

## BEAULIEU RIVER MEET

6-7th September 1958

By Helen Tew

In this age of record breaking, it is pleasant to record that the R.C.C. is holding its own. The 1958 Meet was attended by 'the greatest ever' number of yachts—eighty-two in fact. The local press even had headlines about it, but they only put our numbers at seventy—we had that last year!

Certain aspects of a Meet are much the same each year, yachts start converging on the Beaulieu river during the week, their numbers gradually increasing up to a peak sometime on the Saturday morning. The main exodus starts on Sunday depending on the Hamble tide! There is a nucleus of 'old stagers'—those of us who 'never miss a Meet'—I suspect our Hon. Secretary holds the record; there was a ghastly rumour this year that he wasn't coming owing to crew shortage, but fortunately it was a false alarm and the Meet was able to continue as joyfully as ever. There is the middle group of those who come fairly often, but not being natives of the Solent are sometimes unable to fit in the Meet with their cruises or laying up. Then last but not nearly most important are our newer members, whom we are always so pleased to welcome, and have the opportunity of meeting.

(Apropos of new members, perhaps this is the place to record how the R.C.C. is growing up. This year the sons of two original cadet members have been themselves elected cadets, both third generation R.C.C., one being the great-nephew of our beloved Hon. Secretary and the other grandson of the late R. D. Graham.)

But of course, every Meet is really quite different. This year the main topic of conversation was the 'bad summer', and certainly those of us who were sailing round on the Friday got a fair sample, being both drenched and deafened in a particularly violent thunderstorm.

On Saturday we had an innovation. Tax gatherers were on their rounds. They were gathering ships' names as well, and we hope members did not feel as they were approached by various young people in sailing dinghies it was a case of 'your money or your

paint'; one also wondered what members' feelings would have been had a tax gatherer capsized. Luckily none did!

During the afternoon, late comers must have found it increasingly difficult to get up-river, as several public spirited owners lashed their ships together, so forming a very sizeable floating pontoon.

This was the base of our annual 'Meet party', for which the tax gatherers had been gathering, it having been felt that the size of the party had got beyond the means of the committee or individual members. And very good fun it was—in spite of the weather, for unfortunately, when the throng was at its thickest, black clouds warned us of trouble; not that many took much notice—a few put on oilskins, while others dived down a hatch, if near one which was not already full. The rest carried on as usual, and though there was some discussion as to what we were drinking, any passing brewer or wine maker might well have wondered too, seeing the R.C.C., in the torrential rain, glasses held hopefully to the emptying sky. Our grateful thanks are due to the owners of *Dyarchy*, *Atlantis*, *Sandevore*, *Blue Bird of Thorne*, *Restive*, who made the pontoon, and we hope the excess cargo did not strain their decks. Fortunately the rain cleared, and those of us who had been yarning snugly below were able to return to our various ships, without, we hope seriously upsetting our hosts' dinner plans.

The fireworks were a bit sporadic this time—perhaps like the weather, they were a bit damp, or perhaps a definite time for letting off would be a good idea.

Sunday was quite a decent day, and though not many were seen swimming, the river soon filled up with dinghies, sailing to and fro, not to mention outboards and oars. Isabel was 'at home' and many were able to see those they had missed the day before. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ellis.

Sunday evening is always a little sad as the fleet thins out, and one realizes another Meet is over, and, for many, the sailing season too.

P.S.—We have heard that the R.A.F.Y.C., having copied our idea of a Beaulieu River Meet, but being so alarmed at the thought of water in their gin decided to go ashore for their party, and, believe it or not, they had a large marquee at Gins, with alcohol at one end, and tea and such like at the other. Is it an idea?

P.P.S.—Although a fairly continual patrol was kept of the river, the tax gatherers offer humble apologies for any errors or omissions in the list.

