

SOUTHERLY 2010 REGATTA

ISLE OF WIGHT - POOLE - BEAULIEU

This year a fleet of 30 Southerlys and owners assembled at Yarmouth Harbour on the Isle of Wight, accompanied by the Southerly Team and marine suppliers for the 19th Annual Southerly Rendezvous and Regatta. Guests enjoyed a welcome Pimms reception & BBQ in the evening sunshine on the lawn of the Royal Solent Yacht Club.



We would like to thank the following suppliers for sponsoring the Southerly 2010 Regatta.

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A light breeze filled in from the East as the skies cleared and boats gathered for a RSYC committee boat start. The first days racing consisted of two short races around the Western Solent.

As the Southerly fleet lined up to start, it was clear that many had underestimated the strength of the tides around Yarmouth, at full flood. It was apparent that local knowledge today was going to be key !

As the start gun went off, all boats were clear and headed off towards the first mark on the mainland shore. For many boats racing for the first time in Solent waters, it would be a real challenge spotting the lay line with the tides but also the many back eddies that exist along each shore.

As the race went on, the wind veered round to the South, allowing the fleet to reach back along the mainland shore to finish - perfect conditions for raising the Swing Keel and hiding out of the tide in the shallows.

Soon after finishing Race 1, the race committee were keen to start the fleet again, this time on a shorter course as the light airs had started to fade.

With a good start, the fleet quickly sped away towards Hampstead Ledge and Newtown. As the last few boats rounded the mark and reached back with asymmetric gennakers flying, the tide was fast ebbing and carried the boats back towards the bottom mark and finish.

Clearly the crew of RS Bounty had someone watching over them for this race, as they ghosted over the line in 2-3 kts of breeze. The few boats following close behind seemed to just stop dead as the wind completely faded away to nothing. Top marks to many who promptly demonstrated the fine art of sailing backwards, as the tide got the better of them !

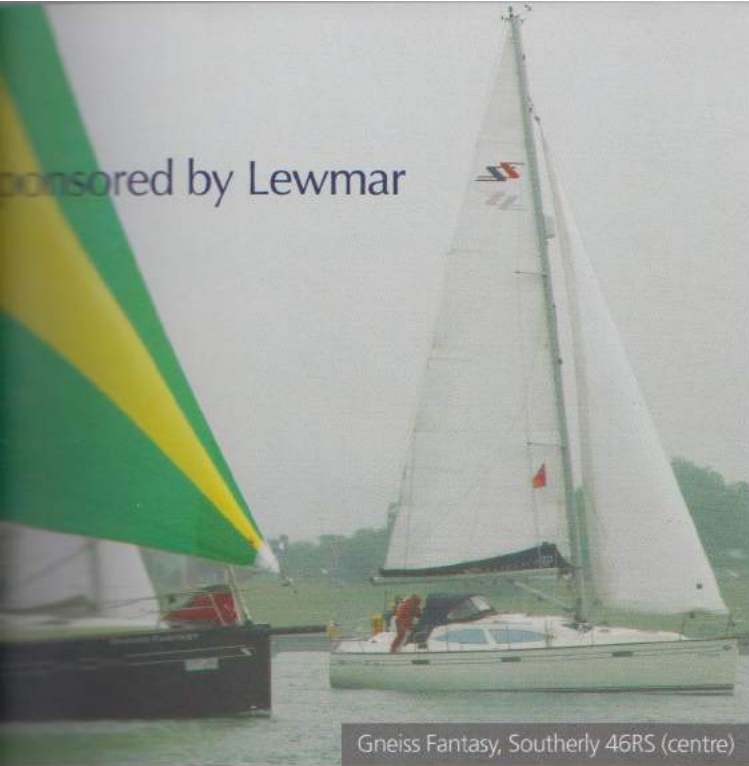
Tuesday 2nd June - Race



RS Bounty, Southerly 46RS. Adrian Bligh's children designed his gennaker



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Gneiss Fantasy, Southernly 46RS (centre)



Carpe Diem, Southernly 42RST



Distraction, Southernly 38

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The following day brought more light airs as the Southerly fleet gathered to start on the club line, ready to race out of the Solent and down to Poole. The fleet set off on a broad reach as they rounded Hurst and headed up the North Channel to catch the first of the ebb tide.

