



State of the art shower facilities open

Two Swans in the Boatyard

Tribute to Mike Spear

Champagne sailing at Classic Regatta



Introduction from SYH Managing Director Jonathan Dyke

Welcome to issue 33 of Harbour Light



Don't forget our open weekend and yacht fair on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October.



Mike Spear 1928 - 2017

It has been an eventful summer at Suffolk Yacht Harbour as we continue the celebration of our 50th anniversary.

However, it is with great sadness that I write you this introduction for the first time single handed, as in June, founder and Chairman of Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Mike Spear, passed away aged 88.

A familiar face for many, Mike was the vision and driving force behind Suffolk Yacht Harbour and the reason we are now in the fortuitous position of celebrating our 50th anniversary. He was a renowned offshore competitor and a passionate and accomplished yachtsman. His contribution to the sailing community along the east coast was immense and he is greatly missed.

Mike's first taste on the water came as a boy sailing dinghies at Waldringfield Sailing Club. After this he raced with his father for many years on the family yacht, 'Brambling'. At the age of 22 Mike

attended the inaugural meeting of East Anglian Offshore Racing Association (EAORA in 1950) and was a part of the group which formed the association, before becoming a regular competitor on the EAORA circuit. Mike's first offshore racing success in his own boat 'Maleni', designed by Kim Holman, was winning class II in 1964.

A member of many clubs including the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC), Cruising Association (CA) and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), Mike's prolific passion for sailing saw him undertake Atlantic crossings, and on one remarkable passage sailed his motorsailer Zeeuwleeuw to the Caribbean and up the Eastern Seaboard of the USA.

In his later years Mike kept a beautiful 55ft motor yacht, 'Sea Samba' and remained an active member of several local yacht clubs, where he would enjoy sailing various cruising boats. Until the time of his passing Mike was also President and Trustee of Haven Ports Yacht Club, which remains closely related to SYH to this day. Join us in reliving some of Mike's achievements from our fantastic 50 years in our special double page feature on our landmark anniversary.

As always, Harbour Light has the latest news from some of our on-site businesses as well as just a few of the highlights from the transformations taking place in the boatyard on the adjacent page.

Do take a look at our brand new shower facilities, which opened in early summer, on page 4. The investment in these state of the art facilities further enables Suffolk Yacht Harbour to provide a first class service to those who visit and I'd like to thank everyone for their kind words about the building.

Also, for those of you in the market for a change of boat, there is the annual yacht fair run by our on-site brokers Clarke and Carter on Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October, which runs concurrently with our open weekend. I do hope you find this issue a useful and engaging update.

I very much welcome any feedback, so please do get in touch on the contact details below.

Best wishes

Jonathan

Jonathan Dyke

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News from the boatyard

A second Swan lands at Suffolk Yacht Harbour

The workshop is busier than ever, with a wide range of boats currently in for work including two Nautor Swan sailing yachts (see more below). If you're looking for refits, renovation or damage repair, contact Joshua Major, SYH Boatyard Services Director. Email joshua@syharbour.co.uk or call **01473 659240**.



Shades of Blue

One of our projects that is near to completion is Dehler 36, Shades of Blue, which is in the final stages of its scheduled repair work.

In the workshop for insurance repairs, the team has been tasked to return Shades of Blue back to her original condition. After suffering damage to her port side, the team has ground back the damaged gelcoat and laminate at the toe rail and mid-ships section. Once back to sound structure re-laminating could commence followed by accurately colour matching the gel coat and re-profiling the damaged areas in order to create an invisible repair. The aluminium anodised rubbing strip which was also damaged in the incident has been removed, straightened and re-profiled prior to an anodised paint effect system applied to create a seamless finish due to the section no longer being obtainable.

Due to the increasing range of bespoke parts becoming unobtainable SYH increasing have to find creative solutions in order to replicate or repair these parts.

Upcoming projects

Ryegate 30' Gentleman's Motor Yacht

An exciting new project to arrive by road transport at our workshop is this beautiful motor yacht, Ryegate. Coming to us from the junction of the Worcester canal and River Severn estuary, Ryegate is a sister to a Dunkirk Little Ship and was built in 1937. Her current owners decided that after some time laid up ashore, renovation work was needed to bring Ryegate back to peak condition. We are excited to have Ryegate with us for refit which will include splining of the topsides followed by a single traditional pack paint system. While she is with us she will also be undergoing a renewal of the gas system and the removal and remanufacture of the traditional galvanised rudder and keel shoe.



