

2019 Southern Squadron Report

2019 proved to be not too bad a year down on the South coast, after a dodgy early June.

Early in the season we had confirmation of our 'official' reciprocal arrangement with The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, which is located on the water's edge in the centre of Falmouth. I am pleased to report that fellow Southern Squadron members have made use of this Club, which really is a gem and we were made to feel very welcome. Sincere thanks to our Commodore and Committee for working on our behalf to facilitate this arrangement.



Captain and Vice Captain of The Southern Squadron enjoying hospitality at The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club

The Falmouth Classics took place mid June. This was again a marvellous get together of Classic boats in all shapes and sizes, both motor and sail. Sadly due to the unfavourable weather conditions in the run up to this event, Geoff & Marilyn Holmes were not able to attend, however we were delighted to meet up with fellow members, Steve & Liz Tiffin aboard their 13 ton Hillyard, lanthe.



lanthe at the Classics

We were also joined by fellow RWYC members Malcolm & Jane Henstridge-Blows (*who now have their yacht Saltwhistle II based in Greenock on The Clyde*) for an informal Squadron Supper aboard Isobel, during which a glass was raised to The Club.



Isobel dressed overall for the Classics

It could well be that at the time of writing, theirs is the most northerly flown RWYC Blue Ensign. *(I look forward to being corrected if I'm wrong!)*

The long weekend culminated in a Parade of Sail of over 120 boats which, due to strong winds, took place on a shortened course within The Carrick Roads.



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A great sail was had by all. The Falmouth Classics is a three day event held every June and it would be great to see other RWYC members attend. You don't need a Classic Boat to enjoy the festivities and I can assure you a very warm welcome would await you. After Falmouth, Steve & Liz Tiffin enjoyed several other Classic events over in Northern Brittany & The Channel Islands, on their return to The Solent.

Ourselves, due to a new Grandchild appearing in May and also new 4-legged crew member 'Freda' who we needed to 'break in' gently, only managed to venture as far East as Fowey. Needless to say, it is always a joy to potter around the Fal Estuary, The Helford and beyond. So many beautiful creeks and anchorages to explore.

To increase interest in and promote the RWYC, having received permission from the Committee I commissioned a flag to be made for The Southern Squadron (see *opposite*) which has been proudly flown from the cross-trees of both Isobel & Ianthe

This has already created a talking point and has been great fun.



Southern Squadron Flag

We look forward to meeting up with more RWYC Members if and when they visit Falmouth or the South West of England. *Please do make contact.*

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