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# Dog Watch

For all Sea Dogs in the South West

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## Editorial

If we were in steam ships, life would be "Full steam ahead", however, as Gaffers, perhaps "Raise the topsail" is more appropriate. The sailing season is here at last.

In this edition, on pages 2 & 3, the President and Secretary lets you know what's happening.

We have reports on the recent events: on Tue 1 Mar Vic Love gave a Zoom Talk called "Edna's Odyssey 2020" which starts on page 3. On Sat 2 Apr, the Fitting Out Lunch at Royal Western YC with a talk by Colin Bower "A tin of paint and helicopter". Although, that's not quite what happened!

Our first major event was the Brixham Heritage Regatta on 28 and 29 May, however, a report will be too late for this issue. However, there should be reports on most of the summer events in the September Dog Watch.

Dog Watch introduces two new members in SW Region on page 6. While the editor continues the story of building his new boat - a gaffer, from scratch during the Covid 19 lockdown. I sure many members will remember Elspeth Macfarlane who has provided us with a short history of what is now the South West Gaffers, together with a facsimile of the front page of the first copy of 'The Dog Watch'.

Information on the SW OGA Flags Clothing and our WhatsApp groups is updated; the WhatsApp sign up has changed, please look on page 13. Finally the last, but no means least, page is Events in the South West.

The deadline for the September Dog Watch is 8 August. But it is flexible!

*Nick*

## Next Events

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Fri 17-19 Jun: | Falmouth Classics |
| Mon 20-23 Jun: | Helford Rally     |
| Fri 1-3 Jul:   | Sea Salts & Sails |

# From The Poop Deck

## Presidential Ponderings

[Paul Jolley](#)

As we enter our first decent season without any restrictions, hopefully refits are coming to an end and our lovely boats are ready to grace the harbours and marinas of the South West and some further afield. Our fitting out lunch only happened thanks to the quick thinking by our events co-ordinator, Rob Brown and the flexibility of Rockfish; with a few days to go he was informed that the Royal Western Yacht Club could not do the catering due to staff illness. In the event Rockfish did us proud and then we walked to the RWYC for our talk by Colin Bower, "A Helicopter and a Tin of Paint" which was enjoyed by all.

As events emerge from the restrictions of the last couple of years, there are many events in the calendar for the South West including, of course, our mainstream SWG events at Helford, Plymouth and the River Dart. There are at least six other events in the area during the season with Brixham Heritage Regatta on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> of May, a number of OGA boats have entered to start the season. It is perhaps worth reminding members that they are welcome to join any OGA event in other areas and in particular trailer sailors should keep a weather eye out for suitable small boat events, many with camping or caravanning facilities available.



Penny Jolley - Brixham Heritage Regatta, Paul Jolley - South West Gaffers, Patrick Vyvian-Robinson - President OGA (Photo Brixham Yacht Club)

Penny was invited to the Classic Boat Magazine awards ceremony at The Royal Thames Yacht Club in her role as Secretary to Brixham Heritage Sailing in April and managed to blag an invitation for your President as well! Our National President, Patrick Vyvian-Robinson was also there so it was good to recognise a friendly face in the crowd. It was a well organised and managed event with some eminent speakers from the world of classic boats. There were some notable success for sailors from the South West.

Marcus Lewis who recently gave the presentation to SWG members at the Fowey Gallants Sailing Club on restoring the Troy class "Barbara" was accompanied by Sue Rodwell and was awarded for the "Best Restoration of a Sailing Vessel under 40ft". A magnificent achievement after a lot of hard work and logistics. I hope that those of us who visit Fowey Classics this year will see her in action.

Katie McCabe who hails from Teignmouth and regularly attends the Brixham Heritage events was awarded the first Young Classic Boater of the year award for sailing her 33ft Morgan Giles yawl "Falanda" single handed around Britain at the age of 14years. Katie brought the boat for £800 and restored her to sea worthy condition, doing most of the work herself. Katie will be at Brixham in May so if you see her have chat and be inspired for OGA RBC 60!

