prize giving. The entrance fee for the weekends sailing is £15/boat. If you require assistance with accommodation please give me a call on 07818 425498 or e-mail [geoff.h2@ntlworld.com](mailto:geoff.h2@ntlworld.com)

Geoff Honey Dayboat Class Captain

### Bosham SC

Although it still very early in the season there have already been some notable highlights to report.

**Club Racing** - The early season weather has been very good and this has led to record turnouts of between 12 -14 DBs in the first three Classic Dayboat points races

Although there is still a lot of races to go, there is a tight fight developing at the front of the fleet between 3 boats: Alastair & Jacqui Seaton (DB653), Paul Dewing & Katie Prentice (DB475) and David & Fiona Macfarlane (DB597)

**Open Meeting** - In the morning of the event, the weather gods appeared to have listened to my pleading from last year for a pleasant Force 2-3. Indeed when the 13 boat fleet took to the water the sun was shining and the breeze was behaving itself. However by the start of the first race there were signs that that we were in for the usual Bosham blow!



In the 1st race Mark & Shirley Stanton (DB673) positively flew out of the starting blocks and took a commanding early lead. They were however gradually overhauled by both David & Fiona Macfarlane (DB597) and James & Peter Hewitt (DB676). Up the final reach to the finish it looked like James and Peter would catch the Yellow Peril only to have their progress stalled by a huge lump of weed which David and Fiona, utilising their local knowledge, managed to avoid and take the narrowest of wins.

The wind for race 2 was up to 15 knots and this time it was Alastair & Jacqui Seaton (DB653) led from start to finish. They were followed home by James & Peter (DB676)

So it was everything to play for in Race 3 and with wind increasing to 17+ knots it was going to be an exciting finale. Adrian & Jane Weller (DB618) showed blistering upwind speed off the start line and using some local knowledge led at the first mark. However with the increased wind, the physical resources aboard James & Peter's boat came to the fore (!) and they went on to take a well earned win and with it the overall prize.

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David & Fiona overcame the disappointment of an OCS in race 2 and fought their way through to take 2nd place in the race and overall. When the fleet got ashore they enjoyed a prizegiving tea followed by an excellent event supper attended by over 30 competitors and friends.

## Results

1st DB 676 James Hewitt Bosham SC & Peter Hewitt Poole YC

2nd DB 597 David & Fiona Macfarlane Bosham SC

3rd DB 653 Alastair & Jacqui Seaton Bosham SC

4th DB 673 Mark & Shirley Stanton Bosham SC

NB Special thanks to Tim Parkinson and Dave Allen for driving down from Thornbury to race with us.

**Dayboat Week** - What an amazing week! Fabulous sailing area, extremely friendly and capable host club and the best weather for decades. 7 Bosham DB's ventured down to Cornwall to compete this year, the largest contingent from a single club. This included for the first time Paul & Chris Sheldrick in their beautifully restored Walker boat (DB546)

Whilst the wind gods for the first two days were a little fickle, on the Tuesday for the Long distance race we were treated to probably the best sailing conditions ever. Dressed only in tee shirts and shorts we enjoyed an hour and half race in 10 knots of breeze up and down the beautiful Carrick Roads and finished at the idyllic village of St Mawes where the local sailing club hosted the fleet with pints of local brew and enormous Cornish pasties.

In the overall standings and individual races the Bosham fleet had its best DayBoat Week with our boats regularly appearing in the top 6 in each race. However without doubt the absolute highlight was Race 2 when Paul Dewing & Katie Prentice (DB475) achieved a first ever Points race win by a Bosham boat taking home a magnificent trophy for their trouble.

## Bosham's roll of honour:

6th Overall Alastair & Jacqui Seaton (DB653)

7th Overall David & Fiona Macfarlane (DB 597)

8th Overall Mark & Shirley Stanton (DB673)

10th Overall Paul Dewing & Katie Prentice (DB475)

The Cake Trophy

Winners of the 2nd points race - Paul Dewing & Katie Prentice

The Reginal Sawtell Tanner Trophy

1st Lady (Opportunity race) - Jacqui Seaton

The Smartie Dish Plate

1st Crew (Opportunity race) - Fiona Macfarlane

The Married Couple Trophy

1st Married couple overall - Alastair & Jacqui Seaton

The Graham Penny Trophy

Highest placed boat over two year outside top 6 overall – Mark & Shirley Stanton.

