

Boat Register Report January 2024

We've kept the Boat Register ticking over this year while we concentrated on supporting OGA 60.

Statistics

We added 27 boats and 186 pictures

There were:

- 3,700 unique visitors to the main boat register page,
- 6,000 unique visitors to the boats for sale page
- 8,300 unique visitors to individual boat pages with a total of 22,000 page views

New features

As well as "Boats for Sale" there is a new tag on the register "Boats to Sail". This highlights the presence of 2 Gaffling 4.1 dinghies, built by the East Coast Area, which are available to hire. This will be integrated into the crew finding feature which will be presented seperately.

Features

We enhanced the fleets feature we told you about last year, making it easier to embed fleets on other pages on the site and providing exports to help event organisers.

Here is an example of fleets for OGA 60:

RBC60 Partipating Boats

On this page everyone can see the boats going all the way round on the OGA 60 Round Britain Cruise and also the boats who visited the Party Ports.

Circumnavigators

 RBC 60

Boats attending

 RBC 60 Ramsgate

 RBC 60 Cowes

 RBC 60 Plymouth

 RBC 60 Neyland

 RBC 60 Dublin

 RBC 60 Oban

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Barbarossa (3051)
Built by Rob aged 20 and Sue 16
Year Built: 1976
Place Built: Benfleet
Home Port: Benfleet
Rig Type: Ketch
Length: 49.00 ft
Designer: R.J.H. Hart
Builder: R.J.H. Hart

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Bonita (26)
Bonita was built in 1888 at Arnside in Cumbria. Owned by the same family since...
Year Built: 1888
Place Built: Arnside
Home Port: Hartly Ferry
Rig Type: Yawl
Length: 34.78 ft
Was: White Rose

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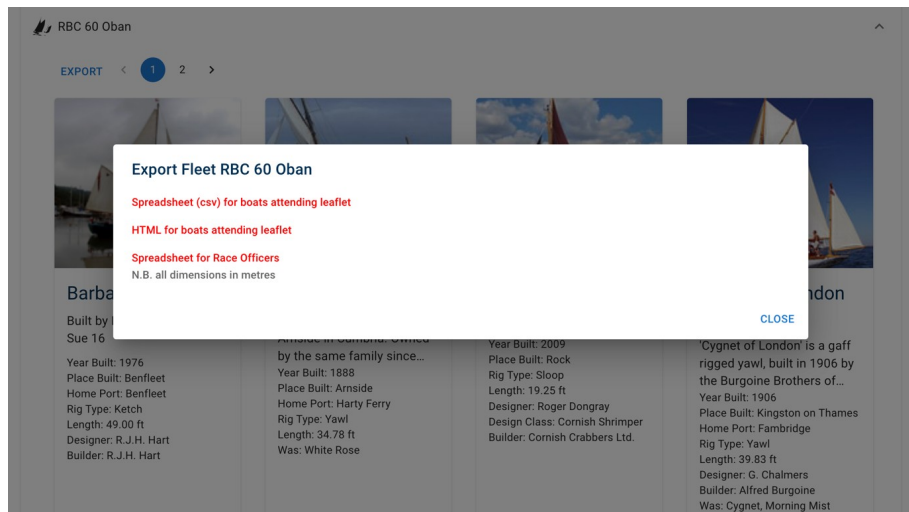
Charlotte Elizabeth (3721)
Year Built: 2009
Place Built: Rock
Rig Type: Sloop
Length: 19.25 ft
Designer: Roger Dongray
Design Class: Cornish Shrimper
Builder: Cornish Crabbers Ltd.