Nana

'Nana', another Nautor Swan, this time a 46 has recently been bought over from Italy to SYH for some major renovation work to return her to her full glory. The work due to commence involves having her mast and step removed. While the mast is down SYH will carry out a full AwlGrip respray application to the Rekmann foil. The mast base will be shot blasted, certain sections re-plated along with re-galvanising prior to refitting. These works will be carried out in conjunction with Evolution Rigging who will be replacing the current rod rigging.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The latest on Susquehanna

Our resident long term project swan 42 Susquehanna is having the finishing stage of her deck layout detailed with the Dorade vents having been sprayed in AwlGrip white and hand applied traditional red to the internal faces.

Also being carried out is the full replacement of the original Swan toe rails. The new toe rails have been custom fabricated to original Nautor specification, trial fitted and sent for anodising to the longest facility in the UK prior to final fitting and bedding as pictured.



Toe rail replacement



Newly painted Dorade vents

State of the art shower facilities open



In May we opened our brand new shower and toilet block facilities to a rousing response, with some commenting that they 'would not be out of place in a spa hotel'.

The spacious building was designed by Hadleigh-based architects Wincer Kievenaar and constructed by Suffolk-based builders BRC Limited. It has been finished to the highest specification, putting them among the most exclusive marina facilities in the UK.

The building has been designed to be both contemporary and practical, with individual wet and dry areas, underfloor heating, LED lighting and the very latest in sanitary ware. Vaulted ceilings were constructed to allow maximum light and ventilation to the modern tiled facilities below. Every detail has been considered; from heated mirrors to prevent them 'steaming up' to heated seats in the shower cubicles and an ultra-efficient heat recovery extraction system.

Jonathan Dyke commented: "We set out to create the very best marina shower facilities we possibly could, taking into careful consideration our visitors' needs. It

is a considerable investment, but an important one to ensure we offer a consistently high quality service to our berth-holders and visitors."

The facilities have sparked a hugely positive reaction from berth-holders and visitors, who have been impressed by the quality and finesse of the design and workmanship.

The SYH team are now working on plans to similarly refurbish the eastern shower facilities block during the 2017-18 winter season.





Creating bespoke commissions for customers around the world

Nearly a year since launching a new website, Classic Marine's reputation continues to grow and the orders for bespoke projects have rolled in. Classic Marine chandlery manager Richard Gadd commented: "We are continuing to receive orders from all over the world, having built up an international following for our expertise. We only work with the very best suppliers to ensure classic boat owners can come to us with confidence."

Contact Richard and the Classic Marine team on **01394 380390** or email **info@classicmarine.co.uk**. Find the Classic Marine team on Facebook for regular updates on the exciting bespoke commissions in the chandlery.



From local experts...

Classic Marine is pleased to have brought new local woodturners on board to create a range of wooden tools and traditional boat fittings in ash and lignum vitae.



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EAST: East Anglian Sailing Trust

The East Anglian Sailing Trust (EAST) is a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Regional Centre of Excellence, providing regular accessible sailing for adults and children with disabilities, and blind and visually impaired adults.

EAST celebrated 21 years sailing from Suffolk Yacht Harbour with another busy year in 2017, especially marked by our Coming of Age Party attended by The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk Lady Euston, many local dignitaries and donors, EAST sailors and volunteers.

Over the coming winter months EAST's volunteer team will be maintaining the growing fleet of National Squib, Yeoman and Sonar keelboats in the Charity's Waterside Community Centre at Suffolk Yacht Harbour.

An online calendar of all EAST activities can be found at: www.e-a-s-t.org.uk/calendar.

What can we offer?

- A fleet of 10 stable keelboats for disabled sailors sailing from wheelchair accessible pontoons.
- EAST yacht skippers provide weekend and week-long coastal cruises for blind and visually impaired sailors who take an active part in navigating using talking compasses.
- A modern Waterside Centre with a well-equipped workshop, training suite and social area and a Galley providing drinks and refreshments.



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A marina in the making – celebrating 50 years of Suffolk Yacht Harbour



Jonathan looks back on the last 50 years

A marina in the making

Celebrating 50 years of Suffolk Yacht Harbour

From flooded farmland in 1967 to the East Coast's largest privately-owned marina, Suffolk Yacht Harbour has evolved considerably in the last 50 years.