All our thanks go to the team at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club and in particular, to John and Phil Lokier for all their efforts in making the event so memorable.

David Macfarlane, Bosham Class Captain

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## Thornbury SC

Thanks, primarily, to the enthusiasm and encouragement displayed by Dave Allen, who now owns two DB, Constance and Attila, the Thornbury fleet is beginning to show real signs of increase from an all time low in recent years. Two boats joining the fleet are the 1958 (yes 1958!) championship winning boat, Bali Hai, DB 119 which is new in the club and DB 542, Kiwi out of a mothballed state.



After 14 years with insufficient interest to warrant running an open event TSC ran a DB Open on July 1st with two visitors and four home boats. The forecast of a modest force 3 with sun later translated into a steady force 4 rising to near 6 by the third race with plenty of sun. The races were run back to back in view of the maximum 3 hour tidal window and the windward leg was a taxing beat along the shore requiring multiple tacks to stay out of the stronger tidal stream and, vitally, off the mud shore. Thus it was the really fine boat handling with impressive windward performance by David Macfarlane and Alistair Seaton from Bosham SC in Yellow Peril that enabled them to dominate the first two races from the starts. Richard and Deb Twyman in Hazy Daze from Gravesend SC did have some competition from the Tim and Diana Parkinson in Avocet for second place but prevailed in each of the first two races. Barry Leat and Martin Theophilus sailing Laurus III managed two fourth place finishes after Avocet. (Barry was sailing in his second competitive event this year after a break of seventeen years. It was his achievement when YWDB chair in the early 1980s to commission the simulated clinker hull mould used to build 70 boats to date).

Thus, after two races we had a clear winner in Yellow Peril with Hazy Daze assured of second place. Given rising wind and increasing wind against tide conditions for the third race Alberto Pau and Martin Elms in Attila and Dave Allen and Stuart Beale in Constance were the only boats to come to the start line. Attila suffered sail failure and retired so Constance won the race. After crossing the finish line Constance's rudder fell off!

Tim Parkinson

*Please let us know what you are doing with your Dayboat - racing, cruising, restoring ... . contributions to [kathdavis@btinternet.com](mailto:kathdavis@btinternet.com) by mid November for the next issue*

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## Poole YC

Sailors attending this year's Open Meet on 13/14 May at Poole Yacht Club were greeted with a strong south-westerly breeze and a bright blue sky.

10 boats set off for the annual Tanglefoot Round Brownsea Island Race; with the breeze building, the fleet started with a beat to race mark Egon and then headed clockwise around the island. Colin Blewett (Alice) was first to round this mark with Peter Hewitt (Merlin) and Andrew Clewer (Deja Vu) hot on his heels.

Sailing into the lee of the Island, gusty conditions kept the fleet on their toes; racing remained close as the race developed and as boats rounded the south-eastern part of the island, husband and wife team Roy and Wendy Davies (Mandarin) were also now within contention. It was a game of snakes and ladders on the southern part of the island, with Andrew Clewer and his crew Sarah Collingwood sneaking past Colin Blewett and Natalie French to eventually take the title. Battle for second place was fought to the very end between Roy and Wendy and Colin and Natalie, but it was the Davies' who managed to seal second place.

Both the first and second boats home were presented with a case of Tanglefoot Ale courtesy of Hall & Woodhouse Brewery and kindly provided by Mark James.



The second day of racing boasted an equally solid breeze for the three races that formed the open meet. 11 boats set off to do battle, including visitors David and Fiona MacFarlane from Bosham and Michael Hewitt from Gosport.

It turned into a three-way battle between Andrew Clewer (Deja Vu), Michael Hewitt (Snazzie) and Colin Blewett (Alice), each within contention to take home the Newton Trophy.

