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Solent Sunbeam Class Newsletter November '19



Another new Sunbeam

I will start this newsletter with the wonderful news that Roger Wickens has commissioned the build of the 10th GRP Solent Sunbeam, currently being built on the IOW at Mark Downer's A M Structures factory at Sandown Airport. She will be numbered V69 and she has yet to have a name. Any ideas on a postcard to Roger! When completed she will be finished with sustainable timber covering boards, coamings, seats, and platform; rigged with one of the new jumper-less Selden carbon-fibre masts just approved by the Class; and will be available fully race-ready by next summer.

Changes in Ownership

Many congratulations to Jacqui Evans for graduating from crew to owner! Jacqui, with Tamsin & Jerry Saunders, have purchased V65 Alchemy and Roger Wickens has bought V12 Argosy in return!

AGM News

In the event that you were unable to attend the AGM, the Minutes are on the Members' Area of the website

To summarise:

- All Class Officers were elected for another year
The Class agreed that the rule change permitting jumper-less carbon-fibre masts be made permanent.
Jerry Saunders has agreed to Chair the 2023 Centenary Committee
Chris Clatworthy and Francis Phillimore were elected as Honorary Members
As a trial it was agreed that Thursday evening races in 2020 would start at 1830
In 2020 the following events will be classified as Open Meetings or Open Events, thus enabling non-members of ISC to take part:

- Itchenor Keelboat Week (formerly known as Points Week)
Itchenor SC Regatta
Dainty Dish
Chisholm Weekend
Chittagong Weekend

Dainty Dish 2020

The 50th running of the race to Cowes will take place on the 25th July 2020. To mark this milestone, the Dainty Dish Dinner will be held on the platform at the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes. This promises to be a very special occasion with some special guests, some of whom have already booked their accommodation!

Dates for your diary

- Sunbeam Winter Cocktail Party - 18th January - invitations will be going out shortly
Chisholm weekend - Bank Holiday Friday 8th & Saturday 9th May
Chisholm dinner - Saturday 9th May
Chittagong Weekend - 23 & 24th May
Ladies race - 11th June
Itchenor Keelboat Week - 22nd-26th June
Evening race to Bosham SC - 3rd July
Dainty Dish - 25th July
Cowes Classic Week - 27-31st July
Cowes Week- 8th-14th August



Looking for a Christmas present for your crew/partner/friend with an interest in classic boats? Then take advantage of our Black Friday deal -

Peter Nicholson's book 'The Brilliance of Sunbeams' - now only £20. Contact Peter Nicholson: etherpeter@bopenworld.com

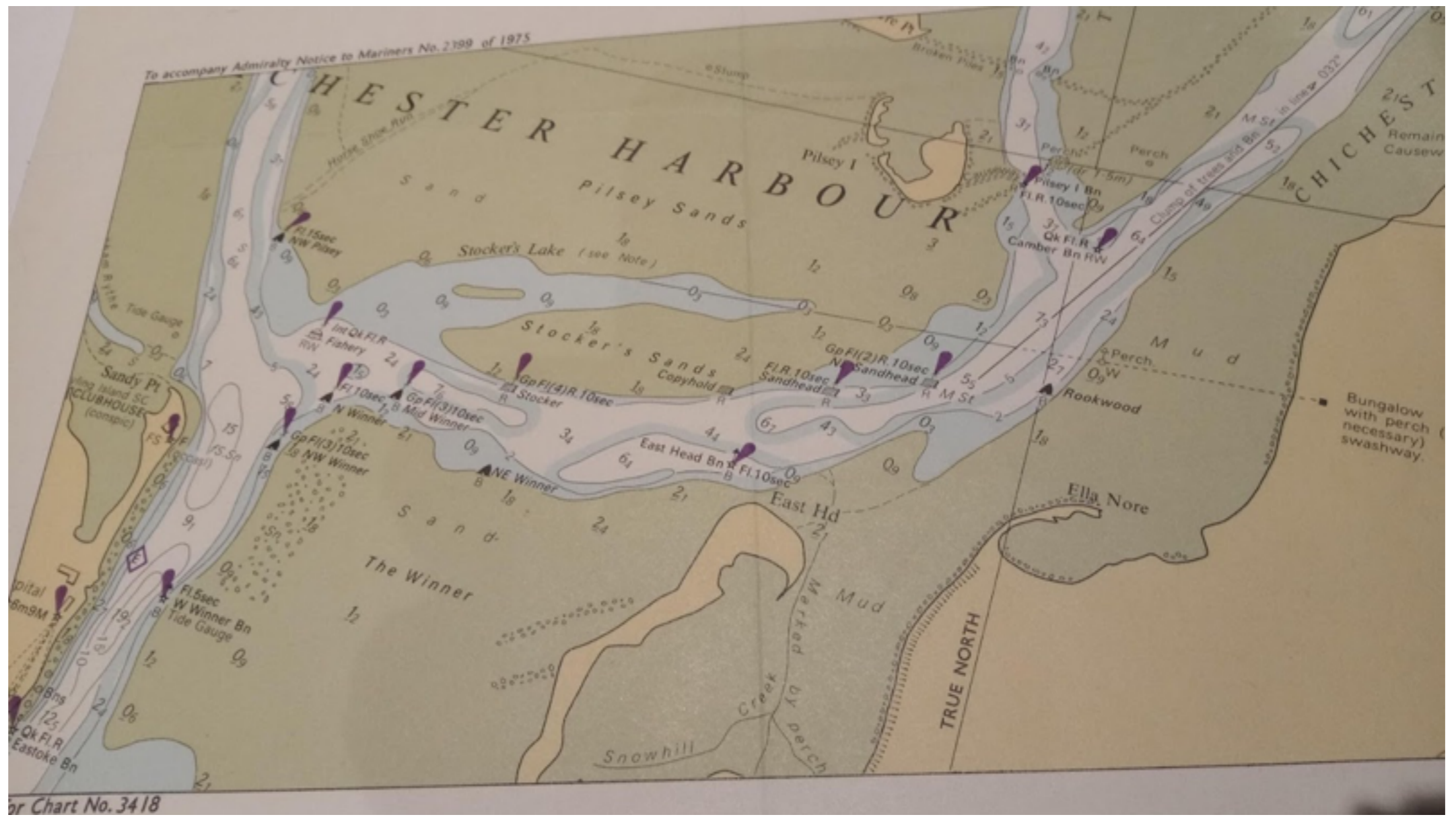
Crew's Trophy

Final call for nominations for the Crew's Trophy! To recap, this is a new trophy, offered by Gayle Palmer, which is to be presented for the most meritorious effort by a crew, whether in one race/event or over a longer period. Please let me know if you would like to nominate an individual and explain why.

RYA Judges Course

Itchenor SC will be hosting the running of this course (30-31 January), which is ideal for anyone interested in becoming a Judge. For further details please see: https://rya.eventsair.com/judge-course-jan-2020/jco3-jan-20

And finally...



Gayle Palmer has dug out this old chart of the harbour from 1875. I think its amazing how much the harbour has changed since then!

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