## YACHTS

## MEMBERS

|                           |    |    |                                        |
|---------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Alchemy</i>            | .. | .. | R. E. Brookes                          |
| <i>Alexa</i>              | .. | .. | Capt. C. W. McMullen, R.N.             |
| <i>Alpenrose</i>          | .. | .. | D. Cobb                                |
| <i>April May</i>          | .. | .. | M. Van Hasselt                         |
| <i>Arnold</i>             | .. | .. | David Jolly                            |
| <i>Atalanta II</i>        | .. | .. | C. C. Chatwin                          |
| <i>Atlantis</i>           | .. | .. | A. Garrett                             |
| <i>Auk</i>                | .. | .. | Lt.-Col. D. G. Brodie                  |
| <i>Bluebird of Thorne</i> | .. | .. | The Rear Commodore, Lord Riverdale     |
| <i>Blue Goose</i>         | .. | .. | Alan Baker                             |
| <i>Blue Hills</i>         | .. | .. | D. T. Bibby                            |
| <i>Bluejacket</i>         | .. | .. | D. J. Maw                              |
| <i>Brownsea</i>           | .. | .. | Stuart Clark                           |
| <i>Calyпсо of Point</i>   | .. | .. | R. S. Horne                            |
| <i>Caracole</i>           | .. | .. | Dr. T. A. A. Hunter                    |
| <i>Caramel</i>            | .. | .. | The Hon. Treasurer, Douglas H. Johnson |
| <i>Cena</i>               | .. | .. | C. C. Clarke and S. C. Clarke          |
| <i>Chal</i>               | .. | .. | Lt.-Cmdr. P. G. Corsar, R.N.V.R.       |
| <i>Cheemaun</i>           | .. | .. | J. R. Bryans                           |
| <i>Crimson Rambler</i>    | .. | .. | H. J. Duplessis                        |
| <i>Delight</i>            | .. | .. | H. G. Thomas                           |
| <i>Diaphony</i>           | .. | .. | Lt.-Col. C. R. H. Kindersley           |
| <i>Dorado of Keyhaven</i> | .. | .. | R. H. D. Lowis                         |
| <i>Dorothea</i>           | .. | .. | J. G. Kay                              |
| <i>Dyarchy</i>            | .. | .. | R. A. P. Pinckney                      |
| <i>Eila</i>               | .. | .. | Lt.-Col. E. A. Spencer                 |
| <i>Eila Rose</i>          | .. | .. | Stafford Bourne                        |
| <i>Fairlight</i>          | .. | .. | J. H. M. Budgett                       |
| <i>Fidget</i>             | .. | .. | Capt. M. A. McMullen, R.N.             |
| <i>Flum II</i>            | .. | .. | Sir John Holder                        |
| <i>Foye</i>               | .. | .. | Wing Comdr. J. A. Mackie               |
| <i>Fresh Breeze</i>       | .. | .. | Rear Admiral R. L. Fisher              |
| <i>Gerda</i>              | .. | .. | F. E. Hicks                            |
| <i>Gladimaris</i>         | .. | .. | P. R. Kimber                           |
| <i>Gossip</i>             | .. | .. | Lt.-Col. C. H. B. Good                 |
| <i>Grace</i>              | .. | .. | J. P. Lancaster-Smith                  |
| <i>Grey Plover</i>        | .. | .. | Brig. W. E. H. Grylls                  |
| <i>Gulnare</i>            | .. | .. | The Hon. Secretary, Donald C. L. Cree  |
| <i>Haidi</i>              | .. | .. | Group Capt. B. R. Macnamara            |
| <i>Half Pint</i>          | .. | .. | J. F. Dibben                           |
| <i>Halloween</i>          | .. | .. | Francis T. Evans                       |