Under the guidance of the late founder and Chairman Mike Spear, Suffolk Yacht Harbour has grown over the 50 years from untouched mudflats to one of the most thriving marinas on the East Coast. For over half a century, SYH has developed into to a 550-berth yachting hub receiving more than 3,000 local and visiting boats annually.

We've dug through our archives to find just a few of the memorable moments from our history.

Key milestones



1962: Our founder, and chartered surveyor, Michael Spear carried out a valuation on flooded farmland for landowner Charles Stennett. Together they had the idea to develop the site so yachtsmen could walk dry-footed to their boats instead of getting in a dinghy. A vision was developed for a 12 acre site for 70 yachts, a dinghy park, a car park, a yacht club and a boatyard.

February 1967: SYH was established with the £60,000 savings of founding members Mike Spear, landowner Charles Stennett and local boat builder Eric Wright. They were soon joined by Christopher Carter Jonas, Kim Holman, John Adams and Geoff Hubbard.

1976 – 1993: During this period, berths increased to 500. By 1993, 2,500 yachtsmen were visiting SYH every year. Such demand saw the introduction of full maintenance and repair facilities, a mini market, a car park as well as a shower and toilet block.

1998 – 2002: The northern hard standing area was created, involving the levelling and re-profiling of hundreds of thousands of tonnes of soil, sand and clay to form a storage area to accommodate an additional 150 boats ashore.



June 2002: The first inaugural SYH Classic Regatta is held for wooden pre 1970 built yachts. This annual event now regularly attracts up to 60 entries and is one of the largest regattas of its kind in the UK.

2002 – 2005: Last major earthworks to expand the harbour creating 50 new deep-water moorings are completed and new toilet/shower and laundry block are built.



2011: TV presenter Griff Rhys Jones opened the Harbour Centre; the focal point of the marina, housing all the administration offices and the SYH chandlery.



2012 – 2016: Our new electrical system at pontoons, custom new 75 and 15 tonne boat hoists and newly extended and refurbished workshop facilities are installed. In 2016, we acquired traditional chandlery Classic Marine, which is located on-site adjacent to the main SYH chandlery.



2017: Our state of the art new marina shower block and toilet facilities are unveiled.



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A marina in the making – celebrating 50 years of Suffolk Yacht Harbour



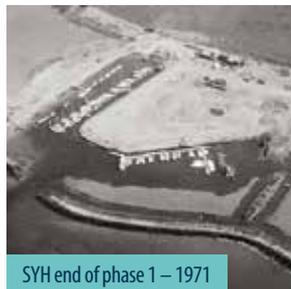
Harbour then – March 1967, the start of SYH



The beginning of Suffolk Yacht Harbour



Founding members Geoff Hubbard, Eric Wright, Chris Carter-Jonas and Mike Spear



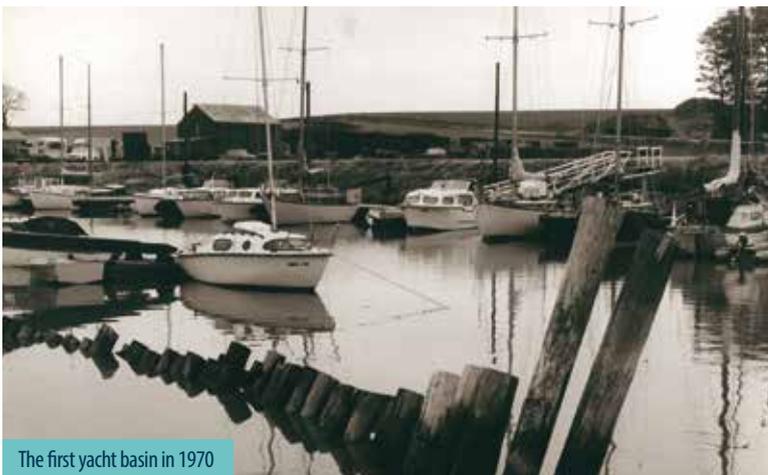
SYH end of phase 1 – 1971



Work proceeds on the initial dredging



Work on the site in 1968



The first yacht basin in 1970



First boat hoist in use



Founders Kim Holman, Charles Stennett, Eric Wright, Mike Spear and John Adams surveying the site in 1967



HRH Princess Anne visits SYH



Old harbour office being demolished in 2009



Mike Spear and his mother Nora look across the saltings in 1966



Harbour now – Photo credited to Patrick Squire

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EVOLUTION RIGGING



A busy (and interesting) season

We have had a tremendously busy season with the Evolution team completing an interesting and varied range of work.

