

SOUTH COAST ONE DESIGN

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NOTICE OF THE 29th A.G.M. To be held at the "Vicars Hall", Chichester on Saturday 28th January 1984, at 6 pm. In view of the splendid accommodation this A.G.M. is to be very much a social gathering. The business part of the meeting will take place between 6.15 pm and 7.45 pm in a separated area, leaving the hall and bar available for friends who might prefer to talk rather than sit in at the meeting.

Dinner will be at 8 pm. Not exceeding £6.00 each.

Many SCOD friends attended the funeral of Bob Lidington in August. He will be remembered as one who loved his yachting and gave freely of his time to help and encourage others. Bob and Robert Putnam spent years learning to race and from novice beginnings became a formidable partnership.

A wet spring gave no inkling of the glorious summer to come and hampered the annual miracle of fitting out especially for those wintering outside. Puddles always seem to collect underneath SCODS and must have something to do with their affinity to water. The situation is made worse by owners saving best wellies for wet summer sailing which goes to show that wintering under cover does something for your feet if not for your cheque book.

Early events were therefore poorly supported.

MAY 7th Christchurch Bay Race - Phoenix Trophy. Once a major SCOD event this long race from Cowes to Christchurch and back was contested this year by two Island boats, Aderyn and Varthan, a delayed start, light wind and turning tide conspired to hamper exit from the Needles but Aderyn succeeded and completed the course while Varthan, after a long struggle, retired.

May 14th and 15th Hamble/Yarmouth - Yarmouth/Hamble - Ngauruhoe/Decanter. Four entered but only Aderyn and Macaroon raced. The last minute arrival of Aderyn gave Macaroon a good start and in the early stages, somewhat to her amazement, Macaroon was able to closely cover and outpace her rival who was sporting a full suit of new sails which were obviously going to take some getting used to. Macaroon built a 4½ minute lead on the upwind passage to Yarmouth.

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The Sunday race was in lightish airs. Macaroon obtained clear wind inshore and a ding dong battle ensued towards Gurnard where in strong tide and little wind Aderyn was carried the wrong side of the mark. Macaroon was more fortunate and had a 27 minute lead at the finish.

May 21st Chichester Series 1 - Firecracker Plate. ✓ On this passage race to Cowes it was good to see Herschel ✓ (Alan Yates) all the way from Portsmouth and Adelie (Alex Harris) ✓ a new owner on his first SCOD race.

A light breeze which almost died at the Forts finally filled in enabling the race to be finished against the tide with Macaroon closely followed by Herschel. Alex in Adelie had some bad luck sailing well offshore only to be badly headed when the breeze came.

May 28th, 29th and 30th SCOD Training Weekend at Cowes. Attended by representatives from Varthan, Peter Baker, Black Velvet, Mister Jingle, Sweet Forfeit, Lygra and Macaroon.

It was a pleasure to meet Tony Warrington (Lygra) ✓ who took the opportunity of joining us from a business trip which brought him into the area from his North Yorkshire farm. There will be more news of sailing in Lygra in a later Newsletter.

This was a pleasant and relaxed weekend with talks at The National Sailing Centre on "Solent Tides" (Hugh Evans) "Firefighting" (Stephen Cansdale) and "Making A SCOD Go Fast" (Ken Adams). A modest meal and drinks ashore completed entertainment and introduced Paul Lewis (Mister Jingle) and Jack Cansdale and family (Black Velvet) to the circles of SCOD ✓ friendship.

June 11th Rally at Porchester Sailing Club. With eleven boats represented and twenty eight people attending, this was a very nice event and a credit to our hosts Ian and Barbara Hunt (Ton Up). It is always interesting to find new surroundings for a rally and moored close inshore under the walls of Porchester Castle with all the pleasures of a bright sunny afternoon, a flower festival at the Priory Church of St. Mary and the magnificent grounds of the castle all served to make this a day to remember.

Special thanks to Barbara, Karen and Tommy Thompson, Annie and Gower Lloyd, and Vivien Cherry for the excellent barbeque steaks, etc.

June 18th Round the Island Race - Owen Aisher Challenge Cup. Some have been heard to say this was a disaster ! However there was a good turn out of SCODS, fourteen entered and just about every one had the glorious feeling that maybe they were in the lead at some stage.

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We hear that the Island S.C. has a whole room full of those tankards that do so much to inflate the price of entry to this popular race so maybe next year they will pay us to take them away.

