



BROAD REACH

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Millennium Rally Reaches Devon and Alderney



Coastguard Helicopter exercising with Riobamba



Chindit Returning from Alderney via Needles

The Millennium Rally took place between Good Friday (21st April) and May Day providing members with the opportunity to cruise in company over an 11 day period making the rally the longest lasting event in OSSS history. Unfortunately most yacht-owning members were not prepared for a lengthy cruise so early in the season. As a result Riobamba, skippered by OSSS Commodore Bob Macdonald and Chindit, skippered by Vice Commodore Nick Ware were the only two boats that took part with a combined crew of eight. The first night was spent in Yarmouth waiting for strong winds to abate before setting sail direct for Brixham via the Needles. En route across Lyme Bay, Riobamba was involved in an exercise with the Coastguard helicopter. From a wet and windy Brixham, the Rally proceeded to Dittisham and then Dartmouth, from whence the crew ventured to Paignton courtesy of the Dart Valley Steam Railway. The Rally Dinner took place at the Royal Dart Yacht Club in Kingswear. At this point, Riobamba and Chindit parted company for three days with Riobamba heading east to Weymouth and Poole whilst Chindit made the crossing to a sunny Alderney for two nights. The two OSSS yachts were later to meet again in The Needles Channel on Saturday before heading to Lymington for a night prior to returning to their home ports.

OSSS Members Afloat in 2000

By all accounts OSSS members have had a successful and enjoyable season. Angus Cater and his family, aboard Tuenela, won the Yachting Monthly Family Trophy in the Round the Island Race in June for coming first out of 69 family crewed boats. Charles Liddel, aboard Murena, was unbeatable in his class at Cowes Week – according to Johnny Thornback, Murena was sporting more winners pennants than any other boat by the end of the week. Congratulations to both Charles and Angus.

On the cruising front, Richard Irwin was spotted in Guernsey aboard Sea Orchid en route to North Brittany. Bob Macdonald spent time cruising

along the Normandy Coast aboard Riobamba. Will Davey took Coriolis to North Brittany but got stuck in harbour due to adverse weather conditions, which will have resulted in some serious liver damage. Meanwhile Nick Ware, with an OSSS crew including James Foster, Andrew Yorke and Chris Hamon, took Chindit to the Morbihan Gulf in South Brittany, completing over 800 miles in two weeks.

Changes to OSSS Committee

The AGM was held at The Naval Club on Thursday 23rd March and John Archer (c 91-96) was elected to the Committee to assist Giles Bradford and Tak Kaneko with liaison with our younger members.

Southampton Boat Show Pub Meet

After a year's absence due to the 30th anniversary rally, the OSSS will be meeting informally for a few pints and a bite to eat during the Southampton Boat Show. We will be meeting at the **Bosun's Locker, Upper Bugle Street** just a short walk from the boat show, from 1830 hrs onwards on **Saturday 16th September 2000**. The Bosun's Locker, which has recently been refurbished offers a good range of reasonably priced bar snacks as well as an assortment of Real Ales. Some members will be sailing to the show and if you intend to bring your boat, let Nick Ware know well in advance and he will endeavour to reserve berths at Town Quay, Ocean Village or Shamrock Quay depending on availability. Two years ago there was no availability in any of these marinas, so the OSSS contingent ended up in Cowes Yacht Haven and caught the Red Jet to the show which worked well! Whilst advanced booking for the Pub Meet is not essential, it would be helpful if you could phone Nick Ware (020 8940 6659) if you know that you will be attending.

Boys Weekend

Gin's Farm, situated on the banks of the River Beaulieu have confirmed that they will be able to accommodate the OSSS for Dinner on the Saturday of the Boys Weekend which will be held on 30th Sept/1st Oct 2000. The Boys weekend often provides boys with their first chance to sail on board a yacht rather than a dinghy. If you are able to make your boat available on this weekend to take out boys from the school, we would be very grateful if you could contact OSSS Commodore Bob Macdonald (01276 472757) Email: AirAlert@compuserve.com

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Sutton Bingham Trophy

The Sutton Bingham Trophy took place on Saturday March 25th. Following Sutton Bingham's inability to raise a team for several years, the OSSS raced against a team from Yeovilton (including one OS!). The OSSS team comprised Will Thomas-Ferrand, Richard Lowndes and John Archer, crewed by Will's latest girlfriend and two boys from the School. As usual for Sutton Bingham, the weather was gusty, shifty and showery but at least the reservoir was full of water! The pre-start manoeuvres were well contested, but ultimately the OSSS won all three races comfortably.

St Vaast Rally Report

Riobamba (Bob Macdonald), Chindit (Nick Ware), and Taboo (Johnny Thornback), made the passage to St Vaast on the bank holiday at the end of August. Rough seas and winds of up to Force 7 made for an interesting outward passage. A steady Force 5 to 6 on the beam made for an excellent sail on the return leg. Dinner for 11 was held at La Chasse Maree on the Saturday evening after the consumption of Pimms aboard Chindit. The event will return to the usual dates on the Whitsun Bank Holiday at the end of May next year.

New Boats Join OSSS Fleet

Several OSSS members have changed their boats during 2000. Angus Cater has replaced his SCOD, Tuonela, with a new Bavaria 34, deserting classic in favour of plastic. Nick Ware has also taken advantage of the strength of the pound and purchased a new Bavaria 38 "Chindit" to replace Meltem. Meanwhile, in the motor vessel fleet, Johnny Thornback has acquired "Taboo", a Weymouth 34 in place of Sona and there is a rumour that Will Davey may be about to exchange Coriolis for an even larger Gin Palace!

Arrow Crew Wanted

The Arrow Trophy Yacht Racing Competition for Public School Old Boys will be taking place in the Solent on the weekend of **7th/8th October 2000** using the Sunsail Jeanneau Sunfast 36 fleet. The OSSS will be defending the Trophy which our team one in 1999 for a record third time. Team selection will be tough because we intend to win again, but if you think you have the necessary experience and would like to compete, please contact Giles Bradford (07787 123382).