It was great to see sailors from the South West receiving their awards and worth reminding ourselves that last year Luke Powell received an award for building Pilot Cutters and in particular "Pellew" which was viewed by members at one of our Cornwall events.

Just recovering from Brixham Pirate Festival with Minx sporting her Jolley Roger in the harbour and next weekend is our annual short shake down sail around to Dartmouth for the Music Festival, how nice it is to be out and about again and seeing you all at many of South West events this season.

## Secretarial Scantlings

### Tim Price

It is never a dull day with a wooden boat and I certainly haven't had any of those over the last six months. The moral of the story is "Never believe anything a Skipper, with a boat to sell, tells you.



Trouble Arrives (Photo Sarah Price)

I have been delighted to see members' projects and activities on What's App SW Gaffers On Shore and At Sea and also various pictures added to the Instagram – keep them all coming. I am very grateful to Mark Turner (socialmedia@southwestgaffers.org.uk) for getting this off the ground and adding to our media presence. More guidance is added later in this edition.

By the time this edition is published, we will have seen the Brixham Heritage Regatta take place and the Falmouth Classics looming. You will also have seen entry forms for both the Helford Rally and the SWG Plymouth Rally and I hope to see you there. In between there is the Fowey Classics which along with Falmouth and Dartmouth Classics form part of the West Country Classics series. You need to take part in 2 of the events to compete for an overall placing.

The Helford Rally starts on Mon 20 June with a Beach barbecue in the evening. On 21 June Tenders travel to Gweek with a rowing/paddling fun race on return and a beach DIY Picnic in the evening. On 22 June, the Race is in the Helford estuary/Falmouth Bay. Prize giving and dinner at Helford Sailing Club, with departure on 23 June.

Don Garman, ably assisted by Pauline, has organised the Helford rally since 2014. 2022 will see Don Retire as the South West Gaffers Cornwall representative following a lunch and talk in October. A replacement is required to maintain activity in Cornwall and I ask that you consider taking on that role.

Elsbeth Macfarlane has been researching our history as archivist over the last couple of years and maintaining the archive. This has been a significant effort on her part to get on top of our

records but we are now in a much better position to reference our very nearly 50 years of history. Having achieved so much, she would like to hand over the records to someone else with her enthusiasm for the history of the organisation. Anybody who would be prepared to carry her work forward would be hugely appreciated. Please let me know if anyone feels they could take this on.

# Recent Events

## **Zoom Talk: "Edna's Odyssey" by Vic Love on 1 Mar 22 to the SW OGA Sailing the East Coast of Italy in 2020**

### **Nick Fox and Vic Love**

On a soggy evening at the very beginning of March, Vic Love gave a Zoom talk to the South West Area of the OGA about his 2020 trip in his boat, "Edna" from the Southern tip of Italy to Venice. He managed to travel to his boat in July as soon as lock-down restrictions ended.



Edna Under Sail (Photo Simon Lippett)

The talk described every port that Vic visited where he usually enjoyed an evening meal starting with a "sundowner" and some excellent Italian cuisine in a restaurant overlooking the sea often showing an image of the sunset. There were 40 or so stopovers and Vic showed images of both the town or city and and videos of the sailing (or motoring). Several videos showed rough seas from ashore as the reason for staying for another meal. The author has picked out some notable stopovers and events, otherwise this report would run to many pages.

"Edna" is a gaff-rig cutter, 5.71m over the deck, designed by Roger Dongray of Cornish Crabber fame, built in cedar-strip planking by John Moody in Salcombe in 1996. Vic has owned her since 2011.

Vic travelled by train to Milazzo in Aug 20 and stayed on board to work on the gaps in the solid wood Iroko transom and engine repairs to replace the starter motor and oil pipes. Launching his boat was interesting: "Edna" was transferred to a sledge and dragged to the launch site by caterpillar tractor! His first leg to Milazzo was uneventful except for a leaking stern gland that he replaced 2 days later.

His days for sailing generally started well before dawn in the cool, even cold, of the night to avoid the high temperatures of August days, sometimes up to 37°C .

