

DAYBOAT NOTES

News from the Yachting World Dayboat Association

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Happy New Year



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Chairman's Notes

As you will read in the club reports, 2019 was another busy year for Dayboat sailors. All four Open Meetings were successfully run and well attended. Dayboat Week in Rock was a major success with a very healthy total entry of 28. We were blessed with lovely weather throughout and a range of wind strengths, which kept all sailors on their toes. The race officer provided us with a different course each day, which proved particularly popular and we will be looking to repeat the exercise in future years.

Your committee took the decision not to attend the 2019 Alexander Palace Dinghy Show. The primary reason being that the low level of interest and responses shown at the two previous shows did not justify the significant time and cost involved. However, members of your committee will be attending the show in 2020 to assess whether we should consider attending again in 2021.

The first new boat to be built by Steve Creasy was sold to Simon Bullingham and is currently being fitted out by Andrew Hewitt. With Simon's agreement we are looking to run some marketing events based around DB677 in 2020 at the key DB clubs.

Plans for 2020 Dayboat Week at Brixham are well advanced and the entry form, social programme and Notice of Race will be posted early in the new year, along with your membership renewal. For those of you who are new to Brixham you have a treat in store. The racing area is at the southern end of Torbay and is virtually tide free as well as being protected from the South West. The sailing time to the start area is no more than 20 minutes. Brixham Yacht Club has a wonderful friendly clubhouse and they are very experienced at running open events.

On a very sad note, in November we learnt of the passing of Don Young*. Your Committee has sent condolences to Nigel and his family on your behalf.

Finally my thanks go to all the Association Committee members and the club Dayboat organisers for continuing to make our class so vibrant and enjoyable.

From your Committee, we wish you all a Happy New Year and good sailing in 2020.

David Macfarlane

****Don Young – a note from Pete Hewitt***

I will remember Don as a kind and gentle man. He was a skilled boat builder and built his first clinker Dayboat in 1963, which Don sailed at Dayboat Week in 1963 with some success - his name can be found on the Aberdonian Cup. He was best known for making cold-moulded Albacores but also produced a cold-moulded Dayboat, DB 588 'Arycanda'. After retiring, he had kept the Dayboat 'plug' and wanted to build a dinghy for his grand children to learn to sail in. This resulted in 'Papa' (DB 654). He always seemed to have a bit of wood left over and went on to build two more which were sailed by his son and grandsons. (Nigel and family, who live in Cork, join us to sail at Dayboat Week). He always followed their progress with great interest, race by race, although his failing health prevented him from attending the more recent events. The Dayboat class has lost a great supporter.

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Lost boats

Of the 677 boats on the Boat Register current members own 85. Thus there can be little doubt that a large number of boats have disappeared off our radar. So I am asking you to use your contact with other club members and / or owners to locate and advise us of boats whose location is unlikely to be recorded in association records. These could be boats no longer sailed, boats whose owners have moved leaving their boat behind or fellow club members who have never joined our association.

If you have any information on one or more of these boats please notify us using the email address of admin@ywdb.co.uk. Thank you

Tim Parkinson

Boats for sale

Full details are on the website ywdb.co.uk

DB 433 Daisy

Wooden clinker walker built Dayboat. Rare Gunter rigged version with recent new spars and sails. Includes oars and rowlocks and boom up cover. Excellent all round condition with good road trailer. Ready to go

DB 634 Piu Musso

1990 Porter built, GRP hull and decks; Superspar mast & boom; 2014 North Sails; launching trolley and separate road trailer; breathable overboom cover; race fitted out inc, fly-away pole. All good condition.

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Bosham

The sailing weather this year was very strange. Typically we could always count on a series of South Westerly breezes giving a solid beat up the Creek. This year however we had a number of weak anticyclones, resulting in patchy northerlies and rather unsatisfactory racing.

Fortunately these conditions did not deter the Bosham DB fleet from competing and we enjoyed very strong turnouts throughout the season.



Alastair & Jacqui Seaton

The outstanding performance of the year was by Alastair & Jacqui Seaton (DB653) who took both the overall CDB Medium fleet trophy and the hotly contested DB one- design cup. As in previous seasons their strongest competition came from Mark & Shirley Stanton (DB673) and David & Fiona Macfarlane (DB597).

