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2016 TROPHY WINNERS

The winners of the Club Trophies were announced at the extremely successful Prize Giving Dinner, which was so superbly organised by the Social Secretary, Lynne Shell, at Kitley House on Saturday, 28 January 2017. The winners were announced by the Commodore, Nigel Vaughan-Smith, and the trophies presented to those winners attending the dinner by the Vice Commodore, Val Ayres.

TUCKNOTT TROPHY

The Tucknott Trophy was presented by Ray Tucknott for merit and is now awarded for the highest number of planned Club cruises attended in the season.

Three boats signed up for five cruises each, Pearl Fisher, Saraband and Sound Venture, which meant Glenda & Paddy O'Connor, Bev & Kev Whitmill and Vida & Chris Reilly tied for second, third and fourth place. The winners by a long margin were Celia & Roger Coleman in Paloma who signed up for eight cruises. They had routinely attended most Club cruises over previous years but because at least one of them was a member of the Trophies Sub-Committee they had been ineligible to win the trophy. Thus this recognition was long overdue.



Celia & Roger Coleman Receive The Tucknott Trophy

WALKER TROPHY

The Walker Trophy was presented by Shirley Walker in memory of her husband Mike and is awarded for the longest (days at sea/nautical miles logged) individual cruise.

The 2016 season was generally not a good season for long distance cruising. However, as always, several Club members took every advantage of the opportunities available, including a couple who crewed in friends' boats. Rick Thorne cruised the coast of Normandy doing 464 nm in 90 hours at sea. Whereas, Mike Waterfield did 3,500 nm in a friend's Moody 35 sailing down and back to Portugal, Madeira and The Azores. Paddy O'Connor & Crew took Pearl Fisher to the Isles of Scilly and back, as did Lyn & Mike Sims in Forever In Blue Jeans. Mo & Bill Joce took Shakura to Roscoff at the start of the season, where she is now based. They then had an extended summer cruise of some 622 nm round Ushant and down to St Nazair before returning to Roscoff. Alan Farnworth also sailed across to Roscoff, where he had a very enjoyable stay before returning to Plymouth via St Peters Port, Guernsey and Dartmouth.

The winner spent 10 days at sea and logged over 385 nm cruising to Lymington to watch the Round The Island Race before returning. This taken in context with his earlier 16 days at sea cruise from La Rochelle to join the Club made Graham Gibbs, Freya of Shoreham, the most worthy winner of the Walker Trophy. Unfortunately Graham was unable to attend the Prize Giving Dinner.

BADEN WEBB MEMORIAL CUP

The Baden Webb Memorial Cup was presented by Mary Webb in memory of her husband, Baden, and is awarded for the highest number of different ports and anchorages visited in the season.



Glenda & Paddy O'Connor Retain The Baden Webb Memorial Cup

The poor cruising season also affected the numbers of ports and anchorages visited by members. Third place went to Mo & Bill Joce in Shakura with 24. Second place went to Graham Gibbs in Freya of Shoreham with 35.

The winners had previously accused the Trophies Sub-Committee of being too harsh with the red pen in reducing their submission by taking out very adjacent anchorages as being the same place. This year they had taken greater care and all 60 ports and anchorages were allowed!! This meant Glenda & Paddy O'Connor, Pearl Fisher, retained the trophy for the third year running.

SCHERMULY TROPHY

The original Schermuly Trophies were presented by Sam Parry-Jones to the member "shooting the best line", or for the best cruise report.

This trophy always proves to be extremely difficult for the Trophies Sub-Committee to decide who is the worthy winner, due to the amount of subjective judgement which is necessary to gauge who has included the right degree of Schermuly or "shooting the line". There were not as many submissions as the previous year, due again to the limited cruising available. However, the quality was as good if not better with 16 excellent and most enjoyable reports being written and published on the Club website. There were also the two fabulous movie reports.

The choice was eventually whittled down to 3 reports and after several re-readings and much discussion it was decided to award 3rd place to Alan Farnworth for his report "Sea Walker's Summer Cruise". 2nd place hinged on the whale. The photo of the whale off the Shag Stone was deemed to be beyond Schermuly, especially by those who have actually seen a Minke whale off the Mew Stone!! Therefore, 2nd place went to last year's winner, Pip Shell, for his very entertaining "Cruise 1 (Cancelled) Only Meee!"

Although the other trophies require the winner to be in their own boat, we noted there was no such caveat on the Schermuly Trophy. Therefore, the Schermuly Trophy was presented to Rick Thorne for his excellent and gripping report "Ricardo's RNSA Trip Report"!! Unfortunately, Rick was unable to attend the Prize Giving Dinner.

CATTEWATER CUP

The Cattewater Cup was donated by Anna & Phil Jones and is awarded for the best cruising achievement made by a new member in the season, a new member being defined as someone who has been a member of the Club for less than 3 full seasons.

The intent is to recognise their efforts to get stuck in and participate as much as possible in the cruising and related social activities of the Club.

Third place was awarded to Graham Gibbs, Freya of Shoreham, who submersed himself totally in the spirit of the Club undertaking many cruises, including going to Teignmouth purely because he had never been there before, and writing up his exploits. Steve Kitchen, Sunmist, was deemed as runner-up as, although other commitments had precluded him actually managing to cruise with the Club during the season, he had committed much effort into promoting the Club to Plymouth Yacht Haven berth holders and supporting the Club within the Marina.

The winners were Wendy & Graham Davis, Ruahine, who joined their first Club cruise before the ink was dry on their new membership cards and who had participated in a number of other Club cruises and social activities during the remainder of the season. Unfortunately Wendy & Graham were also unable to attend the Prize Giving Dinner.

HAPPY SNAPPER TROPHY

The 2016 Photographic Competition attracted 16 entrants, with 2 entrants submitting the maximum 2 entries each. The entries were judged by those members attending the Prize Giving Dinner, who decided that: Mo Joce was third for her entry "The French Experience" & "Bill Stands Watch"; Alan Eves was second for his entry "Drascombes on Tiverton Canal"; and the winner was Bev Whitmill for her entry "Dolphin Escort" & "Salcombe From Snape's Point".



Bev Whitmill Receives The Happy Snapper Trophy