

Solent Sunbeam Class Newsletter March 2018



V67 racing in warmer weather

As I sit here writing this it is snowing and I cannot believe it is 7 days to the first race (Sunday 25 March at 1030)! There are already 7 Sunbeams on their moorings so I expect to see these out racing next Sunday as long as it's still not snowing!

It's time for the rest of us to get out there by the time the proper Spring weather arrives. I remember that we had lovely weather last April and a total of 18 different Sunbeams raced in April. Let's see if we can match that!

Spring meeting - 24th March

Before then, we have the annual Sunbeam Class Spring Meeting coming up on Saturday at 1700 in the ISC Members' Room.

Tea and coffee and cake will be available.

Please come along to hear about the plans for the season and to discuss various important issues. The agenda and papers are available from the Members' area of the website.

New website



Big thanks to Simon O'Hea and Fisk Design for all their work designing the new website.

We have given it a new look and feel, as well as adding a lot of new content and features. It adjusts to work on any size screen from mobile phones to tablet to desktop computers.

There is still a lot of content to add but do please "share" what you like and feedback to us.

Sailing Programme

This year, there are a couple of changes with our sailing schedule compared to previous years. Ian Stobie writes...

Corinthian Non-Points Series

This series supports the class initiative to build a larger pool of race confident helms and crew. It's a non-points Open series format, i.e. anyone (guests etc) can participate with an ISC member on board. We will treat them as training events, so may add suggested pre-race start manoeuvres etc.

All the 10 Saturday mornings races will be run (in discussion) with the PRO on the day. As the first three PRO's are all Sunbeamers, we should be able to run a format that will work for all!

The format may vary i.e. possibly a (pre-agreed) practice start followed by general recall and then a short race. All races will commence at 10.50am after any Swallow or X fleet starts, so allowing time for practice manoeuvres and to arrive in the start area when you want.

Dates for the diary:

April 7, 21, 28

May 12, 19

June 30

Sept 1, 8, 22

Oct 13

Interested in participating? As a first step, let me know either at the Class meeting or via email / phone.

I am proposing that we run the session similar to a Thursday evening i.e. meet at 9.30am and organise who sails with who and adjust the format based on weather conditions etc. Just like Thursday evenings, it's very likely many will have both boat and "instructor / owner" sorted before the day.

The series will only be possible with support from existing owners and experienced helms. So, feel free to let me know how you may be able to help make this series a success.

Many thanks

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V6 Series - Racing at the top of the tide

The V6 Series has been designed to make the most of our magnificent harbour by racing at the top of the tide. If you enjoy courses which make the most of the harbour, please note the following dates in your diary:

April 29

August 25

September 1, 9, 23

Cowes Week and Cowes Classic Week

Phil Ingham does a marvellous job arranging our moorings at Cowes. In order that we can try and ensure that we get enough moorings in the best location inside the breakwater we need to know your mooring requirements. I would therefore be grateful if you could let me know your intentions as soon as possible.

And finally, from the archives...



Roger & Jacky Wickens leading the fleet in 1996!

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