June 25th Chichester Series 2 - started at Southsea. Bad luck turned a five boat race into a three boat race, Tuonela and Mister Jingle were late for the start. Ardoyna rounded the first mark followed by Macaroon and Santiano and that was the finishing order at Cowes. Congratulations to David Galbraith in Ardoyna for good helming in his first SCOD race.

July 9th and 10th Cowes/Poole - Rheinfield Trophy, Poole/Cowes - Jolie Madame Trophy. Although Varthan and Tuonela were late starters seven SCODS raced and the lead was hotly contested in light airs with Spinnakers flying by Aderyn, Santiano, Mister Jingle, Sugar Plum and Macaroon. At Shingles Buoy the latter gained a minor lead over Mister Jingle due to a sudden wind shift but superior spinnaker work and initiative passing a cruising yacht put Mister Jingle into a well deserved lead held to the finish at 14.45 hours. Tuonela, to windward, kept constant pressure on the leaders and almost caught them at the finish. It was good to see Sugar Plum (Barie Wakefield) joining in and a great pleasure to have Paul Lewis win the magnificent Rheinfield Trophy in Mister Jingle.

A barbeque replaced the usual seafood supper and was a fair mixture of delight and disaster. Apologies to all and it seems likely we will do something less thrilling, chilling, muddy and late next year.

Sunday morning saw seven SCODS in line astern in their way to the start at Poole Bar. Karen and Tommy in Pipatina had joined us from holiday but Mister Jingle had made an early start to get her master to an important appointment in Lymington.

Pipatina made a very good start and reached Hurst shortly after Aderyn. However the vagaries of fickle wind enabled only Macaroon and Varthan to break the tidal trap at Hurst and finish at Cowes in that order.

July 16th and 17th Hamble River Regatta. This new event for SCODS was supported by Peter Baker, Mister Jingle, Tuonela, Macaroon and on Sunday, Aderyn. Fog delayed Peter Baker on Saturday but she gamely made a late start in a light wind, race won by Macaroon. Roger and Alex Harding entertained us well Saturday evening with a barbeque at their home.

Sunday produced better wind and a very close bunched start. Aderyn and Mister Jingle took an offshore line while Tuonela, Peter Baker and Macaroon passed close inshore, all five boats being very close together at the first mark from which Aderyn led towards Calshot. Later Macaroon took advantage of a freshening breeze to finish 4½ minutes ahead.

Cowes Week July 30th - August 7th The total of sixteen SCODS compares well with previous years. A number of old friends joined us including David Bowker, Neil Parker, Julian Linnington and Alan Jones and we enjoyed their help and company.

Not a single day was lost although the wind was a little light at times.

Tuonela won the Northey Decanter for best overall performance followed by Aderyn and Mandria. Mandria was very consistent and a first and third from Peridot and third from Varthan all deserve mention.

The cocktail party at the Globe was well attended and nicely produced and our guests from various clubs helping to run the SCOD programme enjoyed meeting us. Next year the Phoenix Trophy (Silver SCOD) replaces the Northey Decanter for the Cowes points trophy. The Northey Decanter is transferred to the SCOD with best points at Southsea Regatta and the SCOD class Silver Jubilee Trophy replaces the Phoenix Trophy for the Christchurch Bay race.

August 20th and 21st, Southsea Regatta Always a well supported event, seven SCODS raced each day. On Saturday Aderyn had the misfortune to be over the line at the start and Macaroon, Mandria and Pipatina took the guns. An exceedingly good party was held aboard the Andalucia of Blue Star Line where Paul Lewis (Mister Jingle) is second officer. His ship was docked at Portsmouth about to go to the Falkland Islands with, among other things, budgerigars and cats (fortunately not together). A SCOD party of about ten turned up complete with dock gate pass and spent a happy time in the ships bar enjoying the company of Paul and his fellow officers.

On Sunday Aderyn had her revenge beating Macaroon and Pipatina.

August 27th and 28th Hamble Cherbourg Race - Linda Windeler Challenge Bowl. This race was disappointing through lack of wind and unusual in leaving east of the Wight. Of the six starters Peter Baker and Pipatina abandoned the crossing, Tuonela and Varthan retired but reached Cherbourg and Macaroon and Aderyn sailed the course and were widely separated by some 5½ hours.

Macaroon had the benefit of Robert Putnam aboard who advised keeping well to the east and avoided the forecast doldrums of the direct route. Santiano (not racing) having left by the Needles perhaps found the flattest calm of all.