The leg from Reggio to Rocella Ionica was 63nm, which Vic had not been looking forward to, however, 13 uneventful hours later, he arrived in the port. Later, in Bari, on the NE coast of Italy, Vic found a very posh Yacht Club in the basement of the old theatre which was closed due to the Covid pandemic. The Club named Vic as the *Vagabondo Inglese*.

Just up the coast is the city of Trani, famous for its cathedral that stands right by the sea.



Trani Cathedral (Photo Vic Love)

From Vieste, Vic planned to cross the Adriatic Sea to Croatia, however, the pandemic suggested otherwise with very high infection rates over there.

He pressed on, and on his way from Guillianova to San Benedetto, he met some pilot whales, which can weigh up to 5 tons, which is twice the weight of "Edna".

San Benedetto was one of several places to shelter from rough weather and on his sightseeing found an elephant!



*San Benedetto Elephant (Photo Vic Love)*

Cesenatico, with several significant canals, has an amazing boat museum, that on suitable days,



*Museum Sails (Photo Vic Love)*

hoist the sails on their historical boats. The sails are painted with numerous motifs.



*Approach to Venice (Photo Vic Love)*

Vic said that the approach to Venice was unbelievable and appeared to be a highlight of his trip. Here, Vic was joined by his only crew Siobhan of the trip for the last few days. After a few days sightseeing, Vic and Siobhan moved on to their last stop, which was in Montfalcone.

He asked if he could overwinter in the port at



*Boat Winterised And Courtesy Flags Drying (Photo Vic Love)*

09:00 the next morning and at 09:45 was lifted out and he "put his boat to bed" for the winter, after 934 nm in 2 months from Milazzo to Montfalcone. "Edna" and Vic were ready for the next adventure in 2022 hopefully Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Corfu and Athens.

**Sat 2 Apr Fitting Out Lunch at  
Royal Western YC and  
Talk by Colin Bower  
“A tin of paint and helicopter”**

**Paul Jolley**

Members gathered for a very successful fitting out lunch on the 2nd April in Plymouth. Our intention had been to have lunch followed by our speaker at The Royal Western Yacht Club. However, the RWYC chef was struck down with Covid a few days before the event. Rob Brown, our Events Co-ordinator had to rapidly think on his feet and at the last minute rearrange the lunch venue.

A last-minute booking was made for Rockfish where the assembled company tucked into some fine fish and chips, enjoying each other's company and of course the now legendary Rockfish weather forecast heard in the cloakrooms! The service was first class considering the number of people being served at the same time.



Paul Jolley presenting the Kingswear Trophy to Gil Hayward (Photo Penny Jolley)

After lunch the party then walked the short distance to the RWYC for our customary presentation. First of all, our President (Paul Jolley) welcomed members and then presented Gil Hayward with the Kingswear Trophy for Mary Hay being the first local OGA boat in the 2021 Dartmouth Gaffers race.

A final bit of business was to introduce the new OGA recruitment flyers to which we have added a South West Gaffers insert. These were distributed to members to spread the word and hopefully encourage some new members.

Our President then introduced Colin Bower who gave a presentation entitled “A Tin of Paint and a Helicopter” about his time organising the painting of lighthouses for Trinity House. All apparently a bit hair raising using ladders, scaffolding and harnesses whilst exposed at hight and often offshore with helicopter as the only access. The talk was enjoyed by all, particularly as although a nautical theme it was not about boats or sailing! At the end of the talk a vote of thanks was given by Rob Brown.

Colin had spent 30 years as a crew member on both Torbay's inshore and all-weather lifeboats and until recently was the station's press officer. Our President presented Colin with a donation to the RNLI from South West Gaffers as a thank you for being our visiting speaker.



Paul Jolley Presenting a donation to Speaker Colin Bower (Photo Penny Jolley)

# New Members in the South West

## Neil Burman "Oran ns Mara"

Neil purchased "Oran na Mara" (OGA 3426) a 20' gaff cutter in August 2021 and has carried out an extensive up grade over the winter and he now feels that she is fit for the season.