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| <i>Harrier</i>           | .. | .. | The Hon. Librarian, Dr. J. Ives           |
| <i>Heather</i>           | .. | .. | A. J. R. Fraser Taylor                    |
| <i>Inigo</i>             | .. | .. | R. M. Nesbitt                             |
| <i>Invertiel</i>         | .. | .. | Dr. T. A. S. Kennerley                    |
| <i>Isabel</i>            | .. | .. | Bernard J. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis           |
| <i>Kallistra</i>         | .. | .. | Dr. R. A. Andrews                         |
| <i>Keeps</i>             | .. | .. | Capt. R. D. Hughes, R.N.                  |
| <i>Kudos</i>             | .. | .. | Maj.-Gen. R. N. H. C. Bray                |
| <i>Leomita</i>           | .. | .. | C. S. Mardall                             |
| <i>Lesander</i>          | .. | .. | Vernon Bullin                             |
| <i>Lily Maid III</i>     | .. | .. | Lt.-Col. A. J. Odling Smee                |
| <i>Macnab</i>            | .. | .. | W. E. Kendrick and H. W. G. Kendrick      |
| <i>Mary Helen</i>        | .. | .. | Mrs. M. Helen Tew                         |
| <i>Melody</i>            | .. | .. | Major A. D. G. Braithwaite                |
| <i>Morning Breeze</i>    | .. | .. | J. Aherne-Heron                           |
| <i>Nausikaa</i>          | .. | .. | Dr. P. E. G. Burnett                      |
| <i>Norbar</i>            | .. | .. | Cmdr. N. Cappel, R.N.V.R.                 |
| <i>Penlena</i>           | .. | .. | W. H. Farr                                |
| <i>Pukaki</i>            | .. | .. | J. H. Mathews                             |
| <i>Query</i>             | .. | .. | Lt.-Col. G. R. Stevens                    |
| <i>Restive</i>           | .. | .. | The Commodore and Mrs. Warington<br>Smyth |
| <i>Rob Roy MacGregor</i> | .. | .. | P. Guinness                               |
| <i>Rose</i>              | .. | .. | G. O. Liddell                             |
| <i>Rose Salter</i>       | .. | .. | K. A. E. Moore                            |
| <i>Rosmar</i>            | .. | .. | Cmdr. C. Campbell, R.N.V.R.               |
| <i>Sandavore</i>         | .. | .. | Viscount Runciman                         |
| <i>Sequel</i>            | .. | .. | W. Martineau                              |
| <i>Sheldrake</i>         | .. | .. | R. P. Maxfield                            |
| <i>St. Anton</i>         | .. | .. | J. A. Dixon                               |
| <i>Ste. Anne</i>         | .. | .. | D. H. F. Williams                         |
| <i>Swan Lake</i>         | .. | .. | Major D. P. Kayll                         |
| <i>Tess of Teign</i>     | .. | .. | R. H. Trafford and J. H. Trafford         |
| <i>The Gay Maid</i>      | .. | .. | S. W. Frost                               |
| <i>Theodora</i>          | .. | .. | Christopher Ellis                         |
| <i>Thrift</i>            | .. | .. | Wing Comdr. and Mrs. Somerset-Leeke       |
| <i>Trade Wind</i>        | .. | .. | C. V. M. Rickards                         |
| <i>Va-Papiti</i>         | .. | .. | Eric Hiscock                              |
| <i>Velsia</i>            | .. | .. | D. J. Godsall and P. J. Cox               |
| <i>Wavecrest II.</i>     | .. | .. | Major R. N. B. Gatehouse, R.A.            |
| <i>Varinya</i>           | .. | .. | Sir Keith Officer                         |

Other members present as guests in members' yachts:—

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| <i>Dyarchy</i>   | .. | .. | Phillip Bullock, John Guillaume and<br>Richard Harman |
| <i>Rob Roy</i>   | .. | .. | Ralph and Jocelyn Swann                               |
| <i>Sandevore</i> | .. | .. | E. G. Swinburne                                       |
| <i>Theodora</i>  | .. | .. | E. B. Bate<br>Tom Worth                               |