

October 2022



Event Reports!

Bosham Sailing Club Regatta

The plan was for a long race Around the Harbour as part of Bosham Regatta on 27 August, but we were met with the tiniest of zephyrs. The race officers held their nerve and, after delaying the starts for an hour, a gentle sea breeze arrived and racing could get underway. Eight Swallows were rewarded with sailing in 5 -10 knots and sparkling sunshine.

We had hoped to have gone as far as Church mark by Emsworth but the delay, gentle breeze and big tide only allowed us as far as half way there.

The BSC committee vessel Glad Emma sent us off against the tide around Baker, Ellanore, SW Pilsey, Channel, Freddie Brooks, Peacock, Park, Deep End and on to the Bosham finish line. Blue Tit took the lead initially as we beat up along the shoreline but Svala, after a slow start, worked her way steadily through to win the Regatta's Cover Trophy comfortably. Bluff had pulled through to second over the line but retired after a navigational infringement leaving Blue Tit second and Migrant third.

All pleasant stuff, once the wind had filled in, and it was great to run up the (crowded) Bosham channel to finish by the club. Good to see Olly Shaw back in a Swallow at the helm of Ptarmigan.



Tony Bridgewater Trophy 2022

Sunday Aug 28th produced a fleet of 14 Swallows to compete for the Tony Bridgewater Trophy held this year as one day event with three races B2B and all to count.

The conditions provided glorious racing however quite a challenge for Andrew Reid who kindly rose to the challenge of PRO for the day. The wind direction was predominantly from the northeast however was rarely steady and provided many huge shifts to other directions with variable speeds between 1 and 12 knots.

Race 1 started after a slight postponement while we waited for the wind direction to steady. Osprey (James Hartley) was ahead at the windward mark closely followed by Marengo (Carolyn Brigg) and Svala (Hugo Fisher). Marengo took the lead on the run and was closely chased by Osprey for most of the remaining race. Behind saw much place changing as the wind shifted making for challenging sailing. As the fleet rounded Peacock again for the run to John Davis before a short beat to the finish at Thorney it was Marengo in the lead. Osprey however gybed inside Marengo and slowly rolled over the top into first place. At the finish it was Osprey, Marengo, Svala with Bluff sailed by Austen Scully a close 4th.

Race 2 followed swiftly. The course set saw a first beat to Peacock followed by a run to Dunes via Sandhead and Copyhold. Osprey rounded the windward mark to lead the fleet however was soon overtaken by Marengo with Gwaihir (Mike Wigmore) in third place leaving Skua (Harry Roome), Swift (Hugo Sloper) and Svala all changing places on a light run against a strong spring tide. Marengo was first at Dunes however a shifty beat saw Osprey emerge to lead at the next turn of Peacock. The final legs produced many more place changes with Osprey holding the lead, Marengo in second and a well earned third place for Swift.

Race 3 held yet another eventful challenge with many shifts and the resulting place changes. It was Curlew who led at the windward mark closely pursued by Skua, Swift, Gwaihir and Osprey. Then followed a long run to Mill Rytte in a shifty light wind with the tide starting to move to ebb. Osprey emerged as the leader at the leeward mark followed by Skua with the others tightly bunched. The beat to Freddie Brooks however saw a 20 degree shift to the left favouring boats that had tacked early. Svala slipped smartly into the top slot with Osprey just holding second from Skua and then Gwaihir. This proved to be the finishing order.

At the end of the day for the second year running this gave the series title to Osprey (4 points, Hartley/Sibthorp/Tillett) with Svala (Fisher/O Fisher/Masding) in second (8 points) and Marengo (Brigg/Fox/Hamlyn) in third (11 points). Swift in fourth place with 14 points deserves a special mention for a great result from the guest team of Hugo Sloper, Charlotte Fitzgerald and Emma Lombard.

Overall a spectacular day's sailing! Below, Osprey with the trophy being presented by Malcolm Green.

Full results here. [Itchenor Sailing Club : Tony Bridgewater \(itchenorsc.co.uk\)](http://itchenorsc.co.uk)



Young Persons Trophy

Bank Holiday Monday brought out a wide age-range of Young Persons for the coveted YP Trophy for helms under 30.

In breezy conditions Arthur Pattison (age 10) in Archon led at the start and for much of the race, before being overhauled by Archie Leaver (Migrant) as the wind piped for the final beat. Bluff, Stealth and Marengo were the other boats racing.

So Migrant wins our junior championship with Archie steering, to add to her National Championship win in July when dad James was at the helm!

Below - YP winner Archie Leaver, with Arthur Pattison (2nd) second from left, and Hector McKimm and James Walker plus July winner! Below that, Arthur at the helm of 'Archon'.



Bob Massey Trophy

Held over the weekend 24-25 September and with a good fleet of 20 boats participating the Bob Massey trophy was once again won by James Hartley and team in Osprey. The wind was a tricky N/NW and there were tidal challenges.

For race 1 PRO Nigel Pattison sent us on a short beat to Baker and then a splendid long run to Treloar. Gwaihir held her lead to the finish, followed by Spectre, Osprey and then Swift (with the "ever young and ever canny" Jon Perry making a rare appearance). National Champion James Leaver, with Junior champ

Archie on board, were well down.

The wind continued to make life difficult for the PRO and race 2 involved a change of course taking the fleet up and down the Thorney Channel twice, with a big ebb running through the goalposts. Osprey took this one with Swift and Gwaihir on her heels.

At the half way stage Osprey and Gwaihir were level on four points, but sadly the latter was unable to make day 2 leaving the field open.