Neil Burman beside Oran ns Mara (Photo Neil Burman)

The upgrade to the interior included a re-paint, new covers and electronic gear as none were present. Exterior work involved the cleaning of the gelcoat, which took some 36 hrs, but is now as new. The biggest job was to fit a 17 hp inboard engine from scratch. Neil is based in Penzance and has had a number of gaffers in his lifetime, however, this will be last, he commented that "as age is becoming a problem can't move like I did".

## Paul Hardy "Stardust"

Paul bought his Cape Cutter 19 "Stardust" about a year ago. Last year's big event was the Cape Cutter Annual Rally - about 14 Cape Cutters travelled for a week's cruising around the Solent including a Needles passage to Poole and back. We joined the Yarmouth OGA for the final weekend of our rally.

More exciting is that the Cape Cutters are sailing their annual rally this year from Largs to Oban (via the Crinan Canal). A long way to go but trailer sailing does open up cruising grounds! Paul plans to join the OGA Regatta in Dittisham having been encouraged by David (who is running the event).



Stardust (Photo Cape Cutter Association)

# From Our Members

## Building a Gaff Rig Cutter from Scratch (part 2)

[Nick Fox](#)

In the previous article, I outlined how, in 4 months, the backbone, bulkheads and frames were assembled the right way up on the building frame and turned over with the help of friends.

Within 2 weeks, the hull was planked with 18 planks; the sheer strakes were Sapele. The boat is an Ebihen 16, a lapstrake gaff rigged cutter with a plywood hull.



*Completed Hull (Photo Nick Fox)*

It took two days to shape/trim/fit/check the outer stem, the 4 pieces of the outer keel and the bilge keels, all made from oak, onto the boat. They were screwed and epoxied on with bronze screws as steel screws corrode in oak.

Sanding is like watching paint dry, but a participation sport. I sanded the whole hull, followed by a day or two, of more filling and fairing. I put a large fillet around the backbone and rounded all the edges of the keel with a router. Finally, and this was painful, I cut the hole for the outboard.

The keel band was shaped (bent) without any holes in it to fit onto the keel, bilge keels and stem. The screw-holes drilled and countersunk and fixed to create the pilot holes for when the hull is fully painted.

Whilst I waited for the weather (and Covid lockdown) to improve, I made about 10 cleats from ash and sapele for various places,

and the rudder and tiller. In addition, I had bought a very old pair of 9ft oars which I renovated by filling all the holes, added hardwood tips to the oars with housing joints, vanishing and painting the blades and sewing on new leathers.

I painted the whole hull with epoxy paint and the next day I washed the amine wax off with hot water and detergent using Scotchbrite pads (they don't last very long!). I chose to sheath the backbone and the first 3 planks with S-glass which took lots of epoxy to fill the glass and leave enough to fair.

The filling and fairing cycle was repeated until I got the boat looking good. Prior to painting, I masked off the sapele sheer strake for later varnishing.

I applied 4 coats of Hemptle 2-pack epoxy paint, most of which needed some filling/rubbing down because of pinholes, blobs etc. Finding a roller that didn't shed bits or fall apart was a considerable challenge. By now, I had perfected the painting method was with a high quality fine foam roller tipped off with a brush. After the final coat, I fitted the keel bands with screws, which were set in epoxy and got the boat ready to turn over. Friends helped me to turn the boat over again which called for a celebration as I'm probably about half-way through. It's taken



*Painted Hull Ready for Turning Over Again (Photo Nick Fox)*

400 hours over 7 months and (to no one's surprise) has cost twice as much as I thought it would!

She looks like a boat with lovely line – thanks to the design from Francois Vivier (<http://www.vivierboats.com>) and no longer looks like a funny shaped tortoise.



No Longer the Tortoise (Photo Nick Fox)

There were quite a few epoxy “blobs” left over from the planking inside which seemed like months ago and they were removed with a scraper and a hot air gun to soften them. The water ballast tank and its lid were covered in S-glass and two coats of epoxy and the lid was then glued and screwed down onto battens. The sides of the outboard well were also covered in S-glass and glued to the boat. I used an icing bag to put in epoxy fillets around the outboard box and elsewhere.

