

HAMBLE CLASSICS

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Royal Southern Yacht Club

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"It is just what yachting should be about"
Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

INVITATION



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Hamble Classics Regatta, the annual celebration of classic yachting bringing together all styles of classic yachts, vintage and modern, with a programme of racing in the Solent and après sail social events for all to enjoy.

Created by Jonty Sherwill and Vicki Weston, the founding mission of Hamble Classics was to establish a fun and inclusive event where owners of classic yachts, their crews and supporters could celebrate their shared passion for sailing by bringing together all types of classic yachts from small dayboats to seventy-foot modern classic racers.

First run in 2016 Hamble Classics is the first and only dedicated classic yachting event based in the River Hamble, the heart of British yachting. It was an instant success and has attracted up to 75 entries each year since. In its inaugural year hosted at the Royal Southern Yacht Club entrants included Sir Robin Knox-Johnston sailing his famous round-the-world yacht 'Suhaili' and after which he commented: "It is just what yachting should be about".

Hamble Classics attracts a wide range of yachts including Classic Racers, Cruisers, Dayboats, Old Gaffers, Classic One-Designs, 'Spirit of Tradition' modern classic yachts and the long established International Metre class yachts, with a clearly defined eligibility criteria to maintain its strong credentials as a leading classic yacht event.



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'Cockleshell' - the boat that inspired the event
Photos above and right by
Joe McCarthy - www.joemccarthy.me



Jonty and Vicki are both highly experienced Solent sailors. They own and direct Hamble Classics and work closely with the hosting club and race management team to deliver a consistently good regatta each year. Hamble Classics strives to be an innovative regatta with traditional values and feedback from entrants is encouraged to ensure customer satisfaction.



Classic Boat Awards 2017 Nominee

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THE HOST CLUB

The Royal Southern Yacht Club is one of the world's finest yacht clubs with a sailing area to match. The Southern prides itself on a superb clubhouse and yacht haven facilities, dedicated staff and the ability to run world class events.



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DEDICATED TO QUALITY



Hamble Classics is located in the heart of British yachting so high standards of race management is part of the culture. The event operates under World Sailing and Royal Yachting Association race management guidelines and in collaboration with the harbour authorities.

The Laurent Giles designed 39 foot (11.9 m.) 'Whooper' of 1939 is a true classic but still highly competitive in the modern racing fleet sailed by an expert crew skippered by her owner Giovanni Belgrano.

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PROGRAMME

The Hamble Classics Regatta programme comprises a perfect mix of sailing and social activity, and from 2019 was extended to a third day to include Big Classic Friday to provide more sailing for the larger yachts while maintaining the successful weekend schedule for the whole classic fleet.

Promoting the event each year begins early and as well as regular social media, email bulletins and press releases includes leafleting all classic-style yachts moored in the River Hamble, to encourage a strong showing from the 'home fleet' that each year represents around 50% of the yachts entered.



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Regatta Schedule

Friday - 'Big Classic Friday'

10:30 - IRC Zero Class racing - First Warning Signal
12:00 to 18:00 - Yacht arrivals and Registration
Club bar open, lunch available
15:00 to 16:00 - Afternoon Tea and Cakes at the club
18:30 - Welcome Reception for all participants
19:15 - Buffet Supper

Saturday - Racing for all Classes

from 07:00 - Breakfast available at the club
from 07:30 - Registration desk re-opens
08:20 - Competitor Briefing
10:30 - Racing for all classes - First Warning Signal
from 14:00 - Elephant Boatyard Rum Party at the Club
+ Concours d'Elegance Judging
+ Spinlock Race Day Prize Giving
18:15 for 19:00 - Hamble Classics Dinner at the Club

Sunday - Racing for all Classes

from 07:00 - Breakfast available at the club
10:30 - Racing for all classes - First Warning Signal
14:30 - Yachts crews return to the club after racing
15:30 - Main Prize Giving including:
Awards for the 10+ racing class winners
The four Concours d'Elegance Awards
Special presentations for Achievements and Event Team

