Summer 2007 Newsletter



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We would like to welcome the following new members: -

David Allpress	Full Member	Snoopy	282
Sandra Allpress	Associate		
Richard Linaker	Full Member	Teal	325
Ken Manley	Full Member	Scowler	434
David Hodgson	Full Member	Jagorawi	436
Amanda Barker-Mill	Full Member	Hunni	437
Fred Kingdom	Full Member	Jasuza	438
Sally Buckley	Full Member	Scrumpy II	439
Christopher Buckley	Associate		
John Raad	Full Member	Frivolity	440
Richard Tromans	Full Member	Bobbin	292
G. Sanderson	Full Member	Eliza	441
Wendy Curtis	Full member	Samphire	442
John Curtis	Associate		
Dunlop Stewart	Full Member	Jester	379
Diana Stewart	Assoc/J.Owner		
J. P. P. Gedge	Full Member	Happy Daze	443
R. Collin	Full Member	Irish Viking	447
Andrew Ingleton	Full Member	Mrs Frequently	371
William Newton	Full Member	Just William	402
Caroline Newton	Associate		

Dates for your diary -

AGM and Annual Dinner – Saturday 29 September 2007 at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

> AGM in the Old Sail Loft 6.30pm Dinner 7.45pm

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Lymington River Scow Class National Championships - 21 July 2007 - Report

Saturday 21st July saw a record number of scows, 45 in total, sailing to the start line in the pouring rain. This was not a mean feat as the age range for scow sailors is from juniors to pensioners!

The weather had more to offer than mere rain and the first race had to be abandoned because the wind ceased altogether. There was then the colourful spectacle of scows drifting about and juniors using the opportunity to exercise their rowing skills.

However, the wind put in another appearance and to show that there were no hard feelings gradually increased and increased. This combined with a slight change of direction and the turn of the tide, changed the conditions completely and the sea became rough and for the final race of the three the course was brought into Oxey Lake where the water was calmer.

These conditions meant that the sailors were very challenged and the steady stream of sails making their way back along the sea wall meant that many felt that discretion was the better part of valour.

One scow sailor having made a spectacular capsize, the first one I think, and then being unable to get back into the boat without help, and therefore not in the running for a prize decided, to row all the way back to the slipway. Fortunately there was a following wind! She was surprised to see another scow following suit.

At this point I am unable to give first hand experience, it was a long row!

The prize giving was held at the yacht club, after the racing. My disappointment at not completing the course was eclipsed by the brilliant smile on Jane Pitt Pitt's face as she walked up to collect the single hander's first prize, a worthy winner in Daffy Duck. Second was Jeremy Austin in Boo and third was Philip Gossage in Owl.

The double handed class was won by Sarah Fraser with crew Ellen Morgan in Ping Pong, second Midori Claridge and Jane Corden in Mine and third were Jayne and Peter Burchell in Sky.

The juniors, undaunted by the conditions, put on an impressive performance and the first prize went to Chris Smith and Mahala Smith in Safe Haven, second were Andrew Smith and Max Crowe in Stormy Haven and third were Luke Reading and Naomi Reading in Flying Horse.

My thanks go to Tony Blachford who so kindly stepped into the breach at the last minute to be the race officer and despite the conditions managed to organise the planned number of races. Thanks also go to the Royal Lymington Yacht club who hosted the event and provided an excellent evening barbecue supper and special thanks to the ladies of the scow class for their support and " naughty "cakes!

Sylvia Pepin

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Results of LR Scow Nationals 2007

CONGRATULATIONS TO -

Winner of the Single-Hander – Jane Pitt-Pitts
Winners of the Double-Hander – Sarah Fraser and Ellen Morgan
Winners of the Juniors – Chris Smith and Mahala Smith

Results of the Single Hander

Scow National Championship - Class 1

Entries: 21
Races Sailed: 3
Discard: 0

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Sail No	Boat	Fleet	Helm	Crew	Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	
318	Daffy Duck	, 1	Jane Pitt-Pitts		5	1	1	2	2	
324	Boo	1	Jeremy Austin		8	2	4	3	1	
278	Owl	. 1	Philip Gossage		17	3	13	1	3	
317	Copy Cat	1.	Roger Wilson		20	4	9	7	4	
300	Clarissa	1	Dubbie Robinson		27	5	7	15	5	
426	Clementinebea	1	David Hayles		28	6	2	4	22	
335	Bocca Lupo	1	Carolyn Searson		34	7	5	22	7	
382	Lucy	1	Angus Raby		34	8	6	6	22	
321	Flying Turtle	1	Chris Willard		36	9	8	22	6	
434	Scowler	1	Ken Manley		40	10	3	15	22	
325	Teal	1.	Richard Linaker		44	11	14	8	22	
292	Bobbin	1	Richard Tromans		46	12	19	5	22	
264	Bahini	1	Joanna Lowis		48	13	11	15	22	
368	Bluebell	1	Mary Noakes		49	14	12	15	22	
373	Blue Angel	1	Elizabeth Watson		54	15	10	22	22	
377	Storm Kitten	₂ 1	P Mills		54	16	17	15	22	
408	Skedaddle	1	Chris Harris		57	17	20	15	22	
283	Swallow	1	Sylvia Pepin		59	18	15	22	22	
327	Hot and Spicy	1	Peter Bunce		60	19	16	22	22	
428	Speedwell	1	Marigold Salmon		62	20	18	22	22	
424	Nutshell	1	Mervyn Cook		66	21	22	22	22	

