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SOUTH COAST ONE DESIGN CLASS

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CLASS CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

This is the SCOD Class' 25th season and next year we celebrate our silver jubilee. 1979 could be a critical year for the class. Slowly the fleet is becoming dispersed over a wider and wider area and the Solent racing fleet is becoming smaller. The prestige of the class and, to a degree, the secondhand value of individual boats does depend on class racing, though of course the SCOD was basically designed as a cruising boat. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, we are hoping to see some new boats built of glassfibre in the future. For the time being, and I hope, for many years to come, the present fleet of over a hundred wooden boats must remain the backbone of the class. We urgently need one or two newcomers to join in the racing and I hope that you will all try to give support to the class by joining in one or two races during the year.

Interestingly, SCOD owners have always preferred passage racing to round-the-buoys races, probably because most of us are cruising oriented. When you think that a slow tack loses a few seconds, carrying the wrong jib a matter of minutes, but bad navigation can lose hours, it is clear where the most important skill is. In passage races, therefore, the cruising man can and does win.

We have arranged what we hope is an attractive programme for 1979. There are rallies at Alderney (an innovation for the Spring Holiday), Beaulieu River, Fecamp, and you could call the Poole race a rally too. We will be awarding the cruiser plaque for the best equipped cruising boat attending the most rallies. For those who have not joined in the races or the rallies before, we assure you of a friendly welcome and the opportunity to make new friends and exchange ideas and listen to some yarns.

Whatever you do in 1979 or wherever you sail I wish you good weather and the best of all sailing which we know the SCOD provides.

NEW OWNERS

Welcome to new owners who have joined us since the last SCOD News in October 1978:

A Yates	("Herschell" SC90)
G Cullen	("Simon Boliva" SC81)
D B Lansley	("Sweet Forfeit" SC27)
J & H Farnell	("Jandi" SC92)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 1979

There were one or two changes in class officers and committee following the AGM in December. Roger Harding ("Tuonela") becomes Class Captain and David Kirkley ("Aderyn") takes over as Hon. Secretary. Dr T Archer ("Escampette"), N Berry ("Vittoria"), Mrs A N Kirkley ("Aderyn") and Mrs K Thompson ("Pipatina") join the committee.

Our thanks go to Dr Neil Parker for his stirring efforts as Class Captain over the last three years.

RITA HARDING

It is with great regret that we record the death of Rita Harding just after Christmas. Rita was a very effective secretary to the class for the two years 1977 and 1978. She was unfortunately too ill to attend the AGM at the beginning of December and the class was thereby denied the opportunity to thank her in person for all her efforts. We will miss seeing her aboard "Tuonela". We offer all our sympathy to Roger Harding and his family.

RALLIES

This year we will be sending out details of all rallies a fortnight beforehand. For your diary though they are as follows:

Alderney: We are hoping to rally at Alderney on 28th May (Spring Bank Holiday). The idea is for boats to race from Cowes to Cherbourg starting on the Friday evening, stay overnight at Cherbourg on Saturday before catching the tide on Sunday morning to Alderney. Alan Jones ("Junkanoo") is arranging moorings in Braye Harbour and a meal ashore on Sunday evening. Some of you may like to start a Channel Islands cruise there. If we can't twist your arm to take part in the Cherbourg race, we hope you will still go to Alderney.

Beaulieu River: The annual class rally is to be held on the Beaulieu River this year on 9th June. We are hoping that the Royal Southampton Yacht Club at Gins Farm will accommodate us and provide an evening meal. There will be the usual race to the rally from Chichester Harbour which, this year, will also count towards the season's points trophy.

Poole Harbour

The Cowes-Poole race is on Saturday 23rd June. Moorings are provided by the Royal Motor Yacht Club at Sandbanks, just inside the entrance to Poole Harbour. As in previous years, we hope that the RMYC will provide their excellent seafood buffet supper and no doubt the bar will get the usual intensive usage. Remember the return race to Cowes on the Sunday is also a points race this year.

Fecamp: The rally at Fecamp is over the late August bank holiday, 25/26th August. This year we hope to organise a meal ashore. Take a tip, however, and stay in the outer harbour marina. The inner harbour has a "slightly disconcerting" fishy odour!

CRUISE IN COMPANY

In the past, the SCOD Class has organized a cruise in company. It is a few years since the last one, but we are prepared to try another if there is enough interest.

One possibility is a cruise to the west, say Weymouth and Dartmouth before splitting up for individual SCOD's to visit the places of interest to each. Another is to do a cross-channel hop together, say as far as St Peter Port, with a rendezvous for the return trip if desired. We have attached a questionnaire. Please return it to the Hon. Secretary with your views.

