

# DAYBOAT NOTES

News from the Yachting World Dayboat Association

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**Happy Sailing in 2018**



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## Chairman's Note

2017 looks to have been a very successful year for the Dayboats. Gravesend is back in business with their new hoist, Thornbury has enjoyed somewhat of a revival, albeit in small numbers, and both Bosham and Poole continue to enjoy good turnouts for their regular club racing. Many boats have changed hands during the year enabling new faces to join the fleet and it's always satisfying to see how quickly boats are sold.

Plans for 2018 are in hand with the first event being the Association's stand at the Dinghy Show at Alexander Palace in early March. It's great to see new faces, so if you are thinking of visiting the show, please visit our stand.

Our Dayboat Week venue for 2018 is The Poole Yacht Club. We are returning to Poole after a 10 year absence. *(See below)*

Your Committee has met twice this year (February and November) and I can report that all is well. We were particularly pleased that Falmouth proved a success for Dayboat Week as this was a new venue, and it will be added to our list of Dayboat venues for a re-visit in the future.

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

Best Wishes for the New Year from your Committee.

John Lokier DB 632 Don't Panic

## Dayboat Week 2018 – at Poole Yacht Club

Dayboat Week 2018 will be at Poole and hosted by The Poole Yacht Club. Championship races will be inside the harbour; the Long Distance Race may take us out of the harbour, depending on weather conditions.

As a change from recent years, the Week will run from Sunday to Friday rather than Saturday to Thursday, with a reception (buffet or barbeque) on the evening of Sunday 12th August, and racing from Monday 13th until Friday 17th. Sailing is possible at all states of the tide and there is plenty of opportunity for cruising as well as racing.

Poole Yacht Club are very experienced at holding Open and National events and so we can expect to be well looked after on and off the water. All boats will have the option of a club pontoon berth within the club marina (no wet feet!) or boats can be dry sailed if preferred. Car parking and trailer storage will be on the club premises. For those with motor homes, there will be limited space available on club premises.

Poole Yacht Club has hosted Dayboat Week twelve times, the first being 60 years ago in 1958. This next visit to Poole promises to be an excellent week.

The Notice of Race and Entry Form will be sent to all Association members with their subscription renewal reminder.

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*Cover picture: Images from Dayboat Week 2008 in Poole Harbour*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RYA Dinghy Show	Saturday 3 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Try a Dayboat at Poole YC	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Bosham Open Meeting	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June.
Gravesend Open Meeting	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July.
Poole Open Meeting	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
DB Week at Poole	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August

Poole sailors were sad to hear of the death of David Everitt in December. David and his wife Jill were long-term Dayboaters (Ogo Pogo, DB 603), with David usually taking the 'front seat'.  
Our condolences to Jill and family.

***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***

## NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

### News from Gravesend Sailing Club

This year has seen a little more activity on the water than 2016, with the new launch crane installed over the last winter. This has a greater capacity than the old one and can easily lift the older and heavier Dayboats, well any up to 1000kg !.

We did manage to have an Open weekend this year with Tim and Diana Parkinson visiting with DB 565 Avocet. There were 2 short races around the cans on the Saturday with unpredictable gusts livening things up a bit during the first race, whilst in the process of rounding a mark a gust caught DB 535 Ozone Friendly forcing it into an uncontrolled gybe. Alongside at the time, DB 636 also rounding the mark but on the outside of DB 535, had to take evasive action and also forced into an unplanned gybe, as the boom swung across caught the helm, who was promptly knocked overboard with the boat on the verge of capsizing. It was only averted by the sudden loss of a heavy weight overboard and the remaining heavyweight of the crew on the other side bringing the boat upright, but not before taking on about 100 gallons of Thames water. Needless to say, with the water not the same temperature as a warm bath, the helm promptly leapt back into the boat and after a considerable amount of baling decided to retire from the race and head back to the club to prepare for the next race.

Later in the day we had a surprise visit from former Dayboat national champions Graham and Diane Hardy, DB 199 Lizzie Anne, who were in the area and decided to call in, it was great to see them once again and to catch up after all these years.

The racing was followed by a BBQ and whilst looking onto the water someone spotted a strange creature swimming around the pontoon. On closer inspection it was found to be a turtle, which our resident wildlife expert identified as originating from the upper reaches of the Mississippi. Who said the Thames was polluted!

Sunday's race was the long distance race down river on the ebb tide to the Muckings with the lead changing on a number of occasions and after almost 3 hours sailing the first three boats were separated by less than 30 seconds.