Event sponsors are very welcome to join in and attend the Awards



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SOCIAL SCENE



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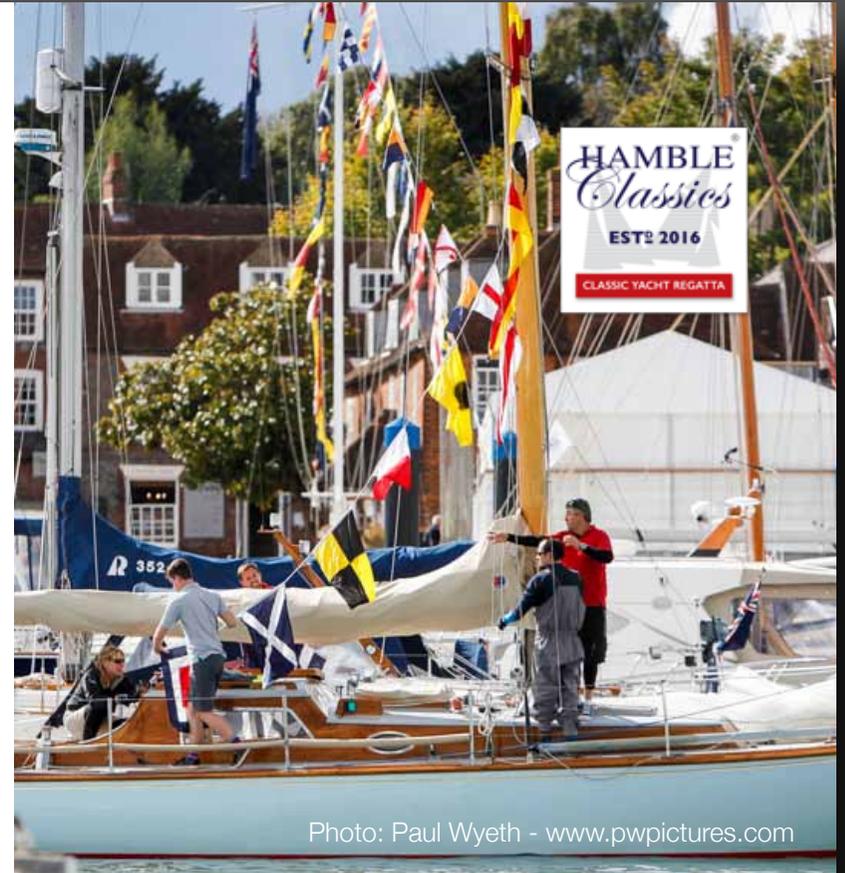


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RACE MANAGEMENT

The Solent is regarded internationally as one of the finest areas for yacht racing with a history reaching back to the beginning of the sport, made especially famous by the race round the Isle of Wight in 1851 for the Hundred Guineas Cup that would become the legendary America's Cup.

The race committee sets courses using combinations of race marks to suit the prevailing conditions. Steering straight and trimming the sails is an essential skill of racing but navigating to win races is a complex task requiring tactical decisions, made harder by tidal flows that change hour by hour.

Since the first event in 2016 the Principal Race Officer (PRO) has been Peter Bateson, a leading member of the race management team at the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Cowes Week and other high profile regattas.



Top right photo: 'The River Finish' is a unique feature of the Hamble Classics Regatta and can happen only when weather conditions are suitable. On these occasions selected classes have their finish line set within the River Hamble.

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XOD One-Design Class



International Dragon



International 6-Metre



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THE CLASSIC FLEET

Hamble Classics has clearly defined eligibility criteria to maintain the event's strong credentials and as a general rule old classics and modern classics race separately in dedicated classes, rated under IRC, 'Regatta' and the OGA gaffer handicap rating systems.

