

Late May 2023 ... '75th Season in Full Swing!'



Ponder Challenge Cup, morning b2b racing, credit Kirsty Bang - report below.

Norman Moore Trophy 2023 and 75th Party!

It's this coming Saturday & Sunday! Five races, four to count, the first two b2b.

Expect a fleet of over 15 boats, ever-competitive racing and pleasant breezes!

Ginny Fox sends this message re the Saturday Party:

"Don't forget that our **PARTY to celebrate our 75th Anniversary is being held on Saturday 27 May at ISC**, now only a short time away. This celebration will feature a delicious buffet with pudding and cheese board followed by a DJ and dancing. The perfect opportunity to celebrate the Swallow's 75th Anniversary at our Itchenor home – get out your dancing shoes!

Other club sectors have been invited to join us that night ... late bookings now through the Club Office!

Dress Code - Men Jacket and Tie (yes, tie!) and something sparkly (not gender-specific)!"



Cowes Cowes Cowes!

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Early bird entry for Cowes Classics week is open up to the 1st June.

We have told the Royal London to expect at least 25 Swallows; 16 have entered thus far so can we all please **get on and book** so they can make plans.

We will be racing for the magnificent Queen Victoria Cup this year.

The social programme for the week is 'full on' and bookable now via the link below. As always, we recommend booking your events as soon as tickets are available. The best ones always sell out well before the week.

Most of all!! Having outgrown the members' gardens that have so kindly historically hosted our Cowes Cocktails, tickets are now available for **Our Celebration party at the Commodore's House, Cowes, Monday 10th July, from 1800. Drinks and Canapes**. Tickets @ £20 are available from carolynbrigg@btinternet. Please **BUY NOW** as we have a limit of 100 at this venue.

<https://www.cowesclassicsweek.org/socials/social-tickets>



Championships

An astonishing 25 boats have already entered, hailing from Cambridge to Cambermet!

We anticipate further entrants still thus making it the largest gathering of Swallows that any of us can remember, perhaps the largest ever.

Should you still need to enter, the link is below.

Socials? The Gala Dinner on the Squadron Platform on Friday 14th July is now sold out ... our Class Secretary writes:

"Don't forget that **the party continues on Saturday 15th July when "Pinstripe, The Isle of Wight's premier funky party rock function band" will play at the BBQ to be held at the Royal Yacht Squadron pavilion.** This is one not to miss. Three tickets with each entry, same link, but you may wish to but others for partners etc."

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15664>

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All Swallows receive a complementary 75th Anniversary Backstay Pennant! If you haven't already affixed yours, please collect it from the ISC office. There are no spares so tape it on well!





Ponder Challenge Cup, 20th May

Our ISC Class Captain writes:

"Lovely sunshine, a nice shifty 15-20 mph breeze from the North West, fifteen boats out, three races with all to count. Perfect.

But less than perfect for the five boats OCS in Race 1 - PRO John Tremlett was brooking no nonsense – which made it difficult for some of the favourites.

But the long beats up to near Wear and the long downwinds made for some splendid racing. Svala did well to score three wins, keeping Osprey and Gwaihir behind them - even in the tricky third race when the ebb had come in - and were very worthy winners of the Ponder Challenge Cup.

Full results here: <https://www.itchenorsc.co.uk/swallow-7/ponder-challenge-cup>

Royal Yacht Club de Belgique Plate 29th/30th April

Our ISC Class Captain further writes:

"A fine day on Saturday and a strong fleet (19 boats sailed over the weekend) with a difficult wind direction and strength made for challenging and enjoyable racing.

Saturday was glorious sunshine. Starting near Thorney in a 8-10 kt southerly, after a “busy” start we went up and down between Walrus and Tern, the patchy and shifty wind giving much place changing. Early leaders Darter (Kit Glover) fell back and Svala took over. Osprey and Marengo were steadily working their way through, with Osprey slipping in front at the final beat. Alas four boats were OCS including two in the first group over the line. Osprey wins.

Race 2 gave us longer legs, and after a short windward/leeward we set off for Mill Rythe, sometimes in little water around the corner, then up to Beach and a long downwind back home. Marengo found a special shift and was remarkably clear after the first short beat and she stretched further ahead. Svala and Osprey followed.

Sunday was more overcast, but 15 boats came to the line. The light southerly kept us in the Tern/Walrus up/down mode. Osprey led from a crowded start, Svala and Marengo followed in.

The final race was in limited wind – 5kt and sometimes less - now shifted to SW. At least that gave us a nice beat up to East Head, down to Tern and back up before the run, sometimes drifting but with the tide under us, back to the Gallon Line. Svala led off in consistent style, but Osprey was alongside at the final mark and slipped through on the long run for her third win of the series.

So Osprey (below) counted just three points and took the Belgian Plate, presented by the Commodore, to add to her Deep End Trophy success over the Easter weekend. But she did not an easy time of it and the competition is wide and deep, which augurs well for this celebratory season.

Our thanks to Roger Yeoman (Saturday) and Charles Peacock (Sunday) for good racing in trick race management conditions.

Full results here: <https://www.itchenorsc.co.uk/swallow-results-2023/royal-yacht-club-de-belgique-plate-2023>



National Swallow Guest Day Sunday 21st May

Another successful Guest Day last Sunday, participants below.

We welcomed nine visitors who enjoyed two informal races in glorious sunshine and good breeze. We hope to see some or all of them in a Swallow again soon!

Many thanks to those who organised and made themselves and their boats available.

Remember we welcome London Corinthian Sailing Club to ISC on Saturday 17th June and likely a further attempt to introduce members of our reciprocal club to Swallow sailing!



Wednesday Evening Racing

'WER' not to be confused with the 'WEF' started again at the beginning of May and runs through to October.

Our most capable organiser, Jeremy 'Sibby' Sibthorp writes:

"With balmy evenings this fun racing is becoming ever more popular and has been very well attended so far, with up to eight boats racing. The racing is very informal and gives a perfect opportunity for new helms and crews. Convivial drinks and dinner are popular afterwards and add to the fun. Don't forget to book.

We team up with the XOD's for this racing and we jointly manage the racing and club ferry, the Swallows have agreed to manage the racing once every three weeks.

Our next turn is Wed 31st May. I am looking for at least 2 volunteers on that evening, one to be Race Officer and one to drive the Club Ferry. Once all the sailors are ferried aboard, the Ferryman joins the Race Officer to assist, then acts as safety boat and finally ferries everyone ashore."

Jeremy Sibthorp
Wednesday Evening Race coordinator
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This Edition's Salty Wisdom ...

COMMON PHRASES

— WITH NAUTICAL ORIGINS —

Caught Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

An expression believed to have its source in the historical nautical practice of sealing the seams between a ship's wooden planks with hot tar. In this context, the devil is the name given to the ship's longest seam, which is typically the most prone to leaking.



Find out more...

For more information on any of the above please contact your Class Captain swallowclasscaptain@gmail.com

Thank you,

The ISC Swallow Team