THE RACING PROGRAMME

You should already have received the racing entry forms. Cowes Week is 4th to 12th August this year and forms will be sent out nearer the time. For your diary, the programme is as follows:-

May 12th	SCOD Class	Chichester Series 1
May 19th	Royal Southern Yacht Club	Hamble/Yarmouth
May 20th	" " " "	Yarmouth/Hamble
May 25th	Island Sailing Club	Cowes/Cherbourg
June 2nd	SCOD Class	Chichester/Brighton Marina
June 9th	Beaulieu River	Class Rally
June 16th	Island Sailing Club	Round the Island
June 23rd	Royal Motor Yacht Club	Cowes/Poole
June 24th	" " " "	Poole/Cowes
June 30th	Royal London Yacht Club	Pheonix Trophy Race at Cowes
July 7th	Scod Class	Chichester Series 2
July 14th	Combined Clubs	Southsea Regatta
July 15th	" "	" "
July 21st	SCOD Class	Chichester Series 3
August 4-12	Cowes Week	
August 25/6	Fecamp Rally	
Sept 1st	Island Sailing Club	Regatta
Sept 8th	" " "	Bembridge Ledge
Sept 9th	Royal Southern Yacht Club	Ladies Race
Sept 15th	SCOD Class	Chichester Series 4
Sept 22nd	Royal Southern Yacht Club	Hamble/Yarmouth
Sept 23rd	" " " "	Yarmouth/Hambe
Sept 29th	SCOD Class	Chichester Series 5
Oct 6th		
Oct 6th	Scod Class	Chichester Series 6
Oct 13th	Laying-up Supper, Bosham/Spare Day	

If you are not a racing member but would like to enter for a race or two, you will be welcome. As an encouragement, non-racing members can enter for one race without paying the additional £2 subscription. If you enter for more than one, we will add the £2 to your racing account for settlement at the end of the season.

Both the Class Captain and the Hon. Secretary have indicated their willingness to sail aboard another boat for at least one race this year. We hope to have one or two other experienced skippers prepared to help newcomers to racing. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, contact the Hon. Secretary, who may also be able to help with the occasional crew member.

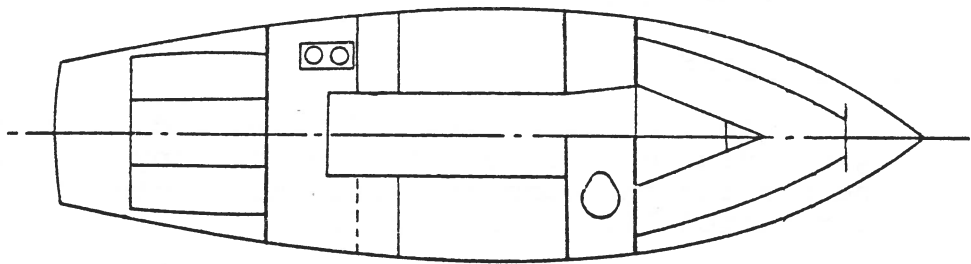
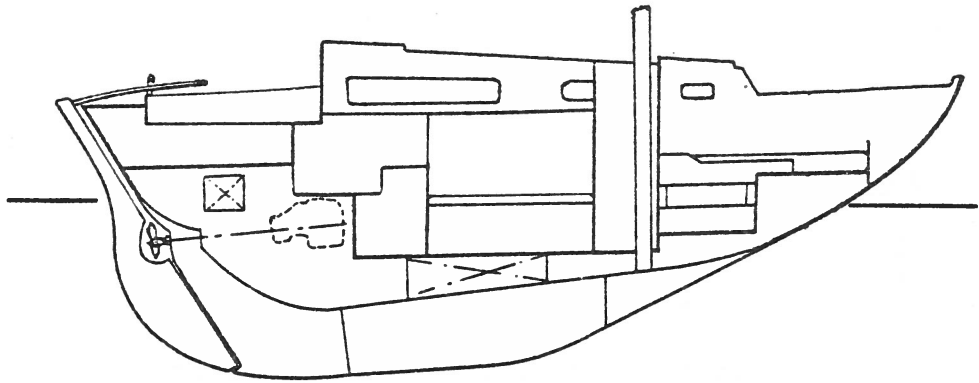
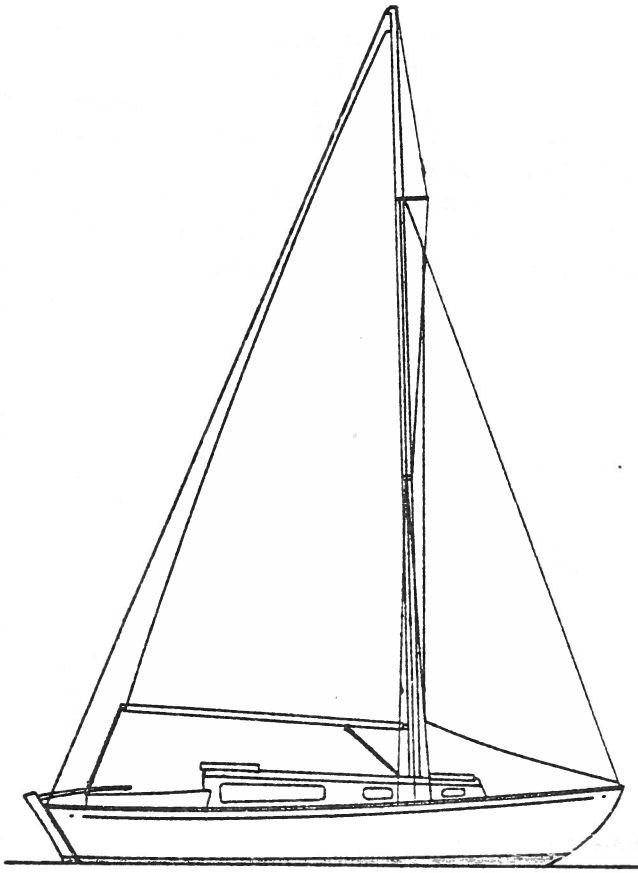
NEW SCODS