The results for the weekend were 1st Richard Twyman in Hazy Daze, 2nd Steve Davis in Widgeon 3rd Chris Steer in Crystal Dawn.

We now have a new Dayboat to Gravesend Sailing Club, new members Chris and Karen Smith who have bought DB 655 Emma from Bosham. They are complete novices and will take their RYA training next season, but their lack of experience has not stopped them from getting out on the water already and testing themselves and the boat.

Next years GSC Open weekend is 30th June/1st July.

Geoff Honey, DB 636

*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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## Bosham

The 2017 season has been highly successful and enjoyable.

The weather gods have given us very sailable breezes throughout the year, which encouraged record turnouts of DB's in the series racing and the other primary major club events. We regularly achieved 12-14 boats on the start line for the series races, and these are very encouraging turnouts, from a total fleet of 20 boats.

It is also very noticeable how with this level of competition, the standard of boat handling/boat speed has improved markedly with the leading group of boats now regularly challenged by other members of the fleet.

Once again, Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (DB653) triumphed in both the season long series races and the one design cup. In both events, they were followed home by David and Fiona Macfarlane (DB597). Paul Dewing and Katie Prentice (DB475) were 3rd in the series and Mark and Shirley Stanton (DB673) 3rd in the one design.



The Open meeting was reported in full in a previous DB Notes, but we were very pleased to have 13 boats on the start line, which made it the largest fleet for any DB open event in 2017.

James and Peter Hewitt (DB676) just held off David and Fiona Macfarlane (DB597) and Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (DB653) to win overall.

Another highlight was the Bosham Masters 3 Day event held in July, masterminded once again by Barry Colgate (DB674). 12 DB's entered and enjoyed probably the

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closest racing I have ever experienced with the leading boats changing places throughout all the races and literally overlapped on the finish line.

David and Fiona Macfarlane (DB597) just won the event on count back from Mark and Shirley Stanton (DB673) with Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (DB616) in third place.

Day Boat Week in Falmouth was truly memorable. The weather was absolutely spectacular and the host club looked after us brilliantly.

Seven DB's travelled down from Bosham, and Alastair and Jacqui Seaton (DB653) were best placed in 6th overall.

However the biggest cheer from the Bosham fleet was for Paul Dewing and Katie Prentice (DB475) who managed to hold off the all conquering Nigel and Jack Young (DB657) to win the 2nd Points race. This is the first time that a Bosham boat has ever achieved this feat.

Fleet changes:

We bid farewell (again!) to Stuart and Carol Martell who have finally hung up their DB boots and sold Emma (DB655) to Gravesend.

James Hewitt (DB676) joined the Bosham fleet but sadly his work commitments severely restricted his time on the water. He has promised to sort out his work diary for 2018!

Tony Hows switched allegiance from a National 18 during 2017. He bought (DB 634) from Barry Colgate and competed in the latter part of the season.

Paul and Chris Sheldrick joined the club with their beautifully restored DB 546. They were ever present in the club events and also joined us at Falmouth.

And finally, Nick Downey, who has sailed a restored wooden DB354 all season, has bought DB616 from Alastair and Jacqui Seaton.

Key 2018 dates:

Bosham Open Meeting: Saturday 9th June.

Bosham Masters: Friday 22nd- Sunday 24th June

Bosham Classic Boat Revival: Saturday 1st- Sunday 2nd September.

David Macfarlane, Yellow Peril

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



## A Roundup of the Year from Poole

Well, what a year it has been; we have seen a packed year of racing and welcomed many new members to the fleet.

In addition to the Monday, Thursday and Saturday series, the weather gods were a little more generous this year, enabling the Club to run the majority of the longer distance trophy races, including the infamous (having hit the bottom on every tack, now I understand why...!) Wareham Race, and the Studland Race which saw the fleet leave the harbour.

This year's prizegiving was held in late November and was a great celebration for the Dayboat fleet at Poole; it was a wonderful opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of the fleet and saw a varied spread of the silverware, with many new members dipping into the chocolates in addition to the usual winners.



A highlight of the evening saw the fleet welcome David and Stephen Barr who presented a new award, the Andy Barr Dayboat Spirit Award, in memory of their late father. Nominations were taken from members for someone who doesn't necessarily measure success by podium finishes, but who strives to help others, or gets involved behind the scenes because of his/her passion for the class. David and Stephen selected a winner. Roy Davies was presented with this award in recognition of his hard work and dedication towards the fleet, his behind the scenes work and his continued efforts and ongoing support of the fleet and its members.