At this year's Open Meeting we experimented with running it within our major mid season club event - the 3 Day Masters. The experiment proved to be a success with 15 boats competing over the two days. The winner was a DB newcomer Matt Straker sailing a borrowed boat, whereas, the top DB in the Masters were Mark & Shirley Stanton (DB673).

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was Dayboat Week in Rock. This was superbly hosted by the very friendly home club and racing in idyllic sailing waters.

Bosham boasted the largest club fleet with 10 boats including 3 who were newcomers to the Week. In the overall results our fleet filled 5 of the top 12 places. All the early indications are that we will have a very strong representation at Dayboat Week 2020 in Brixham.

Newcomers to the Bosham Fleet

A warm welcome to:

Tim & Jerry Wilcock who bought DB 614 from Iain and Cass Macpherson

Martin Windebank who acquired DB666 from Peter Hankey

Bob & Joanna Long who bought DB 624 from David Morley

Key Dates for 2020.

3 Day Masters- 12-14th June

Bosham Open Meeting- 13th & 14th June

David Macfarlane, Class Captain

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Thornbury

To borrow from Ian Macpherson's inspiring article in the July edition we can safely say that the Dayboats are coming back to Oldbury on Severn. Our boat total is now up to 11 with two couples on the lookout for suitable Dayboats to add to the fleet and growing interest in general. And what a motley fleet it is! Among our group are two wooden clinkers, two cold moulded smoothies, two grp clinker (one with wooden decks), and five grp smoothies (one with wooden decks). All have a tale to tell, but I will leave that to their respective owners.

2019 has seen some great racing at TSC which is mainly of the mixed handicap variety. The Deedee Transom trophy for the highest placed Dayboat in the spring series was awarded to a startled Dave Allen who thought it existed in name only until a large piece of transom from the wreck of DB Deedee dated 1953 was placed into his grasp at our annual dinner dance in November. Other Dayboat honours went to Tim



Parkinson who was runner up in the midweek pursuit series, and Dave Allen also receiving the Triple Trophy for winning the up river Sharpness Race. The last Dayboat winner of this was Brian Marden in 1998. Also in the running throughout the season were Alberto Pau and John Gush in 455 Dante, Paul and Julie Bowden in 533 Proud Mary, and when he wasn't ill or injured, Stuart Beale and family in 542 Kiwi.



Tim and Dave at Bosham

Paul and Julie attended their first open event in Gravesend and reported that they had a great weekend, as did Tim and Dave attending the Bosham Open. As a group we are already planning on more open visits next year and hope in turn to receive a good number of guests to Thornbury SC Open next year (27th and 28th June). We also plan to get a good number to Brixham for the Dayboat Week and get some fleet cruises arranged for the warmer months. Bring on 2020!

Dave Allen

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Gravesend Sailing Club 2019

Not only did the Dayboat celebrate the a milestone 70th anniversary in 2019, Gravesend Sailing Club also celebrated it's 125th anniversary. Having been founded in 1894 by a group of locals, who were denied entry to the more respectable New Thames Yacht Club. Its members being some of the more aristocratic and visited by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and boats competed in races included Britannia, the Kaiser's Meteor, and Valkyrie.

Gravesend Sailing Club was formed on 18th October 1894 and as they say the rest is history. To celebrate its centenary a book was published entitled a Century of Sailing, charting the events and characters who have shaped the club throughout it's history. One of the more memorable tales describes how a member who having arrived by pony and trap had a few drinks and retired to the bunkroom. A number of other members decided that it was too cold outside for his trusty steed and introduced it to the far more comfortable conditions of a warm bunkroom and then proceeded to wake the slumbering owner.

Sadly this fine book is no longer available in all good book stores, only by contacting the GSC secretary can you obtain a copy.

Although the club has been extended over the years but the main club room retains many of the Edwardian features and would be recognisable to any member from that era.