The first race was won by father and son duo of Peter and Michael Hewitt in Snazzie, who gave a master class in heavy airs sailing. Andrew Clewer and Sarah Collingwood followed closely to take second, with Colin Blewett and Natalie French taking third.

The breeze continued to increase for the second race with Andrew Clewer taking line honours, Michael Hewitt in second and third going to Colin Blewett. Crews were rewarded with a fantastic reach home enabling boats to show off their planning capabilities and enjoy the sleigh ride to the finish of race 2.

With the breeze continuing to increase, and reports of gusts up-to 30 knots, most crews had decided to call it a day, leaving the top three to contest the final race. After discussions between the trio and the race officer, it was decided to abandon the final race of the day, giving the overall win, and the Newton Trophy, to Andrew Clewer and Sarah Collingwood in Deja Vu.

Natalie French, Poole Class Captain

## Dayboat Week at Falmouth

Dayboat Week 2017 attracted 21 boats and was held in Falmouth, based at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club. As you will read in the following accounts, it was a wonderful and memorable week. Race results, together with lots of photographs and a short video, are on the Association website.

*(Thanks to David, Paul, Dave, Natalie and Nigel for sending their memories of the Week. Some of their contributions have been edited to fit the available space so I hope they are happy that I have retained the important 'bits' - Ed)*

### From newcomers David and Margaret Norris



Having bought "PaPa," now renamed "Rare Breed," in late summer last year, work commitments and the change of sailing club have given only time to sail half a dozen times, then only in very light fickle winds. The last time I sailed a Dayboat and then only at the front end, was forty years ago and here we are going to compete in Dayboat week. Whilst insanity does not normally run in my family I had to wonder if it was raising its head, after all what sort of reception were we going to get. We knew no one, except for a couple of disembodied voices on the end of the phone and we were going to a meeting comprising of a class that had very few established fleets that would inevitably mean that the vast majority of the other entrants would be from these fleets having probably sailed with and against them for years. The name "Gooseberry" comes readily to mind, despite the fact that in my case it would be more akin to a giant unripened pumpkin.

Arrival on Friday was encouraging. The boat was soon unloaded and rigged and some very helpful people from Royal Cornwall had towed us to our mooring for the week. The one or two other Dayboat sailors that we met were very pleasant and welcoming but inevitably broke off into little groups to welcome their fellow club members, early to say but the "Gooseberry" was germinating.

Saturday dawned not only with the cloudless sky that we were to welcome every day but also with the dawning that we had hoped for, despite the fact that we were an unknown quantity for all of the other entrants, we were accepted without question and made to feel that we were part of a special group, a group that knew the pleasures of owning and sailing this exceptional little boat. The "Gooseberry" was firmly buried.

The sailing was what one would expect from such a marvellous venue, OK the wind could have played ball a little, but no racing was lost due to lack of wind, Royal Cornwall treated us as if we were competing in some world championship and the



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scenery is as always in Falmouth, breath-taking. For anyone who has not participated in Dayboat week before there is nothing to fear, you are made welcome accepted for what you are and encouraged in all aspects get out there and enjoy it for you certainly will.

During the AGM there was some discussion about future events, from our point of view please do not change the format. For years we raced in the Osprey Nationals, always a week's racing, one race per day, since we left the class it has changed to a weekend event and many of our friends, in other classes, have seen their classes go the same way, without exception, they all decry this change and have noticed that it coincides with dwindling numbers at the event. Despite what is often stated, the reduction in numbers came after the change it did not prompt it. The Flying Fifteens changed to a long weekend Nationals some years ago and it is interesting to note that Falmouth Week, in its old format of a week of racing, one race per day, attracted a larger fleet than the nationals. The Dayboats have it right, a good balance between the formal and informal, with an event that feels like a holiday. The class has much to be proud of please do not change it.

## ... and from our other first-timers, Paul and Christine Sheldrick

WoW! What a week. Firstly the weather which was 1976 all over again, 'gunwale to gunwale' sunshine; which coincidentally was the last time Chris and I raced a small boat together.