Wooden built yachts represent the majority of the classic fleet but glass fibre construction that began in the 1950's was soon adopted by the leading yacht designers and builders. Hamble Classics recognises this contribution to the expansion of yacht ownership and embraces the finest examples of pre-1971 GRP yachts including within its Concours d'Elegance Awards.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston sailing 'Suhaili' with family and friends at the first Hamble Classics Regatta in 2016
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CLASSIC STYLE

Hamble Classics welcomes modern iterations of classic style including the new build 'modern classics' by Spirit Yachts. 'Oui Fling', 'Flight of Ufford' and 'Dido' are shown opposite racing on 'Big Classic Friday' in 2019, plus GRP yachts such as the Rival 34 ('Wild Rival' bottom right), the Sagitta 35 and Nautor Swan 36 (below) both designed by Sparkman and Stephens.

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REWARDING EXCELLENCE



A popular element of the Hamble Classics Regatta is the annual Concours d'Elegance Awards. For a yacht to win a Concours award requires a combination of originality, condition, pedigree and elegance. Three separate awards were presented in the inaugural year and this was extended to four prizes in 2018 to reflect the depth of excellence within the fleet, namely:

The four Concours categories:

Concours d'Elegance - ultimate condition - the top prize

Concours d'Authenticité - condition and originality

Best Spirit of Tradition - or New Build

Best presented GRP yacht

James and Rachel Youngman's, 1952 Laurent Giles designed 'Lutine of Helford', the overall Concours d'Elegance winner in 2017

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Concours d'Elegance

The preservation of yachts is a relatively new phenomena whereas in centuries past many quite new boats were discarded once outmoded. There are some notable survivors from the 19th century but their forebears have been lost forever.

Attitudes changed during the 20th century and were further spurred on by the 150th America's Cup Jubilee at Cowes in 2001. Hamble Classics builds on this legacy by providing an ideal scenario for yacht owners to meet and enjoy their shared passion.



'Vigilant', the 1930 '22 Square Metre', also described as a Skerry cruiser, designed by the legendary designer and yacht builder Uffa Fox



PRESERVING HISTORIC YACHTS

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Above: Yachts and dayboats wait in the Green Line starting area for a new breeze - soon to arrive.



The design and style of yachts has evolved over the centuries influenced by local conditions and various rating rules. Modern classic or 'Spirit of Tradition' yachts pay homage to the aesthetic of the golden age of yachting but incorporate modern construction methods and technology.

In the Hamble Classics Regatta yachts of these different eras race in separate divisions to provide the very finest of competition for all participants.



MODERN CLASSICS CREATED

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DIFFERENT ERAS ...



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... SHARED SPIRIT

The world of classic yachting encompasses a wide range of yacht types spanning almost 150 years of sailing history. This diversity of types is perfectly illustrated by the boats shown on this and the previous page, both 'dayboats' but with designs conceived over 100 years apart.

The 20ft (6.1m) XOD One-Design (page 14) was designed in 1908 by Alfred Westmacott and remains a highly competitive class with around 150 boats still racing, whereas the custom

built Spirit 52D (15.8m) 'Oui Fling' shown above was designed in 2017 to the specific requirements of her owner for day racing.

In its relatively short 5-year history the Hamble Classics Regatta has built an enviable reputation for superb organisation and inclusiveness both afloat and ashore with many entrants returning year after year.

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THE OLD GAFFERS

The 1888 'Thalia' (right) 'Jolie Brise' and Aeolus (above), icons of Hamble classic yachting, are regular attendees at Hamble Classics.

'Jolie Brise' was the winner of the first Fastnet Race in 1925 with further victories in 1929 and 1930 and has been owned since 1977 by Dauntsey's School, pictured above at Hamble Classics in 2019, her fourth outing.

A regular participant in the Tall Ships Race this much celebrated 1913 French gaff-rigged pilot cutter carries up to eight students of 14 years and over as crew for local and international cruising and racing.