In the last Newsletter we mentioned that a technical sub-committee had been formed to look into the construction of new SCOD's and that progress would be reported in the spring. The findings of the sub-committee can be summarized as follows:-

1. The cost of traditional wooden SCOD's is now prohibitively high. Even building in batches, the cost is likely to be over £15,000 and is more likely to be £19,000.
2. A fibreglass SCOD could be produced we believe for between £10,000 and £12,000 complete.
3. With the same lines, but with aluminium alloy spars, a wider redesigned cockpit, and a diesel engine, the boats could be trimmed to exactly the same waterline with the same stability.
4. One of the approved SCOD builders has expressed strong interest in the project.
5. We have contacted the designer of the SCOD, Charles Nicholson, and will shortly meet him to discuss a modernised version in fibreglass.

To give you an impression of the proposed new SCOD, a small scale drawing has been prepared. The hull has four inches more freeboard. The doghouse has disappeared, but the coachroof is continued forward at the height of the doghouse in the original design. The cockpit is self-draining and is wider and a bridge deck over the engine is provided. Otherwise (apart from fibreglass) the design is unchanged.

When the project has been studied further, we will prepare a consultation document and circulate it for your comments. Any changes in the rules to allow a fibreglass SCOD would be discussed at a special class meeting before the changes are implemented.



CLASS CERTIFICATES

Boats entering for races should have a class certificate. If you do not have one, please contact the Hon. Treasurer and Registrar. Owners with certificates are reminded that they should not change rig or equipment from the approved specification if they are to remain in class. Likewise, new sails should be entered on the class certificate which should be forwarded with the sailmaker's certificate to the Hon. Treasurer and Registrar. If in doubt about replacement equipment, please check with a committee member.

LOST A RUDDER?

Ex-Class Captain and ex-owner of "Caviare" Patrick Madge has a spare SCOD rudder. If anyone is suffering from a damaged rudder, the Hon. Secretary will put them in touch.

CONDITION SURVEYS AND CONSULTANCY

Mr H J Hatcher who was Managing Director of Burnes Shipyard Ltd for many years has now retired and offers his services on a freelance basis for condition surveys, damage assessment, valuations or consultancy. As he was intimately concerned with the construction of many SCOD's by Burnes and knows their construction in detail, members may like to avail themselves of this offer. His address is:

72 Longwood Avenue
Cowplain
Portsmouth
Hants PO8 8JB

Tel: Waterlooville 53107

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many members have not yet changed their banker's orders to take account of the new subscription rates. Please do so now - NOW! Rates are:

Racing Members	£4 (or £5 for separate mailing)
Non-Racing and	
Associate Members	£2

LIST OF OWNERS

The complete list of owners and names and addresses is not being circulated this year in view of copying and postage costs. Anyone wanting the complete list should contact the Hon. Secretary. An abbreviated list is appended.

COMMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Any contributions for the next newsletter will be gratefully received. These and any comments you may have should be sent to the Hon. Secretary: Dr D W Kirkley, 76 Eaton Drive, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, KT2 7QX.