With the exception perhaps of our personal sailing results, the racing week was a total success. The Royal Cornwall YC were perfect hosts, providing excellent courses and support afloat and great hospitality ashore.

For those like ourselves who are relative newcomers to the class and the event we can only say 'try it', you will not be disappointed! Both on the water and ashore the race competitors generously celebrated, shared and ensured that all enjoyed a terrific YW Dayboat annual event.

Now for the difficult bit.....improving our performance for next year.



## Dave Allen chose a picture to sum up the week



Dave said : I thought this picture captured some of the excellent spirit that existed amongst the Dayboat competitors.

*Nigel Young, overall winner, and Michael Sykes from a little further down the fleet*

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## **A view from Natalie French, Alice DB647**

Natalie was in the front seat of Colin Blewitt's Dayboat, Alice and was pleased to experience a race win.

Day one; wind forecast...4 – 6 knots from the East.

After a postponement, the starting sequence began; boats reaching (albeit slowly) up and down the line awaiting the cue to begin. We had to find that perfect spot on the line; and we did. At "full speed", with a second to spare, we were off. A great start, what more could we ask for?

The fleet as a whole tacked off early; with Murray and Teresa Glenister (Lyberty) to windward and a small cluster of boats to leeward, we had to stay put until such a time that we could tack. Lyberty finally tacked and we were free to make our call; but wait...wind shift...and we were the right side of it. Decision made. We would stay put. Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (Mojo) remained with us. It became clear once we tacked off how much of a gain we had made. We rounded the windward mark first, with Mojo and Lyberty hot on our tail; it was still anyone's race.



An elastic band held the front few boats together on the reach to the wing mark and down to the leeward mark. With the wind abating, it was important to keep whatever boat speed we had. There was still a long way to sail and it was still anyone's game.

Tensions were high, as we rounded the leeward mark for the final time with Mojo, we both continued on the same tack for a short while until we decided to tack off. The wind dropped off and we were being headed; it was a tense few minutes that felt like a lifetime. Mojo had finally made their tack and were sitting in good pressure. It wasn't looking good for us.

As we approached the windward mark, there would be two more tacks in it; would Mojo make it in one? We could see that the finish had been brought to the mark. We tacked onto port and could see that we were crossing Mojo; one final tack in front of them and we finally crossed the line a few metres ahead. What a relief and a great way to start the week!

***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***

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## ...and from Nigel Young, the winning helm

2017 DB Week was a very special regatta for me as I was sailing with my 11 year old son James. Jack had enjoyed his time in the boat for 2014 in Rock and 2016 in Brixham and now it was the turn of his younger brother James.

This was to be his first real racing as we have only done a couple of Club races at home in the RS 200 generally in very light winds! Normally my arrival to the Dayboat Weeks is slightly unconventional and this year was no different!

Straight off the boat from the Dragon Worlds in Portugal and into the Taxi to Lisbon airport and fly onto Gatwick. A few short hours in the airport Hotel in London that night and then the short flight to Newquay in time for the Sunday afternoon Opportunity Race! Fortunately the Opportunity race was put off for a couple of days due to the total lack of wind so I could take a rest that day!

The theme for the week was light winds, blazing sunshine and a really well organised regatta. The RCYC did a great job and congratulations to all involved, it was a really well run event both on and off the water.

**Race 1** - Missed race one as I was travelling.....Fiona sailed with Jack and they finished 5th or 6th I think in super light winds and 25 degrees temperature. But she subsequently retired as we did not want to upset the Championship results for the rest of the fleet as the current rules do not allow the helm to be switched at the Nationals. Maybe we should consider a change in this rule?

**Race 2** - Super light winds and a very patchy race track made for a testing race. James and I had a nice start but were only in third or fourth place at the first mark. I thought the tide would play a bigger part on the first upwind and went hard right. Left was the way to go and we were lucky to still be in touch at the top mark. A nice puff on the left side of the run brought us back into the group at the bottom. Sitting in the dirt of Peter and Colin I took a big step left at the bottom mark and found some extra breeze and a slight left shift.