What a fantastic sight this made, some thirty Southerly's racing along the shore as they sailed into Christchurch Bay. From afar, all you could see were the colourful gennakers emerging from the mist.

With a time limit set for 5 o'clock, many boats now felt it was better to get into Poole and start the partying early. However, one boat, S110 'Troland' was intent on finishing what they had started as they pushed on to the finish, with minutes to spare - 3 minutes before the time limit to be exact, as they crossed the line to take fourth place. A valiant effort.

A pleasant evening meal at an Italian restaurant in Poole Harbour was a great way for everyone to end the day, recap on their sailing tactics and plan activities for their lay day.



Thursday 4th June - Race 4, sponsored by Raymarine



Dutch Courage, Southerly 42RST

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After the owner's dock party on the lay day, you could see many owners were less than keen to be up first thing in the morning to catch the tide and race back to Beaulieu. Even less so, when they arrived at the start to find that once again, there was no wind !

Whilst everyone waited for the wind, the sun was out and all had plenty to watch as the race committee boat demonstrated man overboard manoeuvres in Poole Bay !



Roshanak, Southerly 32



Flying Cloud, Southerly 110



Aqua Regia, Southerly 42RST



Aqua Vita, Southerly 38

Soon the wind filled in, as promised, and the fleet set off towards the Solent. As the day went on, the wind built to a steady 15 kts as the Southerly fleet powered in through the Hurst narrows into the Solent. A short beat to the finish saw many boats take advantage of the tide turning later on the Island shore. The fleet closed on the front runners, which made a remarkably close finish to the days' sailing.

A leisurely motor along the scenic Beaulieu River to Buckler's Hard was a particularly relaxing way to end a perfect day, bathed in the glorious afternoon sunshine.

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The Grand Prize Giving evening was held at the delightful setting of Domus Abbey in Beaulieu where guests enjoyed a champagne reception in the evening sunshine, followed by a three course meal with wine.

Derrick and Janet Gill owners of Southerly 38 'Distraction' were awarded the Southerly Cup for 2010.

Overall the week provided some fantastic, whilst challenging sailing conditions. It was great to see, once again, so many Southerly owners taking part.



WINNERS: Derrick & Janet Gill (right) with Peggy and Richard Robinson



WINNER: Distraction, Southerly 38, skippered by Derrick Gill

RESULTS:

RACE 1, SPONSORED BY LOMBARD

1st:	Sea Spine	S135RS	Alan & Caroline Crockard
2nd:	Distraction	S38	Derrick & Janet Gill
3rd:	Troldand	S110	Sten & Rosemarie Englestoff

RACE 2, SPONSORED BY SELDEN

1st:	RS Bounty	S46RS	Adrian Bligh
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RACE 3, SPONSORED BY LEWMAR

1st:	Distraction	S38	Derrick & Janet Gill
2nd:	Carpe Diem	S42RST	Ian Campbell
3rd:	Dutch Courage	S42RST	John & Lia Eastes
4th:	Troldand	S110	Sten & Rosemarie Englestoff

RACE 4, SPONSORED BY RAYMARINE

1st:	Roshanak	S32	Julian & Diana Hansen
2nd:	Augusta	S110	Mike & Kay Vickery
3rd:	Ellie Pimms	S115	David & Janice Thomas

OVERALL RESULTS

1st:	Distraction	S38	Derrick & Janet Gill
2nd:	Troldand	S110	Sten & Rosemarie Englestoff
3rd:	Roshanak	S32	Julian & Diana Hansen
4th:	Dutch Courage of Cowes	S115	Nigel Campling
5th:	Augusta	S110	Mike & Kay Vickery
6th:	Flying Cloud	S110	Jonathan & Jill Barker
7th:	Gneiss Fantasy	S46RS	Malcolm & Claire King
8th:	Sea Spine	S135RS	Alan & Caroline Crockard
9th:	Sea Legs	S32	Peter Leggett
10th:	RS Bounty	S46RS	Adrian Bligh



David & Caroline Crockard

Rosemarie & Sten Englestoff

Richard Adams, Jane Weller, Mark Williams

Ian Campbell, Darren Coomer, Jon Inch



Norman Peam, Diana & Julian Hansen

David & Janice Thomas, Rupert Pearn

Roger Cerrato, Lia & Chris Eastes

