

## *Solent Sunbeam Class Newsletter April 2018*

### *Sunshine at last!*

With the appalling weather it has been a slow start to the season! Congratulations to Fleury, Molly and Jenny in braving the Easter weather! All changed last Saturday when 10 Sunbeams raced in warm sunshine at last! Well done to Gayle Palmer in Little Lady on winning her first race after taking a year out!

### *Corinthian Series*



This Saturday we have a non-points scoring race designed to encourage boats and crews to mix it up a bit and learn from fellow competitors! As I write this, one or two more experienced crews are needed.

So, if you are free to assist, please come down to the Club! The racing starts at 1050 on Saturday morning (**tomorrow**) and the forecast is for light winds. Any questions please contact me.

Please also feel free to read an article on the website:

<https://solentsunbeam.co.uk/new-corinthian-non-points-series>.

## *Save the date – 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party*

Plans for the anniversary party on Sunday 27 May are well advanced. An invitation will arrive in your inbox very soon! We promise champagne, music and dancing and a sumptuous 4-course dinner.

## *Chisholm Weekend: 5-6 May*



Please feel free to read an article on the website about the origins of this event (thanks to Peter Nicholson for providing additional info):

<https://solentsunbeam.co.uk/chisholm-weekend-at-itchenor-sailing-club-on-5-6-may-2018>.

An article on this will appear in the local press next week. It's already online at

<http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/204336/Sunbeam-Chisholm-Weekend-at-Itchenor>.

## *Dainty Dish and Cowes*

If you missed the Spring meeting, you may not be aware that this year the Dainty Dish race to Cowes will be on Saturday 21 July, which is two weeks before the start of Cowes week.

For those boats not racing in Cowes Classics Week, the great benefit of having your boat at Cowes for the extended period gives you the chance to practice your Solent racing, as we join in racing the day after Dainty Dish and also race on both days the following weekend. It's a great opportunity to learn the names and locations of all those strange marks!

## *Cowes moorings*

The time has come where the Class has to make a block booking for mornings at Cowes. Our Sailing Secretary, Phil Ingham, has done a sterling job liaising with the Cowes Harbourmaster and we are again promised moorings inside the breakwater.

We need to sort the moorings out so please complete the Application Form for Cowes moorings by 30 April and return to Phil – it will be appended to a separate email from me over the coming weekend.

## *Wedding news*

Many Congratulations to Spray's crew, William Cuthbert, who married his long-term fiancée Germana in February.



## *John Ford – a life of painting*



Please feel free to read an article on the website about John's story :  
<https://solentsunbeam.co.uk/john-ford-a-life-of-painting>

## *Sunbeam Class Handbook 2018*

The 2018 Handbook will be available shortly. If you are unable to come to Itchenor in the near future please let me know and I will arrange to post a copy to you.

*And finally, from the archives...*



A photo of Little Lady travelling to Cornwall in 1999.

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