Gaffers of all sizes take part in Hamble Classics from 16 - 60 foot length.

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PILGRIMAGE TO HAMBLE

Steve Meakin's 'Cormorant' at the 2016 Hamble Classics Regatta

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Each Hamble Classics Regatta brings historic yachts to the River Hamble, some returning for the first time in decades if not longer. One such treasure is Steve Meakin's engineless gaff yawl 'Cormorant'. Built in 1911 by Luke Brothers on the site of the Royal Southern Yacht Club's new building, this was her first visit to the place of her original launching more than a century earlier.

Another yacht that came to visit in 2019 was the 1951 Frederick Parker designed 'Phizz', not a Hamble built yacht, but sailed for the RAF Yacht Club as 'Bluejacket' from 1957 to 1959. In 1958 her then owner David Maw achieved 2nd in RORC Class II collecting enough points to assist the RAFYC in winning the RORC Club Championship. 'Phizz' featured in the design section of the 1952 Yachting World Annual.

Winning ways in 1958 as 'Bluejacket'

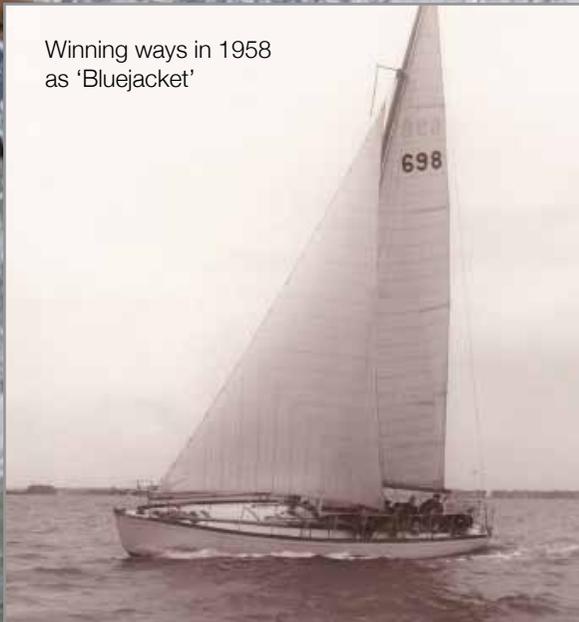


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"The Phizz crew would like to thank you for the welcome you gave us in our first Hamble Classics. Everybody was most welcoming, friendly and encouraging. We enjoyed the Regatta and had a wonderful time"

Phil Knight-Jones, co-owner.



ROVER'S RETURN

As special stories go few can match that of 'Mabel', built by A.H. Moody & Son at the top of the River Hamble in 1966 and designed by the great Kim Holman.

Brought back from California by her new owner Bruce Thorogood she returned to the River Hamble for the first time in 2018 to take part in the Hamble Classics Regatta. Originally named 'Mabel Amelia' owner and crew sailed her up from Plymouth to Hamble where she was reunited with a local retired doctor whose father had been the second owner.

Hugh Laing had not seen his family's old boat for 45 years since she was sold away, but decades later together with his brother Ian they bought an exact sistership. "My brother and I bought 'Fire Dancer' on a totally sentimental whim as 'Mabel' was the finest boat and the prettiest we had ever had and we wanted to repeat the joy of owning her!

To complete the pilgrimage, Mabel, along with another Moody returnee, the very fine 1939 Fred Shepherd designed 'Amokura' owned by Paul Moxon, motored in company up the river on the Sunday evening to look at where Moodys had been before heading westward to get home before the weather broke.

Mabel returned again in 2019 and we hope that will continue!

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EVENT CHARITY

David Mead (right) trustee of the Wetwheels Foundation receives the 2018 Hamble Classics donation cheque for £900 from event director Jonty Sherwill at the Royal Southern Yacht Club



Each year during the Hamble Classics Regatta there are fund-raising activities for its chosen charity the Wetwheels Hamble Boat, which is generously loaned to the event as a committee vessel. During the weekend a cash collection and raffle for a different special prize each year has raised a total amount in excess of £50000 since the inaugural event, generously donated from the entire group of sailors, supporters and organisers.

