



# DAYBOAT NOTES



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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

What a disappointing and challenging year 2020 proved to be for all sailors, but I do hope that, as here in Bosham, some of you managed to get on the water whether for some racing or just a pleasant sail.

At least looking forward to next season there are some positive signs that a degree of normality will return. One of the highlights I am sure will be Dayboat Week 2021 next June, hosted by the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club in Falmouth. For those who came to Falmouth in 2017, who can forget the unbroken sunshine, the drinks on the lawn of the RCYC looking out over the magnificent Carrick Roads, the pastie lunch at St Mawes on the Long Distance race day, not to mention the Sea Shanty festival up and down the High Street! Planning is well advanced for the event and we are fortunate that Neil Tomkins at RCYC will be looking after us once again. All the details of the Week including an entry form are included with these Notes.

A full programme of Open meetings is also being arranged for 2021. One of the appeals of attending a DB Open is the opportunity both to meet other Dayboaters and to enjoy racing on very diverse sailing areas.

Amongst the cancelled events in 2020 was the RYA Dinghy Show, which was due to be held for the first time at a new venue in Farnborough. Instead of a live show in 2021, the RYA are organizing a virtual show over the weekend of 27th & 28th February, which will remain on demand throughout March. The idea is to present on-line a series of expert coaching sessions and wide ranging general interest sailing talks. In addition, class associations have been invited to take a virtual stand at the event in order to showcase their class to potential new and existing owners. Your Association is planning to take a 'virtual' stand and Tim Parkinson has kindly agreed to coordinate our efforts.

Best wishes to you all and good sailing in 2021.

David Macfarlane

### FRONT COVER

Sunny days! Photos from Dayboat Week 2017 at Falmouth during the 'Opportunity Race' with different members on the tiller - the usual helm has to either sit at the pointed end or stay on shore. Another Opportunity at Dayboat Week 2021!

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### Welcome to new members

Egan Mac'Egan and son Leo will be sailing DB515 from Staines SC

Paul Conran has DB 528, Elise in Ireland

Welcome, we hope you will all enjoy your Dayboats and have many happy hours sailing them.



**27 & 28 FEBRUARY 2021 - VIRTUAL**

**We are on Facebook.** Why not join?

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



....and let us know what you and your Dayboat are doing.

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## FROM THE CLUBS

### THORNBURY - Just cruising

2020 has been a different year for most people and certainly my sailing year has been one of making the most of the wonderful cruising opportunities of the Severn Estuary.

No competitive sailing and camaraderie made it very different. I launched Avocet at Oldbury in early June and celebrated being on the water with a solo trip across the 2.1 nm to Sturch Pill directly across the estuary from Oldbury Pill enjoying the light wind and sun. June was rounded off with a trip to our favourite upriver Brims Pill accompanied by Dave Allen in Atilla.

July came up with a succesful pill challenge to Frampton Pill by Avocet and Atilla on the 18th although we nearly blew getting back in to Oldbury by enjoying a beer before setting off back!

I followed that with an attempt on Hunger Pill below the Severn Bridge which failed due to lack of forecast wind. At the end of August five DB set off for an upriver cruise in a force 5 northerly. This meant wind against tide for the initial most exposed leg and after we'd tasted the conditions I decided to lead the fleet back home. In September we organised the first fleet downriver cruise for DBs since 2002. Conditions looked good for an attempt to reach Flatholm. On reaching Portishead we paused in Portishead Hole for our sandwiches. This was

a mistake as it meant we did not have enough tide left to reach the island. But we had a splendid hours downwind run back to Clevedon and then along the coast towards Portishead. It was as we were reaching along this stretch that we had a minor drama when my head made contact with the boom while head to wind. My crew saw blood flowing from the small wound so called the coastguard who sent the RNLI out to us. I was fine throughout and they kindly accompanied us as I sailed back to Oldbury.

Avocet's season ended very much as we began with a cruise across to Sturch Pill in a sunny 3-4.

Tim Parkinson, Avocet, DB565

*Ed: It is good to know that the RNLI are there for us*



*Brims*



*Frampton*

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## Bosham

For all the reasons that have been well and truly documented, the racing season at Bosham kicked off late this year. However, despite 2 race cancellations caused by extremes of wind and weather, we did manage to complete a 6 race programme. Very understandably turnouts were somewhat reduced but it was encouraging that a total of 10 DB's competed. The overall winner was not determined until the final race which was a nailbiting affair sailed around a tight course in Bosham Creek in a 5 knot breeze and a huge Spring tide!

### Overall Results:

1<sup>st</sup> - DB 597 David & Fiona MacFarlane.

2<sup>nd</sup> - DB 614 Tim & Gerry Wilcock.

3<sup>rd</sup> - DB 651 Simon Veysey & Bruce Garratt.



*Alastair and Jacki Seaton, DB653*

Tim and Gerry are relative newcomers to DBs and they sailed extremely well and were only beaten into the runner up slot in the very taxing conditions of the last race. For the racing this year, the club trialed a very innovative new starting system which consists of an automated combination lighting board and hooter system which, not only manages the race countdown, but also handles individual and general recalls. It has proved very popular and effective as has also allowed us to reduce the number in the race management team.