Our team has had the opportunity to work on some noteworthy racing projects this summer including the supply of new standing and running rigging for the International 8 metre 'If'. Working with the owner, we were able to develop a sophisticated and hi-tech running rigging package using super low stretch Technora

and Dyneema lines. We also recently shipped an entire package of high-tech running rigging for the Class 40 'Swish' to Japan. Look out for this boat scoring some good race results in Asia.

For cruising sailors, success on the race course might not be an obvious criteria upon which to judge the capabilities and services of a rigger. We believe our work in the demanding field of race boats validates the quality and attention to detail that our riggers are routinely capable of achieving and this should be an important consideration to our potential cruising customers when they choose a rigger.

We have been surprised at the amount of replacement rod rigging we have supplied to cruising boats this season. Normally only associated with race boats, rod rigging has clearly permeated the performance cruising yacht world. Rod rigging projects completed this season include a Southerly 46RS, Swan 46, Spirit 46 and Spirit 37.

Whether racing or cruising, we have found that our willingness to respond promptly has been very well received, so do get in touch.

Preventative maintenance for peace of mind

As the season draws to a close, the prudent yachtsman's thoughts should turn to arranging their end of season maintenance. At Evolution, we have developed our unique RigCare programme, a guardianship service offering crucial preventative maintenance and advice to help our customers not only get the best out of their boats, but also avoid disruptive mid-season breakdowns.

A significant part of our RigCare service is regular visual mast, spar and rigging inspections. Carried out by one of our qualified riggers, we produce a photographic condition report of your boat's spars and rigging together with our maintenance recommendations.

Richard Odell, who heads up the Evolution team, commented: "It's especially important for cruising sailors to keep an eye on their spars and rigging. Even though they may try and avoid sailing in the testing conditions that racing sailors regularly put themselves in, the degradation of standing rigging is a matter of bend flex cycles rather than a particular load or loading. In other words, even when the boat is sitting in her berth, the standing rigging is, albeit gently, wearing out!"

Call **01473 655089** or email rigging@evolutionrigging.com for more details.

Interested in finding out more?

Pop in anytime, we operate a 'door always open' policy!

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What we offer:

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Try out the latest tech at the October open weekend

Suffolk Yacht Harbour open weekend on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October



Raymarine trailer

Since opening their new office at Suffolk Yacht Harbour at the beginning of the year, Oliver Ballam and the tightknit team at Seapower Marine Electronics have been busy installing new navigation, communication and entertainment systems in boats of all shapes and sizes.

Helping to bring some of what the team does to life will be the Raymarine exhibition trailer, which will be making a very special visit to Seapower Marine Electronics during the Suffolk Yacht Harbour open weekend on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October.

It is the perfect opportunity to have a play with the latest products. As one of Seapower's preferred and trusted suppliers, Raymarine's powerful systems are impressive. Oliver commented: "Whether you're a tech nerd like us or just thinking about upgrading, we promise that a visit to this exciting trailer will be one of the highlights on what's set to be a great weekend."

If the idea of marine electronics interests you and you're looking for your next career move, then Seapower Marine Electronics is on the look out for an apprentice. Get in touch with Oliver if you'd like to find out more.

What's on the radar

The team are often asked which one piece of equipment will make a big difference to performance. There's no one answer to this, but a strong contender would certainly be an upgrade to your radar systems. Whether you are dealing with darkness, heavy rain or fog, you need a system you can trust and in recent years, the technology has improved considerably.

These new light-weight radars enable you to continue your passage without the worry of missing hazards up ahead. With new software, which is easy and simple to understand, you and your crew will be kept safe, even in the harshest conditions.

Using a lower power continuous wide band transmission, target recognition is excellent and small and large targets such as boats, landmarks, rocks, buoys and weather cells are displayed clearly, on both long and extremely short ranges.

These ground-breaking pieces of kit are an ideal upgrade for those seeking a clearer picture and a reduced power drain.

Currently this type of radar is offered by B&G, Simrad, Raymarine, Garmin and Furuno. Seapower supplies and



install all manufacturers equipment, and particularly recommends Raymarine's Quantum Radar (from £1,400) and B&G's Broadband 4G Radar (from £1,410), both popular award-winning and industry leading products.

