

SOUTH COAST ONE DESIGN CLASS

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For most of us the sailing season is over. For the next few months it's armchair sailing or perhaps some hard work on alterations or improvements for next year. Looking back over the summer, though, recollections are of some splendid, if rather boisterous sailing. After last year's light weather it was quite a change.

NEW OWNERS

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

A V Cherry ("Portcullis" SC 48)
J L Pitt ("Jolie Madam" SC 54)

We look forward to seeing you afloat next year (or perhaps even before that?).

A special welcome to Stan March who has joined us as an associate member. Stan is rebuilding a SCOD damaged by fire before being registered. She will be SC 107 and called "Sea Cinders".

RACING IN 1978

We had some excellent racing this year. "Ardoyna" (SC80) again won the season's points trophy for the best 8 races but she didn't have it all her own way! "Aderyn" (SC1) was second and "St Christopher" (SC 71) third. Some highlights were:

Cowes - Cherbourg: 8 boats, a mixture of no wind at all and not very much. "Ardoyna" won.

Round-the-Island: 13 boats, force 6 and very wet. "Aderyn" won this one. Everybody finished and won a tankard.

Cowes - Poole: 4 boats. It was blowing so hard only one of the Chichester fleet made it to Cowes for the start. For Ken Adams it was all worthwhile since "Macaroon" (SC 73) won the race and the superb Rheinfield trophy.

Ladies Race: Disappointingly only 2 boats started. Force 6 and very unpleasant. "Aderyn" won. Congratulations to Annette Kirkley, but what happened to all those other helmswomen?

Cowes Week: 18 boats, force 5 or 6 for seven days in a row left many of us in a state of chronic exhaustion. "Ardoyna" won 4 races, Tuonela (SC 20) 2 races and "Aderyn" 2 races. Positions for the week were in that order. "Macaroon" regrettably was involved in a collision with the tanker "Esso Antwerp" and lost her mast. Fortunately no-one was injured and other damage was superficial.

Chichester Series: A small turn out this year. After her Cowes Week problems we were pleased to see "Macaroon" back in action to win the last race, the series, and the Firecracker Plate.

CRUISING

Chaika

Following SCOD News No 1, we received a delightful account of "Chaika's" (SC 29) voyage to Spain. Unfortunately, it is too long to include in this news, but we have a few copies to circulate by hand. Briefly, Colonel and Mrs Swetzer bought "Chaika" in 1975 in Southampton and took her via Le Havre, Marseilles, Sete and Port Vendres to Spain. From Mrs Swetzer's account it is clear that there were many frustrations not the least of which was the unreliability of the Stuart Turner engine. Colonel Swetzer reports seeing another SCOD in the Spanish Mediterranean but does not know the name. Perhaps there will be a fleet there yet!

Azores to New York

Robert Putnam, our Sailing Secretary, completed his single-handed transatlantic crossing in a Hustler 25 this year. After last year's dismasting, this year's sailing must have been positively tame! The first stage was Flores to Antigua - 24 days and oilies on only three of them. After ten days cruising in the West Indies, Robert made a final passage to New York in 14 days. He arrived back just in time to help "Ardoyna" gain her four firsts in Cowes Week.

Rally at Warsash

The rally this year was at the RTYC at Warsash. Good numbers, good weather, and a good supper made for success. "St Christopher" won the race to the rally from Chichester and therefore the "Jolie Madame" trophy.

Rally at Fécamp

Despite the fact that we omitted to send out instructions for the rally four boats turned up in Fecamp for the August Bank Holiday to enjoy some glorious sailing and beautiful weather. "Ardoyna" and "Aderyn" stayed on for a Normandy cruise.

The Cruiser Plaque

"Mandria" (SC 98) was awarded the Cruiser Plaque this year. We think "Mandria" is the only SCOD with a fully-fitted nursery in the forepeak! Congratulations to Peter and Jill Evans for all that racing and cruising with a crew under one year old.

Where Were All The Other SCOD's?

Some of you we saw at Cowes Week. "Pipatina" we saw at both rallies, but all told we probably only have contact with about one third of the class. Please let any committee member know what you have been doing - cruises, alterations, incidents, where you are based, and we will try to put a section in the next SCOD news covering those boats we don't see regularly.

ODDS AND ENDS

Technical Subcommittee

A subcommittee (Roger Harding, Robert Putnam and David Kirkley) has been formed to look into the possible construction of new SCOD's. Consideration will be given to rule changes to permit alternative types of construction, aluminium masts and alternative 5-berth layouts. None of these changes can be implemented however without agreement of members in a class meeting. Progress will be reported in SCOD News No 3 in the Spring.

Starting to Race?

Ways of encouraging new owners (and also the not so new) to race, were discussed by the class committee recently and one or two innovations for 1979 were agreed:

- Best 6 races sailed to count for the season's points trophy (currently 8).
- Number of races counting towards the championship increased to 15.
- All boats finishing six or more points races to receive a SCOD tankard.
- Experienced skipper scheme to be organized, ie. someone experienced in racing SCOD's to sail on board for a first race if requested.

If you do not have a class certificate, please write to the Class Registrar (address below). Even if your interest is mainly in cruising you may find that the occasional race improves your sail and boat handling, and therefore your enjoyment of sailing in general!

AGM a la Carte

This year's AGM will be at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Portsmouth on December 2nd. We expect the AGM to be brief and the supper to occupy much more of the evening. We look forward to seeing many of you there and are confident of an enjoyable evening and much "yarning at the bar".

For Sale

David Kirkley ("Aderyn") has a complete set of SCOD sails for sale. Old but serviceable. They won't win races but could be useful for cruising or as spares. £99 including main, genoa and spinnaker.

Subscriptions

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