Paul Dewing and Katie Prentice took an even bigger step left and sailed around the fleet to lead at the second upwind mark. James and I chased them hard to finish about a boat length behind at the end with Peter and Colin dropped down the order in the super light winds. Tim and Diana Parkinson had a lovely second upwind as well to round out the top three.



**Race 3** - If it were possible race 3 was even lighter than race 2.... James and I led at the top mark but it took us close to 27 minutes to get there!! It was so light and we all spent the majority of the upwind not moving!! When we arrived at the top mark a lovely puff of wind out of St Mawes took us down the first reach and well into the lead, very fortunate to say the least. It was so light I was saying to James that anything could happen and we may well get overtaken before the end.

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This rang true on the second shortened upwind as we ran out of breeze and watched Peter Hewitt and Colin Blewett sail right up to the back of us in the 1-3 knot breeze. Then all that was left was a really short run down to the final mark and the tiny reach to the finish. Colin gybed first and immediately started to roll forward and he had the inside at the bottom mark, suddenly we were looking at a 3rd place. However it was so light anything could happen and it did. Peter gybed back onto starboard and we had to respond as well. A small puff hit us both and we slipped away from Colin to leave it as a two way fight. Peter had the inside and at the bottom mark we had to give him room, both boats were only inching along at less than a knot of boat speed so it was all happening in super slow motion.

Thankfully even though we rounded on the outside the finish line angle was in our favour. I only spotted this just in time to inch our way out from under Peter with both James and I hiking to leeward and willing the boat to the finish line. With great relief we won the race by at least 6 inches in a super slow finish.....

**Long Distance Race** - This will probably rate as the nicest race of the year. 10 knots of wind, 25 degrees and flat water. A good start and a long first upwind to St Mawes suited James and I perfectly and we got away from the chasing pack to enjoy the sail. A long reach into the harbour and then a longer run down to the harbour mouth gave the chasing boats a good opportunity to close down the gap. But we were fortunate enough to hang onto the lead and have the pick of the moorings when arriving in the beautiful village of St Mawes. Pasties and pints followed and then an ice cream or two before the pursuit race home.

Starting in reverse order we had a good view of the fleet as we sped out of St Mawes home..... It was easy to see the route from behind and it paid handsomely to head to the right and follow the moorings to the finish line between the RCYC and Flushing SC. We got very lucky on the final part of the race and very nearly caught Natalie French and Colin Blewett right on the line. But justice was done and they held onto the lead as we slipped in behind them to finish 2nd. Great fun and always a good test of a team having to work from the back.

**Race 4** - If I am 100% honest I cannot remember so much detail about Race 4. I had my mind on the Opportunity Race that was to follow with James about to helm his first ever race. From memory it was quite light and puffy with a tricky first and a really awkward start line due to the tide. We scrapped around the pin end and had a good upwind with David and Fiona MacFarlane in the Yellow Peril in hot pursuit. At the first upwind Murray Glenister and John Clements were right on our tail and



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we had to fight hard to shake them off. Down the reaches I think we were only just ahead or maybe even Murray overtook us? But the second upwind was very kind to us and then we had a great final run to the finish for a race win. Murray was a close second, David third and Paul Dewing in fourth spot.



**Opportunity Race** - I have my name on the Cadet Trophy from 1980, Jack from 2016 so my aim was it at all possible to get James on the same trophy in 2017. He was a little nervous and the fleet was quite big with lots of crews, ladies and then us as the only Junior. But as I said to him before the start we still have to sail the course, follow the rules and most importantly finish to get his name on the Cup. The conditions were perfect for us as the wind was light but strong enough that he could feel the boat and see some movement in the sails upwind.

I got a lovely surprise when we came off the middle of the start line with pace. A proud parenting moment as we arrived at the top mark in first place and continued to sail away as a big fight ensued in the chasing pack. We were lucky they were all so caught up in the fierce battle behind us that we could sail on our own in clear wind making it much easier for James to take his first ever race win as a helm. The objective complete we had a lovely sail back to the shore for a celebration ice cream.