As your local specialists, Seapower Marine Electronics can integrate your new radar to your existing system or install as part of a full re-fit throughout. Get in touch if you'd like to find out more, or visit the Raymarine truck at the SYH open weekend to test the Quantum out.

Equipment that can help save lives



The team at Seapower Marine Electronics are incredibly proud of the high spec of their products, which can dramatically improve life on the water. This autumn, they were particularly pleased to be able to supply the Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service with a full Raymarine electronics package including three new Axiom multifunction displays, Quantum Radar, and a Thermal Night Vision Camera for its new inshore rescue RIB, 'Last Orders'.

Formed in 1997, the charity helps promote sea safety awareness and helps protect and preserve life at sea. Run completely by volunteers, the team has raised thousands to keep their existing RIB, Volunteer, on the water and help save lives. In fact, even as Harbour Light was going to press, Volunteer rescued a couple whose yacht had lost its engine and was heading for rocks in stormy water.

Thanks to this vital kit, which will be fitted by Seapower Marine Electronics, the volunteers that help keep our coastline safe now have the confidence to navigate safely in total darkness.

For more information on the Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol Rescue Service and to make a donation, visit www.guardian-rescue.com.

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EASS

Another year of success for EASS in the Rolex Fastnet Race



Peter Smith, principal of EASS, commented: "Since 1999 we are really proud to have competed in every Fastnet and have only ever had two yachts retire. This was an incredibly enjoyable event all round and both teams successfully completed the race."

The Fastnet Race is by far the largest of the world's offshore 600 nm races in terms of participation and is one not to be missed. The Race has been running since 1925 when just seven yachts sailed.

This year a record 362 yachts took part, with the take-up on the website selling out in four minutes. Taking part in the Fastnet is often the next step for sailors who have already completed a previous yachting qualification and want to advance within a racing atmosphere.

This year, the crews gathered off Cowes on 6th August waiting for their start, heading to the Fastnet Rock off the southern tip of Ireland and back into Plymouth. Dolphins were spotted en route and it is always an exciting moment when the Rock comes into view.

Round Britain Sail

Next summer we are looking forward to our bi-annual Round Britain event. Although not a race or a training session, crew will get ample opportunity to hone up on their skills and build on experience and miles whilst having a qualified skipper on board.

Taking place throughout the month of August into September, we have split this into five legs of seven days each. The route runs from Suffolk Yacht Harbour to Inverness (600 nm passage for those that need it), through the Caledonian canal, around Scotland, past the

Our DuFour 385 Strata 5 yacht and '40 Love', our Beneteau First 40 Carbon edition, a beautiful racing addition to our fleet, both finished in a very respectable position, with Strata 5 placing 49th and 40 Love coming home in 31st in class.



Isle of Man to Bangor NI, on to Milford Haven in Wales before heading home via the Channel Isles.

As this unfolds in stages, EASS can offer customers a variety of options. Whether you can only join us for a week or for the whole trip, you will gain confidence during a highly enjoyable and valuable experience. Most changeovers are made near local airports and more importantly this gives sailors an opportunity to build up their sea miles while under the expert guidance of our experienced helms.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Staff Profile

Back in April we welcomed Lizzy Burch to the team. Lizzy works part-time to keep EASS organised and running smoothly including assisting with the administration and keeping our yachts in tip top condition. New to sailing, Lizzy has impressed the team with how quickly she has got stuck in and she has been getting some hands-on experience of the courses that we offer by recently completing her RYA Powerboat Level 2, which she thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward to continuing to work with Lizzy in the future.

Where to catch us

In 2018 we will have been an RYA recognised centre for 45 years with the third generation of the Smith family running operations.

Keep an eye out for the EASS in the New Year where we are attending the London Boat Show (10th – 14th January) and the Düsseldorf Boat Show (20th – 28th January). If you aren't planning on visiting either of these, then do pop in throughout Monday to Friday, 0900 – 1700 when our office is open.

Practical Yachting Courses

RYA approved courses can take you from complete novice to expert! These range from 'RYA Start Yachting' up to our 'RYA Yachtmaster Ocean', with all of the peripheral courses in between.

If it is just a bit of tweaking to help you berth your boat better or trim the sails, then you can book one of our instructors from as little as a half-day upwards. Whatever level you are at, there is always room for improvement. Get in touch to find out more about us.

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After a busy summer, there's still lots happening in the Loft



A close cross between the Holman & Pye 33 'Stiletto' and the West Solent 'Arrow' at this year's SYH Classic Regatta

What we offer

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Life support system for your sail

As the season draws to a close winter sail maintenance, valeting and repair should be at the top of your 'to do' list.

