

## Trophies notes – 2010 Daring Class Prizegiving

[Note: Bring the winner up when the boat name is mentioned, continuing if indicated. Each numbered paragraph indicates a prize to be awarded.]

First I would like to thank Paul Miller for preparing this script.

2010 has been longer with 86 races but a good season, with reliable weather (well until Cowes Week anyway), and a great level of competition, so all the winners here richly deserve their prizes. Rather illogically we start at the end...

1. The 'Bitter Ends' Cup – for the fleet races in April and October. The races in October really decided it leaving, third place Decanter, second Dreamer and the winner this year (somewhat surprisingly to me) is Streak.
2. The Novice Helmsman's Cup – for the passage race from Seaview back to Cowes, the worthy winner is Henry Snagge on Darling.
3. The Ladies Trophy sailed on the Sunday Morning of the Daring Regatta in East Wight was won this year by Tricia Neri, sailing Destroyer.
4. The Clare Lallow Trophy – for the yacht with the best score without winning a race in the Daring Bowl Season's Points Championship. This is always a hotly contested trophy, and it does take some careful planning to clinch it. That careful planning this year was executed to perfection by Double Knot.
5. The Patrick and Elsie Egan Trophy – for the Daring Regatta over the August Bank Holiday weekend at East Wight – won convincingly by Dreamer.
6. The Demon Bowl – for the Most Improved Crew – This year's successful nomination has been received from Mylo Harrison, who puts it best in his own words:

I think with so many owners complaining about a lack of new crew, it was refreshing that a third generation Pegna has joined the Darling course.

Cassey Pegna had very little experience of any sailing. She was thrown into the "washing machine" of the middle of a Daring (which is renowned for its physical draining capabilities) and she managed not only to stick with it for the whole season, but excelled and improved with each outing. Amazingly she wants to carry on next year!! Having successfully flown the big spinnaker after being caught in a 45 knots squall, she more than deserves the Demon Bowl for most improved crew.

I would just like to add to Mylo's comments that it is rather poignant that today would have been Cassey's grandfather Bobby Pegna's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

7. Ratsey and Laphorn Trophy – for the yacht which has improved her position by more than any other from last season, having competed in at least 30 races in both years. The winner this year, up from 11th to 3rd (incidentally this is noted in this script as being the same performance as his party's poll standings) is Decoy... [Get them up and keep them up]...
8. of course, improving is one thing, but it is very unusual to then go on to hand out more big trophies to the winner of the Ratsey and Laphorn Trophy. But Decoy has had some pretty good results this year and handily swept up The June Decanters for races in June...
9. also the Tom Thorneycroft Challenge Cup for the Sunday of Cowes Week.