Sailing this year has been a bit of a challenge due to ongoing works by the Environment Agency to replace the flood gate to the lock basin. Their contractor required the use of the public road and car park, as well as part of the club's storage yard to enable them to carry out the work. The sight of a 300t crane parked outside the clubhouse for much of the season was a great talking point, but did hamper access for dinghies.

This year's DB Open event saw 8 boats take part, with visitors from Thornbury Tim and Diana Parkinson in DB 565 Avocet and first time visitors to Gravesend, Paul and Julie Bowden sailing DB533 Proud Mary. From Poole Sue and Howard Clayton sailing DB650 Hullabaloo. Kath and Bob Davis who were in the area also came along to watch the sailing.

The format was the same as last year with a long distance race upriver to Greenhithe on the Saturday and 2 shorter distance races on Sunday.

The overall results for weekend

1st	565	Avocet	2pts	Tim Parkinson/Diana Parkinson
2nd	650	Hullabaloo	3pts	Sue Clayton/Howard Clayton
3rd	612	Hazy Daze	6pts	Richard Twyman/Deb Twyman

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4th	636	Phoenix	6pts	Geoff Honey/Duncan Bradley
5th	610	Crystal Dawn	8pts	Chris Steer/ Jeff Keys
6th	533	Proud Mary	11pts	Paul Bowden/Julie Bowden
7th	655	Emma	13pts	Chris Smith/Karen Smith
8th	510	White Lady	17pts	Charlotte Griffiths/Pete Griffiths

Gravesend SC DB Open for 2020 is 6/7th June.

Geoff Honey



Julie Bowden managed to take a few photos while sailing at Gravesend. You can find more on Facebook - Search for Yachting World Dayboat Association

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

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Poole

It has been a packed schedule of racing at Poole Yacht Club this year.

Monday evenings proved to be the popular series of the summer with Anita Habgood (Second Fling) dominating racing and taking the overall victory, with Pete Hewitt (Merlin) in second and Bob Clewer (Deja Vu) in third. Antia Habgood also took the overall title for the entire summer series, with Bob Clewer close in second and John Waters (Men Behaving Sadly Again) in third.

Bob Clewer showed his skills and consistency to take the overall victory in the Thursday evening series, ahead of Anita Habgood and Roy and Wendy Davies (Mandarin) in second and third place respectively.

This year, the fleet were able to sail three of its long-distance trophy races; the Wareham race was particularly close, with all boats side by side throughout. Cherry Giles eventually took the win, with Roy and Wendy Davies (Mandarin) taking line honours and the Ray Allen Trophy in the race back to the Club. Cherry Giles (Damons Daughter) was also victorious in the Bar Buoy race. The Bournemouth Pier Race was also sailed this year in light winds and perfect sunshine. Phil and John Lokier (Don't Panic) lead the fleet home to take the win, with Roy and Wendy Davies coming in a close second with Mandarin and Natalie and Paul French (Kaos) is third.



This year's Open attracted its highest number of entries in many years, welcoming visitors from Bosham, Greenforge, and Avon SC. Once again combining with the GP14s, the atmosphere at Poole was buzzing throughout the whole weekend. Saturday saw the fleet embark on two round the harbour island races. With the majority of the fleet deciding the stay ashore, preferring to take full advantage of the homemade cakes, 6 boats braved the 20+ knots and were treated to

some exciting sleigh-rides. Following an exciting day on the water, both fleets enjoyed a carvery in the clubhouse where stories of the day's adventures were retold.

With the breeze having decreased slightly from the previous day, Sunday saw 18 dayboats and 23 GP14s leave the haven for 3 back-to-back races. Racing was tight, with Andrew Clewer and Sarah Collingwood (Deja Vu) taking the overall victory and the Newton Trophy with a 2, 1, 1, ahead of Pete Hewitt and Chris Lockett (Merlin) who took second overall with a 1, 2, 2 and Colin Blewett and Chrissy Campbell in third with 3, 3, 2. Teams then made their way ashore for some well-earned tea, cake and burgers.

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8 boats comprised the autumn Saturday series, with Steve and Annette Wilson (Aurora) taking the series win ahead of Cherry Giles (Damons Daughter) and Ted and Sue Payne (Puddleduck).

