

## 2017 RACING ROUNDUP

### RACE TRAINING DAY – APRIL

For the six boats that attended the Race Training day run by the Island Sailing Club was a useful event. Penny Carter provided great feedback on boat handling and tactics to the fleet. Great start to the season.

### ROUND THE ISLAND RACE - JUNE

11 Contessa 26s entered the race this year. Conditions were pleasant with a predominantly North to north west wind ranging from 8 to 16kts but with some meaningful holes on the south and east sides of the island. This enabled the fleet to reach and run as far as Bembridge Ledge and to return from there to Cowes on the wind.

The conditions favoured the larger and longer waterline boats, but as usual there were some respectable Co 26 class and O/A finishing places achieved.

In the **IRC** section, they were:

- High Potential 4th in class (and 25th O/A and winner of the Jeremy Rogers Trophy)
- Meow 11th in class
- Elinor 15th in class
- Concession 21st in class
- Dark Horse 23rd in class.

**ISC** section:

- Jiminy Cricket 6th in class (and 11th O/A and winner of the David Sadler Trophy)
- Quincy 9th in class
- Bijou 11th in class
- La Mouette 18th in class
- Red Dragon 22nd in class
- Tatjana 32nd in class
- Nimue Dns.

### CHARLES STANLEY CLASSICS WEEK – JULY

For the third year running the Contessa 26 class were represented by Jiminy Cricket and Thousand Knights III at the Royal London Yacht Club's Charles Stanley Classics Week. 2017 saw extremely light winds, which favored the Contessa, followed by high winds, which sadly saw two days of racing cancelled. The final result was a Contessa 1 2, with JC and TKIII who came first and second in Class in that order.

Great event for anyone looking forward to 2018. Every day after racing there are tea and cakes in the Clubhouse and in the evening, there are Hog Roasts, drinks/dinners including a pre-dinner wine and presentation party at The Squadron and a formal dinner on the Thursday evening.

## 2017 NATIONALS - SEPT

14 competitors attended this year's Nationals hosted by the Royal Southern Yacht Club. It was the first time that all previous National Champions had lined up on the same line, which led to some competitive racing. It was also great to see some new boats taking part including Tatjana (Paul Eslick) and Rosina of Beaulieu (Chris Stevens).

The Royal Southern Yacht Club's Race Officer Peter Bateson expertly kept us apart from other racing on the Solent, which made the event very easy and enjoyable. Conditions were good through the weekend with a decent force 4 on Saturday and most of Sunday. However, later in the afternoon brought some more challenging choppy and windy conditions which led to a few retirements.

The overall results were;

	1st	2nd	3rd
IRC	Meow	High Potential	Jiminy Cricket
Class 2 (with Kites)	Genesee	Thousand Knights 3	Tatjana
Class 3 (no Kites)	Rosina of Beaulieu	Curvaceous	

A big thank you to Natalie Cossar for her efforts helping organise this year's Nationals.

## 2018 EVENTS

Contessa 26 Class Association racing date events for 2018:

- Round the Island Race            7 July 2018
- Class Nationals at ISC            1 and 2 September 2018
- Possible joint weekend  
with Contessa 21 Class            30 June 2018

Events recommended for support or have previously been class supported:

- Taittinger Regatta \*            20 to 22 July 2018
- Cowes Classics Week\*            23 to 27 July 2018
- Hamble Classics weekend        15 and 16 September 2018
- Royal Southampton Double Handed Series events.

\* We are advised a 6 class boat entry will entitle a class start