**Race 5** - To take the Championship title we still needed a solid result in the final race and it was quite windy and grey heading out to the race track. The wind was from the North and a new set of parameters greeted the fleet as we flew down to the start line. Colin and Natalie were closest to us on points so I decided we should start close to them and see how the race unfolds. We both got a solid start and worked our way up wind in the shifty and very gusty conditions to wards the first top mark.

The first two reaches were very close and we had David and Fiona MacFarlane right on our tail as we headed up the second beat. We had our compass numbers from the first beat locked in the memory and sailed really nicely extending by a comfy margin at the top mark. This allowed us to relax a little on the run and then sail another nice upwind before the final two reaches. The winds were very kind to us and we slipped down the final leg to a nice win and the Championship title. A proud moment as a father to sail with my 11 year old son and take the win. Thank you James "Super Crew" Young for your hard work and positive outlook for the week.

Our plan is to sail together again in 2018 and then maybe in 2019 I will have to step out and leave it to Jack and James to sail together, now wouldn't that be special.....

Nigel Young, DB 657 Pa Pa II

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## RYA/Suzuki Dinghy Show

The Association again made the trip to the Dinghy Show in March.

James Hewitt's boat 'Mallory' (DB 676) was the centre of attention on our stand, which was well-located and attracted many visitors including several 'old' Dayboaters but also some potential new ones. Thanks to all members who helped to set up and work on the stand over the two days.

We expect to be at the Show next year on 3 - 4 March 2018, again at Alexandra Palace in North London. although your Committee have yet to make the final decision. The Dinghy Show is a significant element in the Association's annual budget, and the benefits are difficult to assess, but the consensus at this year's AGM at Falmouth was that we need to be there to show that the Class is still active and looking forward. Details later – but volunteers to spend an hour or two on the stand are always welcome.

Bob Davis DB 641, Lucky



This year we added value by using the back of our display boards to 'fly the flag' - not to be missed by those using the cafeteria

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2018 takes place at Alexandra Palace in London over the weekend of 3 - 4 March



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**We are on Facebook.** Want to join?

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



## **Some snippets from our Facebook page**

You don't have to be an Association member to post, so please be aware when commenting that you are flying the YWDB flag.

- David Morrice wanted to know the best way to put the centreplate back in his boat.
- Penny Davies is looking to put a gaff rig on Widgeon, to make it easier to tow behind a motor cruiser, and sail on the Broads
- Lucas Cake, a fourth generation DBer sailed his first race, with dad David ...→
- Geoff Preece wanted to know if a Lysander sail will fit a YWDB. But he now appears to be selling his DB, so perhaps it didn't!
- Lee Williams wanted to know if the YWDB has or has ever had a PY number? Several members gave him the answer : PN = 1200
- Keith Webster updates on his refurbishment of DB324
- ... and there always seem to be a few boats for sale.



Boats for sale can also be found on the Website

## **TRY A DAYBOAT DAY**

On May Bank Holiday, members of Poole YC held an open day at the club, on behalf of the YWDB Association. This has become almost an annual event, with a few boats and helms ready to take those interested out in their boats. Tea and cake is also available, together with a friendly chat.

The event is advertised both at the club and at the Dinghy Show. Over the years several new Dayboaters have been welcomed by this route. Some were new to sailing or returning after a break, and some were looking to change class.

And of course we can arrange a trial sail at a Daybot club at any time - contact a committee member.



# **DAYBOAT WEEK 2018**

will be held at

## **THE POOLE YACHT CLUB**

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**SUNDAY 12th AUGUST - FRIDAY 17th AUGUST 2018**

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**5 points races, long distance race, ladies', crews' and  
cadets' races**

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**Not wanting to race? Why not bring your Dayboat and  
cruise around Poole Harbour and join in the social events,  
and meet new friends**

**More details will be published on the Association Website  
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