10. At the AGM it was confirmed that Richard Ottaway had generously donated to the Daring Association a new trophy to be known as the Metre Regatta Trophy, awarded to the winner of the Metre Regatta. The winner also receives the Loup Garou Trophy, which is presented at the Royal London prizegiving. I would like Nicky to come up to present this wonderful new Trophy ... which has been engraved: Presented by Richard Ottaway MP to the Daring Association for the winner of the Metre Regatta. 2007 Dolphin, 2008 Dolphin, 2009 Decoy and 2010 Decoy. [\[Richard then confirmed that the Cup was originally made in 1908\]](#)
11. The Royal Cowes Town Regatta Challenge Cup for the Thursday of Cowes Week was won for the second year in a row by Division Belle but this time with Robin Richardson of Doublet at the helm [\[Get them up and keep them up\]](#)...
12. Appropriately enough, Division Belle also won The Division Belle Trophy for the best score in Cowes Week by a boat using three or more helms! In fact there were 5 helms from Doublet and Division Belle.
13. The Ian Mackinnon Cup – for the winner of the fleet races in May was won by Dynamite [\[Get them up and keep them up\]](#)...
14. Dynamite had a tremendous season back in 2009, and they were obviously planning to keep that up, holding the top spot in the 2010 Season's Points without discards, with just 679 points. This year they also won The Lord Burnham Cup for RYS Solent Series of races... [\[keep them up\]](#)
15. and finally The Dabchick Cup for races in July.
16. The John Dibben Memorial Trophy is competed for over the second May Bank Holiday weekend and is without question one of the most beautiful trophies. Third was Dynamite, second Darling and the winner is Defender [\[Get them up and keep them up.\]](#)
17. Defender had a fantastic season, and have very deservedly won a stack of trophies. Along the way, they have won The Basil de Ferranti Trophy for the Friday of Cowes Week...
18. The Lloyds Bank Trophy for the last Saturday of Cowes Week...
19. and for the whole of Cowes Week with just 15 points after 1 discard and ahead of Decoy on 32 points and Division Belle on 35 and winning the coveted Nick Adlington Memorial Trophy was Defender...
20. Outside of Cowes Week, Defender's success was expansive. They won The Halmatic Bell for races in September...
21. and the prestigious 'Stug' Perry Challenge Cup...
22. Defender had further devastating success in the hotly contested Red Funnel Cowes Keelboat Championship – achieving a 1<sup>st</sup> in over 50% of the races and only 2 results were not in the top 3! This year's Red Funnel prizegiving will be held here at the Royal Thames on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011 (a date for your diaries), however as this Series is a major part of the Daring season, it is felt that some form of recognition should be accorded at our own prizegiving. So, we have a bottle of bubbly!... [\[keep them up\]](#)...
23. and finally of course it would be hard to win that lot without winning The Daring Bowl – for the Season's Points. The clear winner is of course Defender.
24. I would like to briefly digress from the prepared script to record congratulations to the following who have won trophies and events this season but the trophies are not presented tonight so if I may I will read them all out and perhaps you can applaud at the end.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Cowes Week Royal Southampton's **AN Barlow Challenge Cup**  
# Monday of Cowes Week Royal London's **Elliot Trophy**  
# Tuesday of Cowes Week The Squadron's **Jack Raymond Challenge Trophy**

**Defender**  
**Defender**  
**Decanter**

# Wednesday of Cowes Week The Squadron's **Williams-Freeman Cup** and I am delighted to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> major win for a D2 though sadly not with our Class Captain at the helm

# Royal London Solent Series and **the CT Cayley Cup**

# Royal Thames Red Funnel **Cory Cup**

# Household Division **Chevrons Cup**

# Island Sailing Club Tankards for the **Solent and Red Funnel Series**

# Royal London **Spring Series** over 2 weekends

# Cowes Corinthian **Solent Series**

# Royal Corinthian **Solent Series**

# Royal Thames **Solent Series**

# **Daring Weekend** in East Wight

# **Bembridge Sailing Club Regatta**

# **Sea View Yacht Club Regatta**

**Darling**

**Defender**

**Defender**

**Darius**

**Defender**

**Decanter**

**Dynamite**

**Decoy**

**Dynamite**

**Streak**

**Defiant and Darius**

**Defiant**

25. Finally The Dropped 'Ollock – This is awarded to the perpetrator of the bloomer of the season in the opinion of last year's recipient our Class Captain Carron Snagge. I shall now hand the microphone over to him to make the award.

As always a hotly competed for prize. Some boats seemed to have a lot of problems with rocks – always particularly embarrassing when it happens in Cowes Week in clear view of the Lawn, causing your wife, despite being recognised as a Daring wife, has to deny any knowledge of her husband's boat.

Others had problems with horizontal spinnakers. In particular Streak in East Wight and Audax who, having got a race winning start, had to give it all away by re-launching her spinnaker at the start of a long leg to Browdown.

Ferries caused all sort of problems in particular for Derring Do but it was after a letter of complaint that the winner of the Dropped 'Ollock made his mark. Despite being an ex Harbour Commissioner, an International Umpire, a Controlling Board and Committee member and a very senior member of the London, he decide to take his sails down in the middle of the Channel, opposite the Island Sailing Club, right in front of the departing ferry. Most of the rest of the fleet were able to watch from their moorings and one even took pictures to record the event. And we were all delighted in the Harbour Master's efforts to tow Decanter out of the way. Jamie Clark, you are a worthy winner of this prestigious trophy.

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