I started to cut real wood instead of plywood! First off was the mooring bitt or post onto which the bowsprit is fixed. Next was the mast thwart which also needed shaping to fit snugly under the foredeck and the main thwart. Finally, both beam shelves were cut and planed to size and dry fitted.

“Slabs” of extruded polystyrene (also known as Styrofoam) were delivered for the buoyancy tanks. It’s designed to be placed directly onto prepared ground as insulation with the damp proof membrane on top, so it’s

pretty waterproof. Buoyancy was installed into the bow, under the aft decks and around the outboard well.

The centreboard case was capped with pieces of Sapele wood and each join was a 45deg bevel so no end grain was exposed. They were screwed, glued and plugged in place while I dry-fitted the floorboards.

The floorboards were planks of Douglas fir, which were machined to include a cutout to incorporate the oars into the floor.

There is nothing exciting about painting, not even watching it dry. Just to say that I put three coats of Epifanes 2-pack polyurethane onto the inside of the hull and 8 layers of Epifanes UV varnish onto the brightwork.



Hull Nearing Completion (Photo Nick Fox)

Next time, I finish the boat by installing all the fittings and making the spars and mast.

The full story: <https://yottienick.wordpress.com/>

# From the Archives

## From South West Gaffers to Devon Gaffers and Cornwall Gaffers and Back Again

### Elspeth Macfarlane

In 1973 the South West Area of the OGA was started by Patrick Smith, Chris Ansell and John Clarke. They organised a race from Salcombe with dinner at the Yacht Club (for £1.00!). Entries included "Alegria", "Black Lady", "Certa", "Dyarchy", "Kelpie", "Norvoren", 2 boats called "Ripple", "Roma", "Sandpiper", "Stormalong", "Tern", "Wavelet" and "Ziska".

In 1974 entries in the race in Start Bay included "Hoshi", "Shearwater", "White Heather", "Tern", "Evelyn", "Elizabeth Mary", "Certa", "Valuna", "Ayesha", "Girl Eva", "Magdalena", "Mistral", "Aceituna", "Helen", "Dyarchy", "Northseaman", "Awara", "Stormalong", "Redcap", "Delphina", "Sandpiper", "Agnes", "Dolphin", "Seraffyn" and "Galway Blazer", setting the bar quite high! By 1980 a Cornwall Area had been set up and the remainder of the Area became Devon Gaffers.

By 2003 Devon Gaffers was struggling financially. In the 1970s representations from members such as Robert Simper had been made to HQ for Areas to be better supported particularly by a subsidy from the membership fees being paid to them but no action had been taken. Until 2001 Areas were not allowed to claim expenses for postage etc. By 2003 Devon Gaffers was in dire straits. Mike Lucas (Life-Vice President) was almost single handedly running the Area and subsidising events himself.

Dave Keller, owner of "Petronella", an Oysterman 16, moved to Kingsbridge. He and Marjorie had been living in the Isle of Wight and he was instrumental in starting Yogaff (Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival) in 1995 and had set up The Oysterman Association. He joined Devon Gaffers and became Secretary and Treasurer and Mike Lucas President. After much acrimonious correspondence and representation at the OGA AGM Dave, Mike and Charles Holden (who moved abroad) persuaded OGA HQ to agree that the Areas should benefit from the members'

subscriptions (£5 per head) and so they were able to use the funds to organise events in the Dartmouth, Brixham and Salcombe areas.



The intransigence of OGA HQ had provoked some antagonism and Devon adopted a red pitchfork burgee and house flag, only relinquished years later when relations with HQ improved. Port Officers were instigated as local support and promotion of Gaffers in Devon, and Devon Gaffers, began to thrive. Sadly in 2007 Dave Keller became ill and was forced to hand over the running of the SW Gaffers to John Scott, owner of "Julitta", who also sadly became ill and died. With no-one at the tiller Devon Gaffers was also sickening and to prevent its demise Elspeth Macfarlane, Meloney Webber and Peter Crook became Secretary, Social Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Elspeth and Peter attended the OGA AGM in London at which the enduring enmities were still evident.