The class' mince pie and mulled wine evening rounded off the year nicely on Monday 11th; Phil's mulled wine went down a treat accompanied by a lovely buffet which was generously provided by the Dayboat members.

Next year Poole welcomes Dayboat Week to the harbour after 10-years. I know that the Association and the Club are working hard in their preparations and, on behalf of Poole Yacht Club, I am very much looking forward to welcoming both visitors and local boats alike. For further information, please contact Phil and John Lokier.



Dayboats sailing in after evening racing - taken from my iphone!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you on the water in the spring.

Natalie French, Poole Class Captain

## Thornbury

The only racing involving DB since the Summer has been the Winter Handicap series in which Avocet (Tim Parkinson & Tony Ryan) sailed the early races before bringing Avocet home for maintenance and Constance (Dave Allen and Stuart Beale) sailed most of the series. Latterly Dave switched to the grp Kiwi and finished the series crewed by Tim Parkinson on a cold December 9th with a fine 2nd place in that race.



Aylburton Pill - July 2017

No progress this year on completing the Pill Challenge with the last two distant pills (creeks) remaining. Tim Parkinson and Tony Ryan had scheduled an attempt on Frampton Pill but a forecast 6 would have meant nearly force 7 once the strong ebb had set in. They stayed firmly on dry land.

The Thornbury DB fleet has now been joined by Dantie, DB 455, a wooden cold moulded boat now owned by John Gush. Thus TSC has two active wooden clinker and two wooden cold moulded boats. Does that make us the primary club for wooden boats?

Tim Parkinson, DB565 Avocet

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*I am always pleased to receive contributions to Notes. The piece on the next page follows an earlier item from Rob Williams, which I have reproduced here.*

### **Sailing a Dayboat across the Channel - from DB Notes Dec 2012.**

After a great deal of restoration by the Boatyard at Beer our family Dayboat, 371 (Shorehugger) is approaching the condition she would have been in when first built in 1964. We found her in a deserted Exmoor barn several years ago and her seaworthiness represents quite a transformation. To put it to the test I plan to sail her across the English Channel in May, with the bowler-hatted mariner Mr Martin Thomas. We are hoping that, in addition to a bit of an adventure and a good meal on the other side, we will be able to raise some money to put towards the new mould.



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## Family Dayboat Sailing in France

The simplest and safest way to get across the Channel on a Dayboat, is in a ferry. Although I still cherish hopes of sailing her over, since the mast broke off the Isle of Wight on the last attempt with Martin Thomas (Charm of Rhu), they are only hopes at the moment.

Nonetheless, this year she got across on Brittany Ferries for August, where she added a whole new dimension to the holiday in Quiberon (we stayed in the little fishing village of Kermovan).



Buck takes the helm in French waters

For my son Buck and I, taking the boat was like taking a new holiday with us, rolling cheerily along behind the car. The main thing, for me, about Dayboats is how helpful and enthusiastic and jolly and interested in life they all are. They don't sit there sulkily, they bob and invite adventure. Shorehugger DB371 was 53 when she first touched French waters but if Admiral Hawke had been fighting that famous engagement which saved England from an invasion, she would have joined in. We put her in the marina in



order to get pontoon 'on and offability', which was a Godsend. Then every day we sailed her among the fast boats of the Ecole Nationale de Voile who were down the isthmus, or fished off her on the sandbanks. If you get cuttlefish ink on a Dayboat, be sure to wash it off right away. She became a firm favourite with the French, who had never seen such a lovely vessel, and the local fishermen routinely pulled up to have a chat with us so she made us a lot of new friends. She was also the perfect smugglers boat for beach collections of children. They were never keen on very long days but a short sail in a Force 2-3 was sure to get takers, especially when a warp out the back enabled some 'Huggerhauling' in her wake.

Rob Williams, DB371 Shorehugger.

## Salcombe Town Regatta

For those Dayboaters who enjoy a week of sailing in regattas, there can be no place better than Salcombe and the Town Regatta, held in August each year. It's a bit less competitive than the Salcombe Yacht Club Regatta and is held alongside the other events taking place on land during the week, so there's always plenty of family fun going on. Phil and I decided to enter in 2017 along with Nick Cross from Shearwater in DB 662 'Make my Day', and Colin Blewett in DB 647 'Alice'. All races are handicapped: the Dayboat is a good 'handicap' boat (PY 1200) in the right conditions, and there is usually a Dayboat in the top 6 at the end of the week.