## Key dates in 2021

14th/15th/ 16th May - Bosham Masters and DB Open Meeting (15th& 16th)

18th- 24th June DayBoat Week Falmouth;

5th/6th Sept Bosham Revival

DayBoat Week After the disappointing cancellation of Brixham 2020, there is already a lot of excitement looking forward to Falmouth 2021 and 8 boats have already booked their accommodation. And if conditions are even close to those we enjoyed in 2017 it should be a great week.

David Macfarlane



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## POOLE

Not quite the usual update from Poole.....

I write this report reflecting on what has been a challenging year for all of us. As with many, we chose to keep the Dayboat on the drive and focus on the garden; on numerous occasions, I would look up at the sky and think to myself.....this would be an amazing day for a sail. I am certainly looking forward to the time I can take the covers off and get back on the water.

Having only ventured to the club once this year, I cannot provide the usual 'update from Poole'. However, the club has been great at keeping its members up-to-date and I know that it has been working exceptionally hard to provide some sailing activities for its members. A few dayboaters did launch this year and I'm sure they all enjoyed their time on the water.

Finally, it is with sadness I report that Roy Habgood sadly passed away in October. Roy was long standing member of the fleet who will be greatly missed.

Keep safe and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Natalie French

## Roy Habgood

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In his own words, from a very long item in the PYC magazine, 'Soundings' in 2006, *"It was in 1951 when I was a young lad serving a carpentry apprenticeship that I bought "Glaven" an old 16 ft Parkstone Dolphin which was a traditional clinker built wood boat." .....*

*..... "to my great delight the PYC adopted the Yachting World Dayboat. Although the YWDB is 2ft shorter than the Dolphin she is very similar and of the same format. I have been the proud owner of 4 YWDBs, the latest being 'Blue Horizon'. She is a joy to own and maintain. I am now in my 73rd year and feel confident that I will continue to be delighted by dinghies for several years to come." .....*and so he did, until last year when he was 87.

Some members wanted to share their memories of Roy.

"A friendly man, he looked as though he was a going out for a jolly each time he left the pontoon but, once in the race, he was determined to do well and gave everyone a run for their money"

"....there were lots of laughs, and there were lots of risks he took which had me on tenterhooks. As a deaf crew, there were problems, because he was behind me at the helm, where I can't lipread him....."

"I remember Roy from my early days sailing Dayboats. He was always known and referred to as " Happy " always with a smile and a friendly word."

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## Gravesend Dayboats

Well like every other club GSC had a very limited sailing programme this year which started with an evening test race to trial Covid protocols in place at the club. This race on the 14th July in which 6 dayboats took part, proved the systems worked and a modified sailing programme could safely take place. A short series of 4 dinghy races was proposed, however only 3 were sailed with the last cancelled due to the weather.



During the spring Paul Winterflood sold DB535 Ozone Friendly to Harriet and John Davies Mullen. Exciting news for them, but the highlight of their year was the birth of their son Edward, on 10th August. Harriet's grandparents (Jim and Jean Tywman) were instrumental introducing the first Dayboats to the club back in the early 1960's, their children Richard, Penny and Deb. All sailed Dayboats from an early age and continue to do so to this day. So, it was no surprise that Harriet would follow her family jib sheets, I think this may even be her second DB.

At the tender age of just 3 days, young Edward was baptised in the family tradition of Dayboat sailing. He was ably assisted by dad John and proud grandparents Steve and Penny, whilst mum looked on from the shore. The moment was recorded by local photographer and now club member Andy Barnes.



We all hope that next year we are able get a full schedule of racing and cruising once again and hear Edward wants to gain his RYA level 2.

Geoff Honey

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**YOUR COVID SUMMER** - A few snippets from you - some of you sailed, some of us didn't.



I was extremely lucky to acquire DB 515 in July. Joined the Association in August. Sadly she has been out of the water for a few years & as yet I have not managed to get her fully ready. She spent a couple of months squeezed into a garage but now has a nice berth at the Staines Sailing Club, on the Thames. Not having sailed for a couple of decades I spent a weekend with my son. He was sailing an RS

Quba and I was swimming around a constantly capsizing one. Too big, too heavy & too damned old. Great fun though.

If there are any Gunter members reading, I would appreciate any images of the rig set up. Egan Mac'Egan DB 515, IkuZo

Sadly we have been unable to sail in 2020. We have cycled (e-bikes) and green bowled. I am a lapsed knitter & I'm making a wool jumper for my sailor son-in-law. I under ordered blue wool online & to complete this marine garment if I can't get more of the right shade blue wool, I am planning to knit one sleeve green & the other red. Do you think port & starboard sleeves will catch on? Jean & Richard Buckland

We were hoping to have many more days on the water this year (said sailors everywhere!). Unfortunately, Daydreamer stayed tucked up in the garage awaiting its delayed winter spruce up, so Benji commandeered Granny and Grandpa's boat *Deja Vu* for his summer adventures! Even though we only got out a handful of times it was wonderful introducing Benji to sailing. The highlight was definitely our early morning adventure around Brownsea Island!



