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## Titch wins the Esso Macnamara's Bowl for a record 5th time



Titch Blachford on her way to winning

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The 1990 Macnamara's Bowl was a five race series which took place in the West Solent during the weekend of 15th to 17th June. The event, run by the Royal Lympington Yacht Club, is competed for

sponsor, Charles Barker.

There were light winds each day, and racing had to be postponed until the afternoon on both the Friday and Saturday, when a light sea-breeze filled

Contessa 32's. She won two of the five races this year. Other races were won by Berita van de Werff from Holland in *Crackerjack* and Helen Clements from Poole in *Red Alert*.

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in J24's with a separate class for Channel Handicap System yachts competing for the Caulcutt Cup. Esso again provided sponsorship.

There was a total of 24 entries, 17 competing in J24's for the Macnamara's Bowl. A third of these were overseas entries, with teams from Holland headed by Marina Betist and Hanna Zuiderbaan, who have both attended the event year after year. For the first time there was also a Russian entry. The Russian team, skippered by Tamara Povethina, consisted of four Russians and one English girl, Lucy Proudlove. Their challenge was assisted by their British

in to enable all the races to be completed. The principal trophy went to Titch Blachford, for the fifth time. Her crew on *Jooler* consisted of Royal Lyminster members - Ros Bond, Sue Hawkes and Clair Webb, with Caroline Aisher and Jill Ellis making up the full team.

Racing was hotly contested, with four winners over the five races. Titch did not emerge as the overall winner until the racing on the final day. The main rival for the title was her cousin, Mimie Currie, competing in *Pandemonium*. This was the first time Mimie had competed in the regatta since 1983, the last year in which the event was raced in

Seven boats took part in the CHS class this year, with top sailors such as Cathy Foster competing in an X-99. Racing was close throughout, culminating in a tie between Elaine Davey and Inga Featherstone which was decided on a countback.

The Caulcutt Cup was won by Elaine Davey sailing *Excelle* (Sigma 33) with *Harmony 87* (Half Tonner) sailed by Inga Featherstone in second place.

The 1991 Macnamara's Bowl and Caulcutt Cup will be held from 7th to 9th June 1991.

Lisa Barrow

## The Season's Cruising

This season's cruising was like the curate's egg. June was dominated by the weather which caused a number of cruises to be curtailed or abandoned. In July and August there was superb weather interspersed with moments of excitement. Some of these coincided with Club Meets. Regrettably, the season had its share of casualties, not all caused by the weather. Loftus Peyton-Jones broke a leg navigating from one yacht to another at the Spring Meet. Leonard Wesson suffered from clambering over rocks on the way back from Tatihou. Gordon Simpson had finger trouble in South Brittany and was invalided home. John Hines broke a leg in Corunna resulting in a voyage of heroic proportions by Margaret (see *Pushpa's Voyage Home*, p.3). Jackie Wilson had the misfortune to break a collar bone because of the ill-mannered behaviour of a beastly motorboatist.

There were also some less serious injuries.

As has been said above, the Club Meets suffered through adverse weather. The Spring Meet was quite successful, and the Tatihou barbecue was well attended and most enjoyable. Unfortunately, only one boat attended Le Havre (another followed, but was regrettably too late for the festivities). A small preliminary Meet at Ile de Brehat was also attended by only one boat, and this was blown off station. By contrast, the St Vaast Meet was a great success with 21 boats taking part. Lastly, the family Meet at Beaulieu was attended by only two boats, again due to the weather.

As for cruising, some found coping with the French canals tedious in the extreme. Others were delighted to discover previously unvisited ports in Brittany. Club boats visited northern Spain, Portugal, the Mediterranean, the Baltic, Scotland, Holland and other far-flung places. In short, it was a fairly normal cruising season.

Desmond Dewhurst



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## Douglas Baverstock B.E.M.

The last person to see himself as deserving the award of the British Empire Medal 'for services to yachting', which was announced in this year's Birthday Honours List, would be Doug Baverstock. For somewhat more than thirty years he has been the Club's Bosun and he has brought to his duties the outstanding dedication and sustained loyalty with which all members are so familiar. The distinction he has earned is a mark not simply of our gratitude for his years of

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effort but, in a wider sense, is recognition of a lifetime in the service of yachting here in the West Solent. Our warmest congratulations and appreciation are deservedly his.

A cornerstone in the Club's capacity to undertake yachting events of international importance, his untiring effort and support have been indispensable. Although at the centre of our activities, he has been and is still closely identified with other community concerns, notably the RNLI to which he has given life-long and practical support. Doug is a stalwart in every sense of the word.

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