

Cornwall Offshore Group Series



Newsletter - January 2013

On behalf of the COGS competitors and the COGS committee I would like to thank Martin Leech, the retiring Chairman, for all his hard work in running COGS for the last three years. We also thank Judy Kirkham the COGS Secretary and Jo Leech the Treasurer, who also retired in 2012. Geoff Davies of 'Scorpion' and I (Christine Bloor of 'Daring') took over as Treasurer and Chair respectively in November 2012. Our contact details are at the end of this newsletter. The other members of the committee are Jack Penty (RCYC), Andy Dennis (HRSC), Chris Ogg (RFYC), Chris De Glanville (SMSC) and Neil Tratham (SSC). They can be contacted through their respective yacht clubs. We are all looking forward to delivering an exciting 13th year of COGS racing and hope that you can all take part. The details will be available shortly in the notice of race; the highlights follow.

In 2012, COGS, together with South Cornwall yacht clubs delivered its 12th successful racing season with 28 yachts competing in 6 races. We would like to thank the club race officers and their helpers and our generous sponsors who are listed at the end of this newsletter. We also congratulate the HRSC for winning the team trophy, Andy Dennis for winning the top yacht trophy and the series winners which are shown in the results below.



Black Dog, J 97 - 1st IRC

IRC

1st	Black Dog	Stuart Sawyer
2nd	Daring	Damien & Christine Bloor
3rd	Origin	Andy Dennis

PY

1st	Incite	Martin & Jo Leech
2nd	Josephine	Richard Atherton
3rd	Noon Hi	Jack Penty

2 Handed

1st	Demolition	Mel shapr & Jeff Marks
2nd	Incite	Martin & Jo Leech
3rd	Noon Hi	Jack Penty

2013 Racing Season

In 2013 there will be some additions and changes to the usual programme, with the emphasis not only on challenging racing but on post-race socialising as well!

For the first time, COGS will run an offshore series in parallel to the coastal series and there



*COGS Dinner, Eddystone race
RWYC -2001*

are two new races in the calendar, the Trinity race which is a 190 mile offshore race and a coastal race organised by Mylor Yacht Club. This new coastal race will be the seventh in the series, so there will be three discards instead of two and the racing programme will start earlier and end later. Changes have also been made to the format of the Gull rock – Manacles race and the Eddystone race. We are also revising the non-IRC handicapping system which will be based on the successor to PY. Throughout the year Geoff Davies and

James Connolly will be taking photographs of the racing and there will be a photo presentation of the best shots at the annual prize giving. Jack Penty will also be making a video.

Keith Mountefeild of 2KS is sponsoring COGS by redesigning and upgrading the website. This should allow us to improve the functionality and content of the site as well as allowing competitors to enter races and pay on-line. We hope that there will also be a crew register.



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The Trinity race

The first dedicated COGS offshore race will be sailed in 2013. This is the 'Trinity Race', organised by the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club. It is a 190 mile race from Falmouth round Eddystone lighthouse, Wolf Rock light house then back to Falmouth or in reverse depending on the forecast and conditions. This and L'Aber Wrach should be long enough to be Fastnet



Incite, Janeau Sunfast 37 - 1st PY

qualifiers. The race will be held over the first bank holiday in May (4th-6th), with the start off Pendennis Point on the morning of Saturday 4th May ending with a prize giving and party at the RCYC on Monday 6th May. There will be three classes, IRC, PY and Two Handed for which Roger Hollingsworth and the RCYC have kindly provided trophies. The Notice of Race and more details will be available on the COGS website www.cogsracing.org.uk or on the RCYC website www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org. The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club will provide a launch service to visitors

The COGS Offshore Series

COGS already take part in two existing offshore races, the L'Aber Wrach race organised by Helford River sailing Club and the PASAB race organised by Penzance sailing club. The Trinity race will provide a third, enabling COGS for the first time to run an offshore series of three races - with two to count. There will be individual prizes for each class in each race

and overall trophies for the winners of the series which will be presented at the annual prize giving.

The Gull Rock – Manacles race

The Gull rock – Manacles race has followed the same successful formula for many years and the prevailing South Westerly wind means that the course provides good tactical racing, however, the plan for 2013 is to make it longer and more challenging.



Orijin, J105 - Top Yacht Trophy

The basis for the new course will be from the Pendennis Point start line, to inside Gull rock, round Gwineas buoy, back inside Gull rock, Manacles buoy, Maenporth, Black rock and a finish on the FSC line. Yachts will navigate the Dodman and Gull rock twice, which should give the skipper and tactician a few interesting moments! The race will now be around 38 miles long which is a similar length to the other races in the programme. There will still be shorter alternatives.

After racing, yachts can pick up a mooring and Flushing sailing club will provide a launch to take yacht crew's ashore for a sailing supper, lots of beer and the prize giving, which will take place as soon as the results are ready and all crews are gathered in the club house.

The Eddystone Race

The Eddystone race organised by St Mawes Sailing Club will revert to its original pre-COGS format of an overnight race from St Mawes around Eddystone lighthouse and back. The start will be on Saturday evening with the finish on Sunday morning. There will be a BBQ lunch and prize giving party at St Mawes sailing club on Sunday afternoon. Visiting yachts will be able to pick up a Harbour Master mooring at a reduced cost of £5 per night and the sailing club will provide a launch service on Saturday and Sunday so yacht crews can get ashore.



Demolition, half tonner – 1st two handed

The Mylor Yacht Club Race

Mylor Yacht Club have agreed to hold a new COGS race which will be the seventh and last race in the coastal series on Saturday 28th September. The start and finish will be in Carrick Roads and the course will be 'Race Officers Choice' from a range of marks as far East as Gwineas buoy and including Buoy A, Buoy B, Manacles and the Falmouth Bay marks. Berthing will be available at Mylor Yacht Harbour and after racing there will be a pasty supper sponsored by Choaks Pasties lots more beer and a prize giving at Mylor Yacht Club.

I hope that your preparations for the 2013 season are going well and I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Christine Bloor

COGS Chair

COGS 2013 - Race Calendar

Date	Race	Series	Organising Authority
20/04/13	Falmouth - Fowey	Coastal	RCYC
04/05/13	Trinity Race	Offshore	RCYC
26/05/13	Gull rock Manacles	Coastal	FSC
08/06/13	Plymouth - Fowey	Coastal	Saltash SC
15/06/13	Eddystone Race	Coastal	St Mawes SC
28/06/13	L'Aber Wrach	Offshore	HRSC
20/07/13	Helford - Penzance	Coastal	HRSC
26/07/13	PASAB	Offshore	Penzance sailing Club
07/09/13	Fowey - Helford	Coastal	RFYC
28/09/13	Falmouth Coastal Race	Coastal	Mylor Yacht Club

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