

## BOD NEWS - CHAIRMAN'S ROUND UP - OCTOBER 2011

2011 has been a strange year for sailing weather. A short, early Spring followed by 3 weekends lost to the rain and wind. A Summer of winds and clouds finished off by a short but lovely Indian summer. I am staying on the mooring as long as I can, just in case !

Although we lost a few races to the weather there were some particularly good events this year. Most notable was the BSC Pyefleet Week with a superb series in a variety of winds and lively competition throughout the fleet, complemented by the usual BSC social programme and the BOD garden party at Tom's. (Suggesting we move that to Friday in 2012).

My thanks to Judith Gibbons for organising the Ladies Race which was won by Beth Cook in Egret. Also thanks to the BSC team for their BOD race programme and of course to Marilyn and Tracey in Nick Reading's RIB for the CYC events. We could not do without them all.

Also my thanks to Ian Smith for offering to manage the distribution of our Newsletter by email and post, as you will see from this publication.

The Final Fling event was an inspiration as it culminated in a massive get-together of BOD friends who stayed chatting in the CYC long after the superb carvery lunch. I hope we can use this as a model for some 2012 events. The Final Fling race was made special for me by the presence of Martin Goodridge in Mildred, No 7, with her lovely traditional rig and in my boat I had the honour of entertaining our Harbour Master and his wife, who are now apparently hooked on a BOD.

Latest news from Holland is that the two GRP BODs are up for sale as Andre du Pon wants to build a new one using the mould that we have in store. There are some UK second-hand BODs available, such as No 75 – The Mike and No. 26 – Krystina. This Winter Nick Readings is refitting three BOD's, March Hare, Sea Horse and Endeavour. These will all be additional to the regular fleet at Brightlingsea so we are looking forward to even more boats on the water next year.

The AGM this year is on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 am at the Colne Yacht Club with a buffet lunch to be held at Tom's thereafter. I hope to see you all there.

Mike Hempstead

Chairman of BOD Class Association