



RSrnYC Open Weekend

The Royal Southern Yacht Club's Open Motorboat Weekend proved another roaring success thanks to some divine assistance from the weather gods and a cracking mix of boats and people.

The weekend is open to all, members or not, and is a great chance to not only pit your wits against other skippers but also experience the history and hospitality of this great old Hamble club. In fact, the real emphasis of this event is simply to have fun and thanks to some excellent planning from the RSrnYC crew that is exactly what happened.

Always ready to take a line or discuss the day's itinerary, Nick, David and the rest of the gang were consummate hosts. All you had to do was walk down the pontoons every evening and see all the crews chatting on aft decks and cockpits to know that this was a very successful weekend.

All types and sizes of boats were along for the ride, from smaller RIBs to the latest in flybridge design. But it was hard to look past the classics that were on show. There was Gavin and Caroline's very pretty Grand Banks 36 *Lazy Days*, Colin Storm (great name) on his Nelson 45 (great boat) *Blue Quest*, Mark Rhodes' fabulous Supermarine Swordfish 36 *Spitfire* and a brace of Faireys made it along.

There was also a healthy mix of age groups on board the boats but MBM's *Blue Fin*, skippered by editor Carl Richardson, must have won the youngest crew category with 11-month-old Maya on cockpit duty.

The on-water fun started on Saturday morning with a Solent Safari followed by a Poker Run out of Cowes. That night, after some well-earned après-boat, the cards from the Poker Run were

collected and the best hand – or, if the rumours are to be believed the best bit of inter-table card nobbling – won. In this case the card sharks were the crew of *Moonshadow*. Well done.

The Sunday was left clear for the Predicted Log, split over different courses and designed to test and sharpen a boat crew's knowledge, just a few hours after the Saturday night soiree designed to do just the opposite.

Winners

■ **EP Barrus RIB Trophy**
Barry Pelley on *Bartender T0*

■ **Solent Safari**
1st Steve Lorriman on *Capri Tide*
2nd Peter Furby on *Kitaro II*
3rd Les Williams on *Blue Angel*

■ **Predicted Log**
Course A (long course) Modern
Steve Lorriman on *Capri Tide*
Course B (short course) Modern
Les Williams on *Blue Angel*
Course B Classic
John Skuse on *Xanthus*



Steve Lorriman scooped two prizes

A special good luck message to John Skuse and *Xanthus* taking part in this month's Round Britain race.



The crew from *Lazy Days* were enjoying the fun



Jessica, aboard *Spitfire*, had a great time



Winners and runners up from the Barrus RIB trophy

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