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Results of the Double Hander

Scow National Championship - Class 2

Entries: 16 Races Sailed: 3 Discard: 0

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Sail No	Boat	Fleet	Helm	Crew	Points	Place	R1	R2	R3
307	Ping Pong	2	Sarah Fraser		4	1	1	2	1
430	Mine	2	M Claridge	Jane Corden	10	2	5	3	2
420	Sky	2	Jayne Burchell	Peter Burchell	13	3	6	4	3
381	Solace	2	Kate Miles	Tony Miles	17	4	3	9	5
275	The Saucy Mrs Flobster	2	Christine Hughes	Melanie Hughes	22	5	4	1	17
332	Nipper	2	Puddy Draycott	Steve	30	6	8	5	17
282	Snoopy	2	David Allpress	Sandra Allpress	33	7	10	6	17
285	Imp	2	Mel Clegg	Jane Clegg	36	8	2	17	17
390	Zigzag	2	Brian Buckingham	Leslyn Lambert	37	9	13	7	17
345	Scamper	2	Carol Edge	Kate Fraser	38	10	7	14	17
287	Valmai	2	Claire Bridge	Cherie Dodd	40	11	15	8	17
433	Splinters	2	Agnes Putt	Lauren Morrison	40	12	9	14	17
399	Tiramisu	2	Allen Mann	Alan Bartlett	42	13	11	14	17
322	Blaze	2	Sarah Bell		43	14	12	14	17
435	Sea Fever	2	Biddy Brown	Gordon Brown	48	15	14	17	17
404	Cappriccio	2	Jenny Helfrecht	William Helfrecht	51	16	17	17	17

Juniors

403	Safe Haven	Chris Smith	Mahala Smith
427	Stormy Haven	Andrew Smith	Max Crowe
418	Flying Horse	Luke Reading	Naomi Reading

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Tell Tales

Continuing Chris Willard's adventures in Flying Turtle.

Crêpes à la Plage

I found that my LR Scow, Flying Turtle, is a most versatile little character for the Solent. Together, we manage to enjoy early morning bird watching trips, racing, cruising, cargo and passenger ferrying, beach hut expeditions and dog exercising.

This was only my second season but with relations living on the Isle of Wight, a wife with a beach hut at Hordle Cliff and a Springer Spaniel, I am finding that Turtle can turn her gaffe and tiller to them all.

When my wife suggested a swim followed by crêpes made on the crêpe maker from Brittany at her Hordle Cliff beach hut, I thought that it lacks only the sailing component.

A glance at the tide tables and the weather confirmed the perfect situation for sailing round from Keyhaven to meet her at the hut. It proved to be a perfect 4 mile sail and took 1 ¾ hours. The tack along Hurst Spit at the edge of Christchurch Bay was exhilarating and the scow was easily beached in front of the hut with aid of a French 4ft inflatable boat roller (designed to carry 400Kg as against the scow 110Kg). By lifting/pushing the boat over the roller and repeating this, one was able, single handedly but faster with the aid of any offering spectator, to move the scow to the top of the beach.

The August warm water provided a perfect swim which created the appetite for the hot cheese galette and citron presse crepe. Feeling fit and replete, one was ready for the easy gravitational re launch 2 hours later, to catch the flood tide and the SW force 3 which landed us back at the quay in an hour. Having repeated this several times in Spring and Neap tides, the experience of rounding Hurst Castle in a scow in a Spring ebb tide was reminiscent of sailing round Portland Bill in my previous boat, a Westerly Konsort.

Exercising Chloe, the Springer, has been another string to Turtle's bow. Following a run to the quay she comes aboard and makes a perfect crew, looking happy, relaxed, never arguing with the skipper and putting her weight where she is put. We sail to the castle, complete the run, check the birds and return. If the wind is dying, and there are good smells ashore, she may offer to lighten my load and increase my speed, by jumping over board and swimming ashore.

We have heard of personal water craft, alias jet skis, but for me there is no substitute for a personal sailing craft, alias LR Scow.

Chris Willard 30/10/06

Encs: Notice of AGM and Agenda

Financial Statement

Menu and Booking Form for Annual Dinner

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