Sail maintenance is often overlooked because small things sometimes don't seem important and slow deterioration is not easily detected. In addition, preventative maintenance for sails easily falls into the category of boating expenses to be avoided. At OneSails we take sail maintenance seriously and by using OneSails 'sailcare' services you will protect the investment made in your sail inventory; as well as reducing the likelihood of disruptive mid-season sail failures. In many instances, we have demonstrated that customers using our 'sailcare' services have doubled their sail's useful life.

OneSails 'sailcare' is available for all sails regardless of size, make, type, material or age. Sails can be dropped off at the Loft, at one of the many local drop-off

points or we can arrange to collect your sails from your boat. Many customers find it convenient to use our sail de-rigging service in the autumn and our re-rigging service in the spring.

Our winter 'sailcare' services include:

- Rinsing and drying to remove salt and other light soiling
- Specific washing treatment for algae and mildew staining
- Careful inspection and checking for chafe and damage
- Repair work as required
- On completion, sails are folded and stored until required in the spring

Additional services include: re-cutting to restore sail shape; conversion and modification e.g. retro-fitting mainsail slab reefs; and luff flatteners in roller headsails.



Protect your investment - reduce the hassle

For many of our customers, their boats spend nearly half a year unused and out of commission. Take a look around any yacht hard standing area and you will see only a small percentage of boats have any form of protective cover fitted – we think these owners are missing a trick!

It is our experience that a tailored, fully-fitted winter cover will reduce the general deterioration that a boat suffers from 'weathering' combined with reducing the amount of effort needed in the spring to clean and prepare the boat for the season ahead.

Performance – not just a racing issue!

As sailmakers we may be biased when we say, we firmly believe that all the factors that combine to make sailing such a pleasure are influenced by the flying shape and stretch resistance of a boat's sails. Nicely setting, well-trimmed sails enhance boat speed, improve windward pointing ability and reduce heel angle in stronger winds while simultaneously improving the 'feel' and responsiveness of the helm.

Increasingly we find our cruising clients, who share our sentiments about the pleasure of sailing, choose to have their sails built using woven polyester fabrics that include super-low stretch Vectran or Dyneema. Incorporating these low stretch yarns into conventional woven fabrics dramatically improves shape holding without the inherent durability and handling issues of laminated cruising cloths – call or pop-in to the Loft at any time for more details.



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Classic Regatta 2017

ROUND-UP

There were Champagne sailing conditions throughout the entire weekend of our 16th Classic Regatta in June, as a parade of beautiful classic boats turned out for the amazing weather.

The inaugural classic regatta took place in June 2002 with 24 participants arriving at SYH for three races in the River Orwell and Dovercourt Bay. Over the following years the regatta has regularly attracted up to 50 classic yachts.

The fleet set off in light and variable winds for their first race on Saturday morning, which was won by Phil Plumtree's stunning West Solent Arrow in the Fast class, with Jonathan Thompson's Tumlare Zest winning the Slow class and Andrew Gilmour in Timoa first out of the Stella class.

Sunday marked a slow start for some. Despite a forecast for light winds, the fleet was greeted with flat seas, sparkling sunshine and 12 knots of breeze. Mark Wincer in his International One Design Whisper took second place in all of her Fast class races, and third overall.

Phil Plumtree with Arrow, Andrew Gilmour with Timoa and Jonathan Thompson with Zest were

the big winners of the weekend, with each taking home first prize in their respective Fast, Stella and Slow class races throughout the weekend.

As always, it was an extremely social event and everyone enjoyed the good weather outside Haven Ports Yacht Club (HPYC) on Saturday evening. This was followed by a late night for many onboard the HPYC Lightship, with supper and live music. With the original inspiration for the Classic Regatta coming to Jonathan Dyke during the 150th anniversary America's Cup celebration in 2001 in Cowes, a live screening of this year's event in Bermuda also took place so no-one missed out on the action.

Visit our website www.syharbour.co.uk for all the photos and a film of the racing action. You may also have spotted Suffolk Yacht Harbour's Classic Regatta in several pages in the August issue of Classic Boat.



Photography credit: Emily Harris

**NEXT YEAR'S CLASSIC REGATTA WILL BE HELD ON 9TH AND 10TH JUNE 2018.
KEEP AN EYE OUT EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR ALL THE DETAILS.**

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