With the evenings drawing in, 7 boats took part in the Sunset Series for the Eileen Trophy; of the 4 races, only 2 were sailed and it was Bob Clewer (De Ja Vu) who proved victorious with Steve & Annette Wilson (Aurora) taking second.

The annual prizegiving is on 18 January 2020 and we look forward to seeing many of the Poole fleet there.

Natalie French

Where do Dayboats go to retire?

DB168 – A Brief History

'Jackrat' was built by Benson of Caerleon in 1959 in close-grained mahogany. The first owner was Col J Hamilton-Baillie of Chepstow and she was named 'Argie May'. She was acquired by Tony Rees in 1987 after being laid up for a number of years and renamed 'Amie Lou'. He raced her in Chepstow when the wooden mast broke and was replaced by aluminium.

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Tony took the boat to Solva, Pembrokeshire in 1990. I bought her in 1995 and renamed her Jackrat. The 'Icicle Race' on New Years Day was my only capsized because the mainsheet, lying in the boat overnight, had frozen and would not run through the block.



In 1996 Jackrat was swamped in a fierce storm and repairs required. In 1998, Jackrat was racing with cruisers in St Brides Bay when the other dinghy in the race went missing. With my daughter as crew, we found it upturned with a 10 year old on the hull and the 70 year old helmsman in the water. We loaded both individuals into Jackrat and set off a smoke flare which was spotted by an air sea rescue helicopter on another mission and the inshore lifeboat escorted us back to Solva.

In 1999, Jackrat participated in the Association Anniversary at Poole. A few years later, when joining the meet at Fishguard we hit a kerb and the trailer split some planks. For this and other reasons, Jackrat was only sailed occasionally with a mounting toll of repair and maintenance.

In 2018 she was offered to the West Wales Maritime Trust in Pembroke Dock where volunteers have been refurbishing her. Unfortunately it was decided recently that she could not be made seaworthy and will be restored as a display boat. A far better outcome than scrapping.

Go to the DB Website YWDB.co.uk to find the full version

John Rattenbury



West Wales Maritime Heritage Society and Museum



Pembroke Dock once led the world in shipbuilding - it has been a sorry omission that we have not had a maritime museum here to tell the story. To right this wrong, the Society set up the Museum very recently in August 2015 aiming to give an insight into shipbuilding, not only in Hancock's yard but all along the Cleddau, with its associated trades and occupations.

West Wales Maritime Heritage Society : westwalesmaritimeheritage.org.uk

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Sticky Jib Halyard

I had problems with my jib halyard this season – it was not running freely when hoisting and was jammimg when lowering the sail. The halyard - wire with a rope 'tail' - runs down inside the mast and emerges through a slot in the web inside the sail track, below the gooseneck. Having 'raw' drilled/filed-out holes in the mast for the halyards always seems a bit crude to me but this seems to be a common arrangement on the Superspar mast.



The problem (see photo) is that the halyard has worn a narrow groove in the top of the slot. This acts as a very effective jamming cleat. It is rough and looks likely to damage the rope tail or the halyard itself, best avoided. The obvious solution is to extend and smooth the slot to eliminate the groove, which should work for a few more years. I know that another Dayboater has had the same problem this year and has made a new exit hole on the side of the mast, which is probably simpler to do (extending the hole in the track is a bit fiddly) but in my case would mean moving the tensioning tackle.

If you have this jib halyard arrangement, probably worth checking the exit slot for wear. Any better solutions (apart from more filing!) would be welcome. The Forum on the Association website, or Facebook, are good places to discuss things like this.

Bob Davis

Contributions to Dayboat Notes are always welcome
Send to the Editor, kathdavis@btinternet.com

DAYBOAT WEEK 2020

will be held at

BRIXHAM SAILING CLUB

25 July - 30 July

More details will be published on the Association Website

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OPEN MEETINGS 2020

Gravesend SC DB Open 6th & 7th June.

Bosham Open Meeting 13th & 14th June

3 Day Masters - 12-14th June

Thornbury SC Open 27th & 28th June

Poole Open 8th & 9th August