

Vice Commodore's Meet

Mounts Bay, Cornwall, 26th May

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The Mounts Bay Meet was always going to be a bit of a gamble, given the exposed nature of the bay. However, on the day, conditions were perfect with a northerly wind providing perfect shelter off St Michael's Mount, and the sun shining from dusk to dawn.

A remarkable twenty three boats gathered for what I had hoped would be an RCC meet of the traditional kind, with few arrangements made or appointments to keep, and at no cost. I am pleased to report it was agreed by all to be a success. By six in the evening we counted 37 souls standing on the deck of *Wild Song* - which is not bad for a narrow 38



The Meet, our host the VC in blue and white amidships, looking out to sea (Bobby Larves)

footer. She was well down on her marks, but managed to stay afloat.

As the sun lowered in the sky, we dispersed to enjoy supper on other boats and slept it all off on a night which proved to be flat calm till the



Fleet from the mainland . . . (Nick Waite)



. . . and from the Mount (Peter Fabricius)



Mount St Michael itself (Peter Fabricius)



Giles HH's perfect boat!



. . . well, almost perfect

middle of the following day.

Many of the yachts came from nearby West Country moorings, and a few from the Solent area, but two notable arrivals were Peter and Katharine Ingram on *Kokiri* who had made a dash from the Hamble with their young family en route for Milford Haven. The most impressive arrival was perhaps made by Lizzie Berton, who sailed round the Lizard



The Commodore on *Firefly*



Charm of Rhu (Nick Waite)



The seacocks were shut as the party continued

(Nick Chavasse)

from Falmouth in a largely open 17 footer and refused all offers of a more comfortable bunk for the night (see page ???).

An indifferent forecast meant that some preferred not to head to Scilly, although there are reports that *Tamarind*, *Summerbird*, *Wild Bird of Fowey* and *Charm of Rhu* were seen there. The rest of the fleet mostly headed eastwards, later meeting up in the Helford River and the Fal.

Yachts attending: *Flycatcher*, *Wild Song*, *Kokiri*, *Charm of Rhu*, *Pyscador*, *Summerbird*, *Dunlin of Wessex*, *Wild Bird of Fowey*, *Sequester of Kent*, *Wind Walker*, *Gas Pirate*, *Huahine*, *Ramble*, *Myrtle*, *Cassis*, *Pastime*, *Bethulie*, *Pemandia*, *Tamarind*, *The Otter*, *Gaivotta*, *Twayblade*, *Marguerite*.