Tegah and Mercier were in Cherbourg and Alan Jones from Alderney. Annette Kirkley arranged a pleasant evening meal at a small cafe which was well attended.

Those who planned to include a short cruise were upset by the strong N.E. wind which set in. However Tuonela and Aderyn visited the new marina at St. Vaast and report it and the town well worth a visit.

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September 10th, Bembridge Ledge Race - Hebe Trophy A good race with six starters won by Aderyn after a hard fight with Macaroon and Tuonela on the way to Bembridge. Black Velvet had the bad luck to be aground on her Medina mooring, was late for the start and then split her mainsail. It never rains but it pours. Tuonela raced with half a rudder having sustained unreported damage on her Hamble mooring. Lucky you didn't win Roger as lightening ship that way is against the rules !

September 11th, Ladies Race - SCOD Challenge Bowl Even after an almost whole season of lovely sunshine and modest wind, the ladies get a nasty hard blow. The three ladies who completed the race, Annette Kirkley (Aderyn), Vivien Cherry (Peter Baker), Jay Dillon (Varthan) all deserve medals. Tuonela, Macaroon and Pipatina entered but did not race.

Come next year ladies, it really cannot do this to you again.

September 17th and 18th, Hamble/Yarmouth - Yarmouth/Hamble. The weekend promised much wind and three SCODs wisely stayed at home. Peter Baker and Macaroon made night passages to Cowes to take part and only they and Aderyn started. Aderyn took the lead and gradually pulled away to a 15 minute lead over Macaroon at the finish and failing wind and foul tide caused Peter Baker to retire. Overnight winds reached storm force and put a fifteen degree heel on bare poled SCODS in Yarmouth Harbour. This persisted until near the 1000 hours Sunday start and caused the race to be cancelled. A near calm developed soon afterwards and for a time yachts leaving Yarmouth had difficulty breasting the westgoing tide. So the Macaroon luck held to the last as Aderyn, on form, would have won the return race and taken the Ngauruhoe Decanter.

October 1st, Chichester Series 3 - Passage Race to Cowes. Another not very promising weekend - overcast with little or no wind was enough to leave a lonely little Macaroon waiting at the start of Chi Bar from 0940 to 1040. Where were you all ? because we missed you in Cowes for that last beer.

October 8th Laying Up Supper. Yet another delightful laying up supper arranged by Joan and Roy Colley at Bosham S.C. Attendance was less than the quality of the meal deserved so hope to see everybody at the January 28th AGM.

Prizes were presented by Gabrielle Adams as follows :-

Northey Decanter (overall points Cowes Week) Roger Harding (Tuonela).

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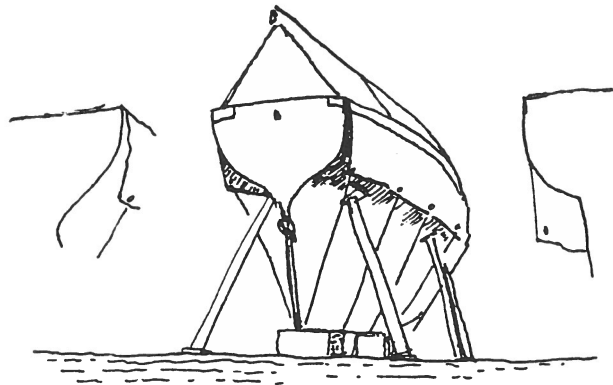
Crusier Shield, John Wilkie (Peridot) - a magnificent SCOD well worth a visit if you get the chance.

Captain's Tankard, Pam Atkins (Lorette) - bringing a SCOD from poor to good condition is of great value to the class and essential to its continuation.

Mister Jingle Trophy (overall points))	
Ngauruhoe Decanter (Hamble Scramble)	Ken Adams
Series))	Macaroon
Jolie Madame (Poole to Cowes))	
Firecracker Plate (Chichester Series))	

SCOD Ties So far nineteen people have ordered thirty two ties. We need to double this before it is possible to proceed. If you have mislaid your order form, more will be available at the AGM or alternatively send your cheque to the Treasurer. Ties are £5 each and if insufficient are ordered we shall abandon the idea and return cheques.

Member Subscriptions Please note that at last years AGM a £5 per year, per boat subscription was approved and differing rates for racing and non racing members discontinued. Associate members £2 and Honorary Members nil. Please adjust bankers orders as this appears to have been overlooked in some cases.



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