In 2008 the News Bulletins were replaced by The Dog Watch, instigated by Peter, which he continued to edit until John Gallagher took over in 2014. The first edition reported on the 2008 Fitting-Out Supper at Salcombe Yacht Club which included a talk by Tom Cunliffe who presented Dave with his Elder Gaffer flag. The event was sold out and was a great success and attracted new members.

Elspeth was asked to take on the Cornwall Area as well because it was still languishing with no Officers and few active members so we became South West Gaffers again. The area began to thrive as more members got

involved. Port Officers were not reinstated but an active and enthusiastic Committee has successfully continued in Devon and Cornwall

and has made South West Gaffers the thriving Area it is today!



# The Dog Watch

Devon Old Gaffers

For the Sea Dogs of Devon Gaffers

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## Devon Gaffers

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## Welcome

Welcome to The Dog Watch, the new look Bulletin for Devon Gaffers. We are including members of the Cornwall Area until they restart their group.

## Forthcoming Events

### Start Bay Race & Rally 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Entry £10 including mooring fees, supper on Saturday and barbecue on Sunday, but not drinks. Please bring a bottle to the barbeque!

**Friday evening:** Moorings have been booked on a Harbour pontoon for Friday and Saturday nights. Meet at The Dartmouth Yacht Club to get to know everyone and receive your race instructions; food available.

**Saturday: Start Bay Race:** Enjoy a sail in beautiful Start Bay; the race starts at 2pm. Supper and prize giving at 6.30pm at Royal Dart Yacht Club, Kingswear. (We have prizes for everyone!)

**Sunday lunchtime: By boat** - Drift up the River Dart to Gil and Carolyn Haywards' garden; Neaps HW 1457. 'Fairholme' is the right-hand house in the photo. There is a gate at the bottom of the garden into the Dittisham Sailing Club (DSC) dinghy park and foreshore. The gate has a white lifebuoy on it with the name 'Fairholme'. Dinghies can be left 3 hours either side of high water on the foreshore by the house without getting muddy feet. At any state of the tide you can get ashore from your dinghy from the DSC slipway by their boat house and carry your dinghy up the foreshore, or land at the pontoon by the Ferry Boat Inn and walk along the foreshore to the house. There is a summerhouse half way up the garden with a barbecue nearby.

**By car** proceed down the hill into Dittisham from the Sportsman's Arms (on the Dartmouth/Halwell road). Turn into Riverside Road which leaves the village shop on the right and the church on the left. 'Fairholme' is the last house on the right at the end of Riverside Road.



**Please let Elspeth know by 14<sup>th</sup> June** if you are coming so we can send you a race entry form and directions and order enough food.

Other event ideas welcome, let Elspeth know.

### Other events of interest

Brixham Heritage Race & Rally 24<sup>th</sup> May 2008: Call Trinity Sailing 01803 883355  
Dittisham Regatta 9<sup>th</sup> August 2008: Call John Wynn 01803 722247  
Brixham to Dartmouth Passage Race 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008, followed by  
Dartmouth Regatta 28 - 31 August 2008: Call JRSC 01803 752704

## Flags and Clothing – Show That You Belong

### Paul Jolley

Be proud and fly the flag! It is important that we are seen in order to gain more members and raise our profile in the various harbours



and clubs that we visit. OGA house flags, burgees and a range of OGA branded clothing are available from Riviera Embroidery Designs



<http://www.rivieraembroidery.com>.

Further details can be found in The Gaffers Log or on the OGA website.

Our own Southwest Gaffers clothing range is available from Logos and Monograms of Brixham: [lmobltd@gmail.com](mailto:lmobltd@gmail.com).



The most popular items are polo shirts, fleeces and rugby tops embroidered with our Southwest Gaffer Log. T shirts with a printed logo are also available. Boat names can be added to embroidered items at no extra cost.

