



Beaulieu River Sailing Club Sailing Secretary's Report 2023

2023 saw another great year of sailing and fun on the Beaulieu River.

The Spring Series Scow Challenge Cup was won by Charles Nicholson. During the series we had a very special Coronation Celebration race followed by drinks and BBQ courtesy of RWD. There was a fantastic turn out of boats all dressed up and was won by Lizzie because there was no wind....but an even greater turn out of club members enjoyed the drinks and BBQ organised by Ross McGinn at The Old Mill Courtyard.

Down River Race and the Phipps Oar was won by Jay Devonshire.

Junior Spring Regatta was won by Henry Nurton.

Sadly, too much wind was enough to cancel the sail to Gravelly House this year.

Senior Sail Training winners were Will Rosling and Xanthe Knott being awarded the Laser Tiller. The Palace Quay Shield was won by Harry and Oscar Nicholas in the Scows. Many thanks to June and all her helpers in making it a great week.

Club Rally to Newtown Creek was also cancelled due to unusually stormy weather in July.

Junior Sail Training organised by Charlie Bubear was huge with over 60 kids taking part.

Louis Warrilow won the Captain's Scow Challenge Trophy

Henry Nurton the Senior (Blue) Optimist Trophy
Scarlett Smith-Bosenquet the Intermediate (Green) Oppie Trophy
Pippa Sellers the Junior (Red) Oppie Trophy
And Casper Monkton the Beginners (Yellow) Oppie Trophy
Big thanks to all those involved, specifically the energy from Charlie and Alice Bubear, in making this a spectacular week for the kids and the support of instructors, safety etc to make it work was all BRSC home grown.

Ginna's long standing popular instruction week was replaced by a simple pottering week on the river this year. Everyone enjoyed just bobbing around, to build confidence and have some social fun and luckily apart from day one, it was perfect weather.

The Regatta also was hit with high winds again but with a compulsory reef on the Saturday and easier sailing on the Sunday Trophies were won and were awarded to the following:

Laser's Young Trophy – Barney Dykes
Scows Commodore Trophy – Martin & Pippa Sellers
Cobb Trophy – Mary Montagu Scott
Lasers Challenge Trophy – Tom Dykes
Scows Chichester Trophy – Jay Devonshire
Ladies Cup – Victoria Bonham Carter

The Junior Summer Regatta at Rope Factory Field's Judge's Trophy was won by Henry Nurton.

Scow Summer Series Hextall Trophy was awarded to Victoria and Ed Bonham Carter but again due to cancellations in the series due to adverse weather conditions, some days required back to back races.

Maria Stratton hosted again at the end of the Up River Race which was won by Red and Cleo Johnson and the Toddy Spoon was won by Camilla and Pippa Sellers

Well done to all of you. There were races of too much wind and cancellations and too little wind this year. But we had some fabulous socials on the river and thank you those who hosted us Namely RWD for Coronation Celebrations, Royal Southampton Yacht Club, Benji and Christian Scrimgeour, John and Carol Hackman, Rupert and Mary Scott (although that did get cancelled), Julian and Holly Chichester, Maria Stratton and Christoph and Sarah Brooke.

Thank you to all those who regularly turn up to volunteer as none of our events could happen without you..... especially Anna Rostand, Amanda Bentley-Buckle, Sally Hutton and Miranda Knowles for the fine sandwiches and cakes..... and all those that support us on the safety boats – particularly Sam van Holthe, Vova Karavan and Keith Hutton. And of course our course setters and those doing the starting like Ginna Gayner, Gerard Downes, Jay Devonshire, Frank McGinn and Gerry Marling Roberts who go above and beyond.

And lastly, the winner of the autumn series – the Scow Borthwick Cup.

In 3rd Place – Elizabeth Gedge

In 2nd Place – Mary Montagu Scott

And in 1st place – Lizzie ‘light airs’ Anders

Here’s to a fantastic 2024.... Key Dates are on your seats and on the website.

Lizzie Anders

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