Geoff Holt MBE DL conceived the idea of Wetwheels and has been the driving force behind the project. Geoff was paralysed in a swimming accident in 1984 and uses a wheelchair. In 1995 he became the inaugural Chairman of RYA Sailability, a role he held for six years. In 2007 he became the first disabled person to sail single-handed around Great Britain and in 2009 he sailed across the Atlantic Ocean unassisted.

Geoff was awarded an MBE for "Services to Disabled Sailing" in 2010 and was YJA Pantaenius Yachtsman of the Year shortly after. A Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire since 2012 Geoff is a Board director of the RYA and a Council member of the RNLI. He is patron and ambassador for several charities for people with disabilities. <https://wetwheelsfoundation.org>



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Photo: Wetwheels Foundation website

IMAGES

Good photo images are essential to celebrate the fabulous sailing action at Hamble Classics and a top ranking professional photographer is appointed to record the scene. From 2016-2018 it was Paul Wyeth and from 2019 Rick Tomlinson (right).

All photographers are welcomed and we are grateful to Nick Gill, Chris Gillingham, Bertrand Malas and Joe McCarthy for their permission to use their images in publicity and which are separately credited whenever used.



Rick Tomlinson was the official photographer for the 2019 & 2020 Hamble Classics. Rick is an internationally recognised yachting photographer who has competed in four Round the World races and published by all the leading yachting magazines and National Geographic. His signature yachting calendar has been a favourite for over 30 years.

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PUBLICITY



Hamble Classics works hard to ensure maximum exposure for the regatta and its sponsors with well written news updates and press releases, and with a vibrant yachting press in the UK and online coverage providing excellent opportunities for international coverage of the event's unique profile.

Articles relating to the Hamble Classics have been featured in Classic Boat magazine, Eurosail and YachtsandYachting.com, plus regular news updates on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hambleclassics/

Such was the impact of the Hamble Classics Regatta that Event Director Jonty Sherwill was one of three nominees in the 2017 Classic Boat Awards for Yachtsman of the Year, eventually and deservedly presented to Oliver Berking, a fifth-generation Flensburg silversmith and owner of Robbe and Berking Classics, a major Yachting Heritage Centre.

Classic Boat Magazine
Hamble Classics - a friendly fleet
December 2017 issue

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Hamble Classics Regatta is a unique and innovative sailing event in the classic yachting calendar. Dedicated to classic style yachts of all eras of the sport it provides an ideal scenario for brand exposure and engagement with yacht owners, their crew and supporters. International connections plus a wide audience via social media and yachting press delivers excellent publicity each year.

Companies in all sectors are welcome to become involved, and with easy access via road, rail and air the high profile Royal Southern Yacht Club venue is perfect for corporate hospitality and product display of financial and marine services, property, automotive and luxury goods. To discuss the options available please call Jonty Sherwill on +44 (0)1329 835555 or Email: jonty@sherwilldesign.com

See the next pages for details of how Hamble Classics can work for you.



Alfa Romeo cars on display at the Royal Southern Yacht Club (J/70 European Championship 2017)

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spinlock

Spinlock Race Day Prizegiving 2017

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Concours d'Elegance Awards sponsored by A-Plan Insurance



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Onesails GBR sponsors Hamble Classics 'Big Classic Friday' Prizegiving 2019

EVENT PARTNERS

Good commercial reasons for supporting Hamble Classics:

- Well established classic yacht regatta with high quality yacht entries
- Focussed long weekend of sailing and socialising with direct brand exposure
- Wide media coverage and growing recognition for excellence and inclusivity
- Friendly yacht club venue with its own yacht haven and launch service
- Located on the famous River Hamble - the centre of British Yachting
- Mainland location with easy access via road, rail and air
- Highly experienced and knowledgeable Hamble Classics team
- Inclusive event policy with clear organisational guidelines