## Social media

### Mark Turner

#### WhatsApp

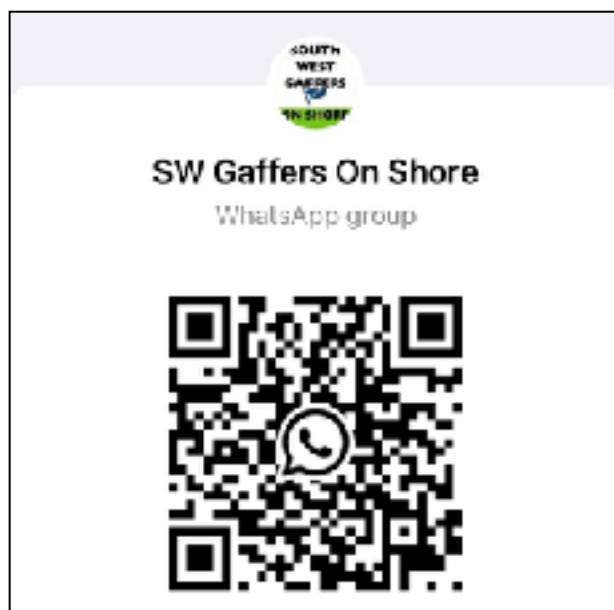


If you have a smart phone please do join our two WhatsApp groups. We ask that posts are relevant, respectful and that you consent that we can repost nice photos you post onto our Instagram feed to promote our activities to our global following.

'On Shore' is for general chat, advice and social stuff, photos, forwarding interesting links and official comms alongside emails.

'At Sea' is for comms and photos whilst on the water.

If you use WhatsApp you can join the groups by scanning the QR codes with your phone camera (even off a screen *Ed*). Please ensure you have added your full name within the WhatsApp settings page so we know who you are if you have a boat please also add the boat's name.



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There is an OGA Facebook page, search 'old gaffers association'.

If you have any queries about joining our feeds please contact our Social Media Officer Mark Turner at  
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# Programme of Events

## South West Gaffers 2022

| Date          | Time  | Event                                                                                                                                            | Contact                        |
|---------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thu 20 Jan    | 19:30 | Get together at Turtley Corn Mill, Avonwick, TQ10 9ES                                                                                            |                                |
| Sat 12 Feb    | 12:30 | Lunch and presentation at Fowey Gallants on "The Troy Story - Barbara and her sisters"                                                           |                                |
| Tue 1 Mar     | 20:00 | Zoom Talk by Vic Love - "Edna's Odyssey 2020"                                                                                                    | events@southwestgaffers.org.uk |
| Sat 2 Apr     | tba   | Fitting Out Lunch at Royal Western YC and talk by Colin Bower "A tin of paint and helicopter" or "How to paint a lighthouse"                     |                                |
| Sat 28-29 May | -     | * Brixham Heritage Regatta                                                                                                                       | www.brixhamheritageregatta.uk  |
| Fri 17-19 Jun |       | * Falmouth Classics                                                                                                                              | www.falmouthclassics.org.uk    |
| Mon 20-23 Jun |       | Helford Rally This event usually includes a BBQ, race and a supper at a local venue.                                                             | dj.garman@btinternet.com       |
| Fri 1-3 Jul   |       | * Sea Salts & Sails                                                                                                                              | www.seasalts.co.uk             |
| Mon 4-6 Jul   |       | SW Gaffer Plymouth Rally, based at QAB. This event includes the South West Annual Race, supper and entertainment and a planned cruise in company | events@southwestgaffers.org.uk |
| Thu 14-17 Jul |       | * Douarnenez Festival Temps Fetes                                                                                                                | www.tempsfete.com              |
| Tue 26-29 Jul |       | * Fowey Classics                                                                                                                                 | www.foweyclassics.com          |
| Fri 5-7 Aug   |       | River Dart Rally (including Dittisham Regatta)                                                                                                   | gilbert.hayward@btinternet.com |
| Fri 12-14 Aug |       | * Paimpol Classics                                                                                                                               | www.classic-channel-regatta.eu |
| Sat 27-28 Aug |       | * Dartmouth Gaffers Race                                                                                                                         | www.dartmouthsailingweek.com   |
| Sat 24 Sep    |       | * Brixham Heritage Rally                                                                                                                         | www.brixhamheritageregatta.uk  |
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|               |       | * Events not organised by South West Gaffers but fully supported by us.                                                                          |                                |