Those of you who have raced in the Salcombe Estuary will be very much aware that the conditions are always very challenging and I think many long friendships and marriages have been tested after experiencing the vagaries of wind and tide. However, many enjoy the experience and come back year after year for more. A major feature this year was that all races were held on a falling tide and so knowing how to combat the tidal streams was an advantage .



Nick in DB 662, in centre of picture

*John has written an account of each race, describing the pleasures and frustrations of racing at Salcombe. Unfortunately we do not have space to include all of John's contribution but his coverage of the last three races will give readers the flavour of the Week.*

Wednesday – wind forecast for the day was 2-3 increasing to 4-5 later in the day. This was more like it! On a falling tide and a Northerly wind the first beat was up the estuary against both tide and wind. We watched the 4 starts before ours to see how they attacked the wind and tide, so we were confident of a good start with a good strategy in mind. When the hooter for our start went, the wind dropped to nothing and the tide seemed to strengthen, so our well set plans fell apart in an instant.

*(John describes an eventful sail in not much wind, two penalty turns after drifting into moored boats (a Salcombe rule), etc. etc., but they refused to give up. He rounds off the story of the day as follows:*

..(we) headed back to No 2 buoy and on the way we caught sight of Colin who had finished and was on his way back to the boat park. When we rounded No 2 buoy, there was only us and an RS on the water. We crossed the finish line only to find that there was no one in the race hut, they'd all gone!

Thursday – Again winds from the north and a falling tide, but this time the winds were light. When our start signal went, we crossed the line, the wind dropped, and we drifted back behind the line again. We repeated this sequence at least 12 times and when we crossed the line heading in the right direction for the last time, it was 37 minutes after our scheduled start time. Nick had drifted back further than us, retired, and was pulling

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his boat along the shore. By this time, all other boats had disappeared out of sight but we were at least moving so we crept along the East Portlemouth side, discussing whether to retire, sell the boat, sit on the beach. As we passed the ferry slipway we could see the whole fleet in front of us, marooned on East Portlemouth beach, including Colin. They had all decided to get out and hold their boats as the tide was stronger than the wind. For some unknown reason, we continued to move (sail) and slipped past all the boats being held, including Colin. Colin then jumped in his boat and followed us along the shore line as we were heading for No 3 buoy. With the strong tide now coming out of the Kingsbridge channel, we had to sail way past No 3 before we could turn to fight the tide and be pushed back. This we did, and noticed that Colin had gone too far and got trapped in a line of moored boats which were moored fore and aft. We were ahead of Colin for the first time during the week – more by luck than judgement but we'll take that. The race was shortened so we finished as we crossed the line on the way towards No 2 buoy. After all that, we finished 6th on handicap, Colin finished 7th, and Nick retired. Will we come back? No!



Friday – Today was a one-off pursuit race with all boats starting by their handicap times with the slowest starting first and the fastest starting last. After 100 minutes the race would end and positions taken at the 100th minute. We started on high tide in a force 4 and headed south for No 1 buoy, then up to No 4, back to No 1, then up to No 7 and back. By the time we were entering The Bag on our way to No 7, the first of the Solos caught us, and as we reached No 7, the first of the Yawls caught us at which time the 100 minutes were up and our placing was recorded. On the way back, we now had the benefit of following the Yawls as they maximised the tidal flows out of The Bag and back to the slipway. What a cracking sail! Will we come back? Of course we will.

Final positions for the Monday to Thursday races were: 1st An Enterprise, 2nd a Streaker, 3rd Colin in DB 647, 4th an Enterprise, 5th Ourselves in DB 632, and 6th a Laser Stratos. Nick finished in 11th place.

John & Phil Lokier, DB 632 Don't Panic

*Unfortunately Salcombe Town Regatta clashes with Dayboat Week in 2018. But Dayboaters looking for a sailing holiday in August 2019 should put it on their list.*

*Pictures taken from Salcombe Town Regatta Facebook page - Sorry John couldn't find the one they took of you and Phil. Ed*

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

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





# **DAYBOAT WEEK 2018**

will be held at

## **THE POOLE YACHT CLUB**

POOLE, DORSET, BH15 4AQ

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

**A week of racing and cruising in Poole Harbour**



**Excellent club facilities, 29 trophies, prize-giving dinner  
and other evening social events**

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

**New members and families especially welcome**

**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  
[www.ywdb.co.uk](http://www.ywdb.co.uk) or contact Phil Lokier**

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