Flexibility with how you may wish to support Hamble Classics:

- Title sponsorship - options for two or more years, budget negotiable
- Concours d'Elegance Awards sponsorship
- Social Event sponsorship - product / cash value negotiable
- Race Day sponsorship - product / cash value negotiable
- Industry Partner positions - designed for local service businesses

Sponsors & Industry Partners benefits include:

- Company logo and web link to your business website or Facebook page
- Company logo on the Hamble Classics Facebook page
- Company logo on display during the weekend
- Company logo in the email header on event bulletins
- Press Release of a new sponsor joining Hamble Classics
- Option to have marketing literature inserted in the race-packs
- Title, Race Day, and Concours sponsors enjoy headline exposure

Our event partners since 2016 include Spinlock, Performance Rigging, the Sandeman Yacht Company, Ratsey and Lapthorn Sailmakers, Classic Marine, A-Plan Marine Insurance, Blakes & Taylors, OneSails GBR, the Elephant Boatyard, and Joseph Perrier Champagne, plus Collars and Walcon Marine in 2021.

If you would like to promote your brand with Hamble Classics please contact Jonty Sherwill - Tel: +44(0)1329 835555 or Email: jonty@sherwilldesign.com



Hamble Classics Event Partners 2016 - 2020

Barney Sandeman's 'Laughing Gull'
The Sandeman Yacht Company
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Jonathan Dyke's 'Cereste'
Classic Marine
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Andy Cassell and Steve Meakin aboard 'Cormorant'
Ratsey and Laphorn Sailmakers
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Tom Richardson's 'Thistle' (right)
The Elephant Boatyard
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In addition to the brand exposure many of our sponsors take the opportunity to network with industry colleagues and customers during the event, and it's well known that sailing is an ideal scenario. Whether you are an experienced sailor or just a keen novice it is likely we can find a yacht skipper who will welcome you onboard - but you may be asked to wind a winch!



Photo: Martin Gamman - sailing aboard David Aisher's 'Thalia'
Joseph Perrier Champagne



Gordon Bonney - Performance Rigging
with Jonty Sherwill and Vicki Weston on 'Cockleshell'
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John Parker & Peter Kay - OneSails GOLF
supporting the Spirit yacht racing
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FEEDBACK

From Phil Thomas 22 Square Metre 'Vigilant'

Thanks for a fantastic Regatta. Friendly, well organised and good ashore. Will be back next year.

From Paul Barnes 'Mischief III'

Just a brief note to thank you so much for all the organisation and hard work, putting together Hamble Classics. It is much appreciated and has become a memorable event in the calendar.

From Barney Sandeman 'Laughing Gull'

Very well done to you and your team and in my view the organisers of other Classic events could learn something about the spirit, simplicity and fun you guys brought to that weekend...

From Mike Pammenter 'Oui Fling'

The regatta to me was a great success on the water. The addition of the Friday racing, I personally think, makes it a complete regatta as opposed to a week-end event.

From Kim Morley 'Valhalla'

Firstly thanks for a fantastic regatta that was competitive, fun relaxed and friendly I think the combination of RAFYC hospitality and your passion and inspiration for classics was superb. In terms of format the socials were all spot on.

From Ian Ratnage 'Whisper of Lymington'

A big thank you to you and Vicki and the [Royal] Southern team for organising the event in such difficult circumstances. For many of us it will probably be the only occasion this year that we experience a bit of competitive sailing and the opportunity to push the boat a bit harder than normal. Very well done.

After each Hamble Classics Regatta we get great feedback and messages of thanks for a job well done - listed opposite are just a few of these received from 2016 - 2020.

'Duet' owned by the Cirdan Sailing Trust at Hamble Classics 2016

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