



BROAD REACH

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Five Yachts Attend Boys Weekend



OSSS Yachts Raft up at Gins Farm



Dinner at Gins Farm

This years boys Weekend took place on the weekend of 30th September / 1st October. Riobamba (Bob Macdonald), Nick Ware (Chindit) and Angus Cater (Sans Just) all sailed from Portsmouth Harbour whilst Richard Franklin (Jenny Wren) picked up his crew at Hamble and Roger Mowl (Florabella) fought the tide and wind to sail to the Solent from Poole Harbour. The five skippers provided berths for over twenty boys and staff from the school. The yachts all converged on Gins farm on the Beaulieu River in the evening where the Royal Southampton Yacht Club maintains station during the sailing season. The school kindly entertained the skippers at an excellent dinner in the clubhouse that evening which was also attended by Andrew Yorke who was driven down on the Saturday evening having just recovered from a short illness. The following morning there was much amusement as Florabella's departure to Poole was delayed after she cast off to find she was still attached by one line to Riobamba – perhaps the result of some sore heads amongst the crew? The yachts had a pleasant sail back to their home ports on the Sunday before the boys were driven back to Sherborne.

Headmaster to Attend Boat Show Buffet

The new Headmaster of Sherborne, Simon Eliot has accepted an invitation from the OSSS to join us for the annual Boat Show Buffet at the **Hanover Square Wine Bar and Grill, 25 Hanover Sq., London W1 at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 10th January 2001.** Tickets are £20 each. We hope as many members as possible will be able to attend and meet Simon who has recently been given honorary membership of the Society. Family and friends will be very welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact Nick Ware on 020 8940 6659 by Thursday 4th January. Members may be interested to know that the Boat Show runs from 4th to 14th January and is open from 10.00 am to 8.00 p.m. (6.00pm on weekends).

2001 Fixture Card

The 2001 Fixture Card is enclosed with this 25th edition of Broad Reach. The Society has an active year ahead. Apart from the annual Stanger Leathes series and dinghy match against RNAS Yeovilton, Chris Hamon has kindly offered to organise a dinghy weekend at Arne on the weekend of 14th / 15th July. On the cruising front, the St Vaast Rally reverts to the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend of 25th to 28th May. As usual the autumn will be a busy time for the Society with the Southampton Boat Show Meet, Boys weekend and Arrow Trophy. Finally, a reminder that members of the Society are welcome to attend Committee Meetings which are held at the London Corinthian Sailing Club four times each year.

Southampton Boat Show Report

This year's Southampton Boat Show Pub Meet took place at The Bosun's Locker. The new landlord had forgotten our booking despite Andrew Thomson having been to see him personally a few weeks earlier. The Committee intends to move the event to a new venue in 2001. Nick Ware, Bob Macdonald, Richard Anderton, Marcus Chavasse and Tak Kaneko had sailed to Cowes and caught the Red Jet to the Boat Show. They were joined at the event by Ed Whipp, Richard Warren and Michael Bowyer as well as 16 boys from the school brought by Chris Hamon.

Winchester Victorious in Arrow Trophy

After last year's victory in the Arrow Trophy, the OSSS were less successful in this year's competition which took place in the Solent in mid-October. Ed Whipp kindly stood in as helmsman after Thijs Knapper moved to France at short notice. The crew failed to come in the top four of the thirteen teams that took part in the fleet racing on Saturday and therefore did not qualify for the match racing on the Sunday. The competition was won by Winchester who also came second having entered two boats this year. On the Saturday evening a dinner was held for all crews at the Royal Yacht Squadron and this was also attended by OSSS Commodore Bob Macdonald and Rear Commodore Andrew Yorke.

Merry Christmas

Broad Reach wishes you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Sailing in the new Millennium. We look forward to seeing you either afloat or at one of our many shore-based events next season.

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The Editor welcomes articles written by members, as well as news about member's successes (and failures) afloat to include in future editions of *Broad Reach*. To contribute please contact the Vice Commodore:

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This edition of Broad Reach and more information on the OSSS including our Fixture List and an excellent Photo Gallery can be found on our website: www.bonshaw.demon.co.uk/oss/

Victory for Stuart Jardine

Stuart and Adrian Jardine have just completed a very successful season in their International J24 "Stouche", by winning the Class National Open Title at Weymouth 7 -10 September with 4 firsts and 2 thirds to make up their tally of 10 points for the series, 9 points ahead of their nearest rivals, out of a fleet of 41 boats. At the end of July they finished 3rd in the European Championships in Germany. They had started the season by winning the big Easter Regatta at La Trinite, France, collecting 1000 Oysters, 54 bottles of wine, Aigle Rugby shirts and even a Leatherman knife as prizes. They followed this in May and June by winning both the Southern Area and the class's Welsh Championships. They now hold all the major UK Class Trophies for the year. They even managed to attend Cowes Week in their two XOD's that they base at Lymington, Stuart finishing 2nd and Adrian 4th overall out of a fleet of 76 boats. Stuart managed second despite losing his mast on the windy Wednesday, as many probably saw in The Telegraph of Thursday 3rd August.



Edain Trans Atlantic Crossing

Mike Rearden has sailed his Westerly Oceanlord, Edain across the Atlantic Ocean to Boston via Gibraltar, the Canaries and the West Indies. His crew has consisted of at least three Shirburnians on each leg of the voyage. So far the crew has included Nigel Pearson, Richard Warren, Howard Gosling, Robert Gosling, Charlie Rearden and C.W.W. Dupont.