An enjoyable Bob Massey supper followed the autumn Class meeting before the final two races back to back on Sunday. In a smaller fleet Osprey made no mistakes and won both to retain the trophy comfortably. But that canny experience and speed did well for Swift for an overall second. Migrant had now rediscovered her mojo and took the third podium slop, ahead of Spectre on countback. One point between 2nd and third, and further back a mere two points separated 5th and 7th places. Great competition!

As winning helm James Hartley remarked after receiving the trophy from Lavinia Massey the conditions had given the best and worst that Chichester Harbour can offer!

Full results here <https://www.itchenorsc.co.uk/swallow-7/bob-massey>



Future National Swallow Class 75th Anniversary Championships - Save the Date 14-16 July!

A message from our Class Chair:

"All NSCA members have recently received the early announcement of our 75th Anniversary Championships at the Royal Yacht Squadron on 14th-16th July 2023, the details of which are below. So, please don't even think of booking a holiday anywhere but Cowes in mid July 2023!

We already have a 100% positive replies so we are on target for a big turnout. If you have not already given us your early expression of interest to be there then please reply soonest to Mike at nationalswallowclass@gmail.com

The plan is that the Vernon Trophy passage race will take place on Sunday 9th July so we can all enjoy Cowes Classics Week from Monday 10th to Thursday 13th July as a warm up to the big event.

Classic Week, with its no more than two races a day finishing early afternoon and its full social programme is now accepted as an excellent but not too energetic race week not to be missed.

A day off is planned for the Friday when Lallows are on standby to scrub the fleet.

The 75th Anniversary Championship will launch with a Celebratory Dinner on the Platform of the RYS on Friday 14th July, and racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday 15/16th July.

Further social events on the Saturday and a not to be missed prizegiving on the Sunday to be advised.

We very much hope that all Swallows will join in the celebrations by attending these events, or at least the Anniversary Championships if you cannot make the fun week beforehand. So please. Save the date in your diary and, to assist with advance planning It would be most helpful if you could reply to this email with your early expressions of interest telling us that your Swallow plans to be there.

If, in due course, you find that you really cannot make it, please let us know, as we already have a list of superstars who would like to borrow a boat for this very special event.

We look forward to an exceptional event, and an even more exceptional turnout."

National Swallow ISC Class 24th September Meeting Minutes

These can be found at <https://swallowclass.org/minutes-of-isc-swallow-meetings/>
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Remember the Password for access to our private webpages is Swift1948 (case sensitive).

Future Events

With only a few weeks of the Season remaining we can reflect on a fabulous 2022 Season with some fantastic sailing, continued top competition, new members in the Class and lovely weather in Cowes, Bembridge and the Harbour.

Some pictures below to remind!

We look forward to more of the same through our coming 75th season! ... and with our championships at the Squadron, rubbing shoulders with the Dragon Gold Cup (also their 75th), the 6m Worlds and similar less prestigious events.

For the rest of this season, the long series Roy Allen (Saturdays) and Brian Russell (Sundays) continue to the end of the season. The final single day trophy still to be won with three races b2b is the Finella Cup on Saturday 22 October.

And remember the Club Laying Up Supper and prizegiving which follows out final day of racing on Saturday 29 October.



Autumn Sailmakers' Deals

It's that time of year again to order your new sails for next year, taking advantage of the winter deals the sailmakers like to offer us. This year almost all seem to require an **order before the end of October** to secure their offer rates. The offers are.....

Hyde Sails offer until 31st of October 2022

Main - £1,400 inc vat

Jib - £ 550 inc vat

Spinnaker - £ 815 inc vat

The above prices are based on a spring delivery.

I know this is earlier than previous years but we want to try and make sure that there are not any dramas with supply both in cloth supply and late container ships.

Mark Flew, Flew Sails Ltd, Distributors of Hyde Sails 01329 822676

North Sails. 15% off which runs during October.

Main £1,251.54 inc vat

Jib £ 577.32 inc vat

Spinnaker £ 851.45 inc vat

<https://www.northsails.com/sailing/en/one-design-sail-offers>

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Batt Sails. Batt Sails have had another good year in the Swallow Class and work done last winter is clearly showing dividends. Details of our proposal can be found at <http://www.battsails.com/index.php/keelboats/swallow/>

Prices currently remain at the 2022 level, with a 15% seasonal adjustment in place for the whole of October.

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A new series on technique ...

This edition; 'executing the perfect two-up heavy-weather Swallow gybe'

... and don't forget ...!

And don't forget that all previous editions of Swallow News can be seen at www.swallowclass.org/category/news/

The fastest way to Swallow Results is at <https://swallowclass.org/results/> where the previous winners of some of our major trophies are now also shown.

And of course our wonderful photo gallery thanks to Kirsty Bang is at www.swallowclass.org/swallow-photo-and-video-library/ with great new pictures from Keelboat Week.

This Edition's Salty Wisdom ...

He said "never wait or hesitate
Get in kid, before it's too late
You may never get another chance
'Cause youth a mask but it don't last
Live it long and live it fast"

Sir Roderick David Stewart CBE (b1945)



Letters to the Editor

From a 'resting' Swallow owner, name and address supplied.

Sir

With thought towards re-launching my Swallow for the coming 75th Anniversary Season and aware of the rapidity with which weed and barnacles can collect on a newly-launched hull I was most interested today to hear of the new 'Anti-Growth Coalition' and was wondering if the class ... *(letter cut for reasons of space)*.



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