Sarah Collingwood & Andrew Clewer

Regret but no sailing for me this year at all. After return in February from a long haul holiday to Kerala (India) and family visit to Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) I put my Dayboat *Moody Blue 619* up for sale - then COVID lockdown. (See *next page for sale details*) Roger Williams

Hi all, thanks for the write up in the last issue. The Clyde river was closed for the first two months of lockdown. It was a good time for a refit I only got out twice before going back to work, also not much wind. I hope to get out a lot more next summer and also do a little cruising. (no Covid on the water). Everyone stay safe and good sailing. Tommy Bennet DB 302, Samantha



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## Dayboat 645 - Scarab

Since building Scarab, getting on for 25 years ago, we have trailed her up to the West Coast of Scotland on an almost annual basis. However, over recent years we have left her tucked up in a shed on our favourite cottage owner's farm. So much better than the long tow from our home in Wales although it does mean we only have the chance to sail during our hols. We usually head north for at least three weeks during May/ June as the weather can be quite nice on the West Coast and the dreaded midges are much less of a problem.

This year was different! Our intention was to travel up in one go rather than our usual two day jaunt (staying overnight in Dumfries) and, if necessary, "quarantine" in the cottage. When all the cottage accommodation in Scotland was closed for the lockdown we had to think again. However, we were able to reschedule for September and the weather was "good in parts" although a larger pump would have been useful as once or twice the rain reached monsoon proportions.



We leave the boat moored to a pontoon near the head of the Sound so we are able to sail whenever the wind is suitable. We had some quite halcyon sails on an almost deserted Seil Sound. Even so we usually go out with a reefed main and a reduced jib (made some while ago by our local Welsh sailmaker). It goes very nicely with the reefed main and, although downhill boat speed is affected, on the wind it is a much more comfortable sail and the risk of a capsize is very much reduced. Something to think about as the water is very cold, very deep with rocky shores and a great absence of passing boats to help. Strangely, the wind can often die away in the late afternoon so a long row is not that unusual and Dayboats do not row that well! So, this year we "invested" in an electric outboard. It is very good once you get used to the non instant response to the throttle (something to do with protecting the gearbox!!). Unfortunately there is an absence of handy marine charging points in Seil Sound but the motor can run for 30mins flat out (4.5 – 5kn shown on the computer) and at least 2h at just over half throttle (about 3kn) or 9h at "trolling" speed - more than enough to get us home. Now looking forward to next May when hopefully the Covid dust will have settled and we will all be "vaccinated out".

Michael Burberry DB 645 Scarab

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## Dee Dee Trophy - a bit of history from Thornbury

I mentioned in a previous edition the existence of a club trophy going by the name of Dee Dee. It is currently awarded to the highest placed Dayboat in the club's spring series in an attempt I suppose to get reluctant crews out of winter hibernation.



Much more intriguing however is the trophy itself. Back in the mists of early Dayboat history, Thornbury SC and Chepstow and District YC, still based down river on the Welsh side of the Severn, were early adopters of Dayboats as their club class. In the early 1950s two TSC members decided to sail their boats to attend a regatta staged by Barry Island SC. Due to rough weather the boats were towed back by a cruiser, only to become unattached on the journey and temporarily lost. One of the boats belonging to TSC club founder, Edmund Grace, survived by beaching safely on the South Welsh coast. The other boat, however, was wrecked further up the coast at Goldcliffe, near Chepstow. The remains of Dee Dee were collected by CDYC members and returned to Thornbury, whereupon it was decided to make a trophy from the remains of the transom.



The trophy was then raced for by both clubs in an annual team event, I assume, from 1954 onwards. Does this qualify as the earliest DB trophy and the transom the earliest DB relic? Anyway, let's hope it can be competed for by next spring.

Dave Allen

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## NEW DAYBOATS

In August the latest GRP boat was removed from the moulds at Steve Creasey's workshop.....

... and a wooden glued clinker Dayboat was launched from the Boat Building Academy, Lyme Regis in October



### FOR SALE

YWDB 619 MOODY BLUE

Good condition, fully equipped, with road trailer, £3000 - view Broadstone - Roger Williams 01202 691114.

### YELLOW PERIL SAIL LOFT (GARAGE!) CLEARANCE SALE



- QUAY MAINSAIL - £25  
- Cut down for cruising and high wind racing
- SANDERS JIB- 2009 - £40
- SANDERS MAIN- 2011-£80
- SANDERS JIB- 2013 - £50
- BATT JIB- 2014 - £60
- BATT MAIN- 2014 - £100

NOTES: All the jibs are low cut. The Sanders and Batt sails have green logos and camber stripes. They have all been used for an average of two seasons, are in good racing condition and always been rolled not folded. Photos available on request. Collect from Bosham.

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# DAYBOAT WEEK 2021

## Royal Cornwall YC, Falmouth

### 19th - 24th June



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