LIST OF OWNERS

SC1	ADERYN	D W Kirkley
SC2	MITSOUKO	R A G Isherwood
SC3	TIO PEPE	R Lane
SC4	LULLABY	Mrs P Grey
SC5*	CREVETTE	R J Gloyn
SC6	CAVIARE	Mr and Mrs J E Brown
SC7	CHINTHE	V Smith
SC8	BOLTER	D Collenette
SC9	VITTORIA	N Berry
SC10*	MYFANWY	OVERSEAS
SC11	CYRANDIC	Dr M Roberts
SC12*	ECLAIR	R W Hurdman
SC14*	COGNAC	Major C L Kennedy USAF
SC15	DAMIAN	
SC16	CHAMPAGNE	OVERSEAS
SC17	MARIOTA	R A Clark
SC18*	CYGNET OF BOSHAM	
SC19*	ESTRELA	B Morgan & R G West
SC20	TUONELA	Mr R J Harding
SC21*	LIZ	
SC22*	JANKA	OVERSEAS
SC23	TOPKAPI OF BOSHAM	E G G Allard
SC24*	BRISTOL FASHION II	R Jackson
SC25	AURIGNY	J Hardcastle
SC26*	BRIEF ENCOUNTER	E Allen
SC27	SWEET FORFEIT	B Lansley
SC28	MARBELLA	D H Evans

SC29	CHAIKA	Lt Col R L Swetzer
SC30*	SOLANDRA	J Wilson
SC31	BEAUJOLAIS	H Lubasz
SC32	SAMANTHA	L Bowerman
SC33	TEGAH	D Spendlove
SC34	AALLOTAR	Mr and Mrs P S Buckley
SC35*	CUBHUNTER	J S Lindsay
SC36	TROIKA	Wing Commander T C Murray
SC37*	CARANN	J B Beddall
SC38*	SELGA	
SC39	BLACK VELVET	Dr D W King
SC40	MERCIER	Brigadier D Esmonde White
SC41*	ZIL	OVERSEAS
SC42*	PARAMATTA	E C Best
SC43*	ADOIS	OVERSEAS
SC44*	HAMPSHIRE MAID	J Pearcey
SC45	PICCOLINO	I S Greenfield
SC46*	SPARKLET	Mr Thomas
SC47	GAMBIT	S R Garratt
SC48	PORTCULLIS	A C Cherry
SC49*	SARAFRAY	OVERSEAS
SC50*	VA BIEN	OVERSEAS
SC51*	TELOA	T W Robinson
SC52	SEULA	
SC53*	LARIAT	Wing Commanger A T Newman
SC54	JOLIE MADAM	J L Pitt
SC55*	BELVENTO	OVERSEAS
SC56*	VINO	Major A E Heron

SC57*	LILLIBET	D K Oliver
SC58	VARTHAN	H T Hale
SC59	NGAURUHOE	J R Day
SC60	LUSULA	G R Smith & C Ellis
SC61	LORETTE	Mrs M E Lucy
SC62	JUNKANOO	A Jones
SC63*	VENITIA	OVERSEAS
SC64	ADELIE	A W Petter
SC65	FRIDAY WHILE	M S Watton
SC66*	BUSH BABY	J J Kenny
SC67	JEROMA II	Rear Commodore, John Lewis Partnership Sailing Club
SC68	PERIDOT	J K Wilkie
SC69	FIRECRACKER	Mr and Mrs A H Overton
SC70	RED JERBOA	RAOC Sailing Association
SC71	ST CHRISTOPHER	Dr W N Parker & C J Schinas
SC72	LYGRA	J Mackenzie
SC73	MACAROON	K L Adams
SC74	NUTHATCH	OVERSEAS
SC75	SUGAR PLUM	J Knight & R Barnes & Mr Cork
SC76	SANTIANO	Dr M S Palmer & W P Colley
SC77	LIME JUICER	D D Williams
SC78	ANJAJA	D Browne
SC79	SAFINA	J Roche
SC80	ARDOYNA	B S Lidington
SC81*	SIMON BOLIVA	G Cullen
SC82	WIMOWEH	P K Chamberlain
SC83	ESCAMPETTE	Dr T Archer
SC84*	MALIMBE	R Vyner
SC85	RHONINA	D C Littleton

SC86	PIPATINA	Mr and Mrs J D Thompson
SC87	TROMBA	B Ridge
SC88	CLAIRE III	H B Fraser
SC89*	NORTHEY	L F Alder
SC90	HERSCHELL	Mr and Mrs Yates
SC91	MISTER JINGLE	R J Coxon
SC92	JANDI	J and H Farnell
SC93	DUNDERAVE	M Kent
SC94*	WENDY CAROLINE	A J Dunne
SC95*	PETIT MANUEL	G Odling
SC96	SHIMMERING WATER	H B Campbell
SC97	JESTER OF BOSHAM	W R Macdonald
SC98	MANDRIA	Dr P W G Evans
SC99	TOPPIN II	R A K Wright
SC100	TON UP	I Hunt
SC101	CENTURIAN OF BOSHAM	P Hayes-Davies
SC102	MARDALE MAID	C A St J Wilson
SC103	LADY B OF BOSHAM	Dr D M Thomson
SC104*	STIRLING	D Lord
SC105	TREANNA	OVERSEAS
SC106*	CURLEW OF BOSHAM	P G Hickey

* No valid Registration Certificate