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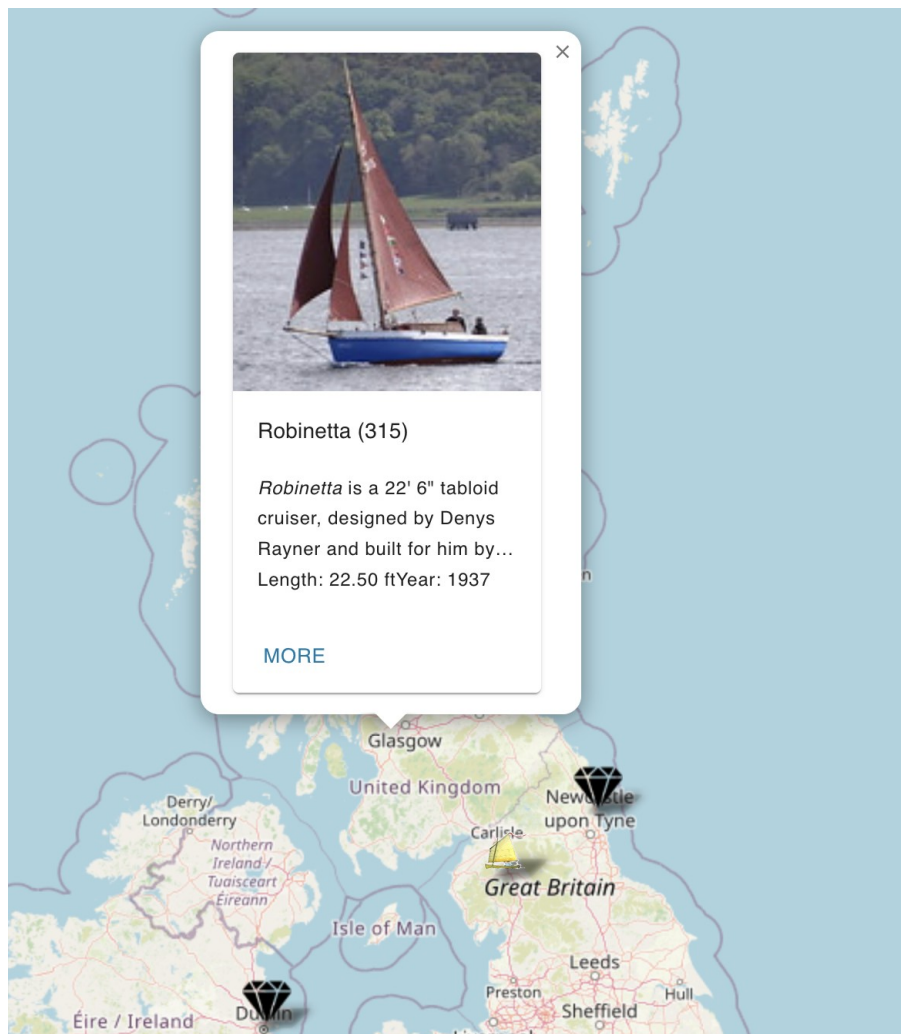


Cygnet of London (2743)
'Cygnet of London' is a gaff rigged yawl, built in 1906 by the Burgoine Brothers of...
Year Built: 1906
Place Built: Kingston on Thames
Home Port: Farnbridge
Rig Type: Yawl
Length: 39.83 ft
Designer: G. Chalmers
Builder: Alfred Burgoine
Was: Cygnet, Morning Mist

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We created a new compact boat card view to be used on the map page.



Handicaps

We've added support for the Solent Rating to the boat register handicap calculations.

The handicaps on the boat register are only as good as the data we have. Some is out-of-date and there are a few errors that have crept in, although we've fixed most of them.

Encourage your skippers to re-validate, and if necessary, re-measure, their boats and update the register.

Fun Things

Sometimes boats reappear after a long time of invisibility. One such is *Macaria*, relaunched after a major rebuild. Her old suit of sails bore the number 73, and her current owner had tried in vain to discover why. Only when meeting the OGA President in the Crinan canal did he learn that *Macaria* was number 73 on the OGA boat register. We have a photo taken in 1974 when *Macaria* took part on the Clyde rally, and her sail carries the number. However the Boat Register only started assigning permanent numbers in 1975; these were initially those already in use, so the actual origin of *Macaria's* sail number remains a mystery.