

THE BEAULIEU RIVER MEET, SEPTEMBER 8th-11th

By the Hon. Secretary

This wonderful summer lasted up to Sunday the 11th and consequently a record number of yachts were able to moor safely in less space than usual in Gin's Reach.

The meet began informally on Thursday when six or seven were able to give a welcome to Eric and Susan Hiscock in *Wanderer III* and to Peter and Ann Pye and Christopher Pritchard-Barrett in *Moonraker* on their return from their long voyages. It is difficult to believe, seeing how spruce both the yachts and their crews looked, that *Wanderer* had been round the world (coming back via the Cape) and *Moonraker* had been to the West Indies, the Pacific and Alaska since they left England, *Wanderer III* in 1952 and *Moonraker* in 1950. Congratulations from all of us to both ships and their crews.

On Friday vessels began to arrive in earnest and moored as close as possible to *Isabel* and at 0100 on Saturday *Dyarchy* arrived under sail but the Commodore came in so quietly that his arrival was unnoticed and no one complained that he had spoilt his or her beauty sleep by engine or other extraneous noise so usual when a vessel is reducing sail and about to anchor.

Saturday was a scene of great activity and visiting was going on all the time; the Tew boys from *Mary Helen* sailed up and down the fleet all day carrying messages and ever ready for food to sustain them on their arduous patrol.

Soon after 1800, *Dyarchy*, having safely moored alongside *Isabel*, the cocktail party given by the Flag Officers and Committee was in full swing.

Mrs. Pinckney, the Commodore's mother, in *Dyarchy* and Mrs. Ellis in *Isabel* received the guests on behalf of the hosts; there were over 150 on board the two ships and fraternizing was the order of the day. At 2000 the official party was over and members and their guests left for their own or other yachts for supper.

At 2130 at a given signal there was a firework display by the fleet in honour of *Wanderer III* and *Moonraker* and their respective gallant complements. Most of the fireworks were rockets, Very lights and other marine night signals and it was a really good display.

The Commodore personally visited every yacht and it is impossible to enumerate all the other visits which were made by the members. On Sunday soon after 1300 the yachts began to disperse and go their various ways and by evening only a dozen of the great fleet remained.

On Monday, *Moonraker* left for Burnham and the rest of us soon followed and peace once more reigned in Gin's Reach.

YACHTS	MEMBERS
<i>Dyarchy</i>	The Commodore and Mrs. Pinckney.
<i>Isabel</i>	The Rear Commodore and Mrs. Bernard Ellis.
<i>Gulnare</i>	The Hon. Secretary (Donald C. L. Cree).
<i>Natalis</i>	The Hon. Treasurer (Douglas H. Johnson).
<i>Windsong</i>	The Hon. Steward (C. Grasemann).
<i>Wanderer III</i>	Eric and Susan Hiscock.
<i>Moonraker</i>	Peter and Ann Pye.
<i>Akela</i>	R. M. Nesbitt.
<i>Andrillot II</i>	Major-Gen. Sir G. de C. Glover.
<i>Barfleur</i>	Rear Admiral F. B. Watson.
<i>Beltane</i>	Wing Comdr. B. R. Macnamara,
<i>Blue Bird of Thorne</i> ...	Hon. R. A. Balfour.
<i>Blue Hills</i>	D. T. Bibby
<i>Calypso of Point</i>	G. C. Horn.
<i>Cheemaun</i>	Lieut.-Commander J. R. Bryans, R.N.
<i>Cena</i>	Clive Clarke.
<i>Corran</i>	Doris Ball.
<i>Cygnat</i>	G. Bernard Baker.
<i>Delight</i>	H. G. Thomas.
<i>Dorado</i>	R. H. D. Lowis.
<i>Dorothea</i>	J. G. Kay
<i>Dorothy Jane</i>	C. Delmar Morgan.
<i>Dynamene</i>	R. E. Brookes.
<i>Dinghy</i>	J. R. D. James.
<i>Eidothea</i>	C. W. Godfrey.
<i>Eila Rose</i>	Stafford Bourne.
<i>Fairlight</i>	J. H. M. Budgett.
<i>Fidget</i>	Captain M. A. McMullen, R.N.
<i>Foresight</i>	Captain R. E. D. Ryder, V.C., R.N.
<i>Gaymaid</i>	S. W. Frost.

YACHTS			MEMBERS
<i>Gemini</i>	...	...	J. K. N. Davis.
<i>Glenshane</i>	...	...	Wing-Commander Alan Somerset-Leeke and Mrs. Somerset-Leeke.
<i>Gossip</i>	...	...	Lieut.-Colonel C. H. B. Good.
<i>Gladimaris</i>	...	...	P. R. Kimber.
<i>Havfruen III</i>	...	...	Group-Captain T. H. Carr.
<i>Joanda</i>	...	...	Captain T. B. Brunton, R.N.
<i>Juno</i>	...	...	G. W. Nockolds.
<i>Kezia</i>	...	...	B. L. Bremridge.
<i>Macnab</i>	...	...	William and George Kendrick.
<i>Maid of Islay</i>	...	...	J. Legge.
<i>Mary Helen</i>	...	...	M. Helen Tew.
<i>Masquerade</i>	...	...	Captain S. J. Read, R.N.R.
<i>Mavis</i>	...	...	P. M. Corsar.
<i>Melody "A"</i>	...	...	John Guillaume.
<i>Morning Breeze</i>	...	...	John Aherne-Heron.
<i>Naiad</i>	...	...	Vice-Admiral J. W. Dorling.
<i>Peregrine</i>	...	...	E. G. Hocquard.
<i>Rathlin</i>	...	...	F. P. Usborne.
<i>Rose of Falmouth</i>	...	...	G. O. Liddell.
<i>Rose Salter</i>	...	...	K. A. E. Moore.
<i>Rosmar</i>	...	...	Commander Colin Campbell, R.N.V.R.
<i>Ste. Anne</i>	...	...	D. H. F. Williams.
<i>Saluki</i>	...	...	W. M. Martineau
<i>Sandavore</i>	...	...	Viscount Runciman.
<i>Selamat</i>	...	...	E. J. C. Edwards.
<i>Sheldrake</i>	...	...	R. P. Maxfield.
<i>Smee...</i>	...	...	Captain E. Barraclough, R.N.
<i>Tan Wings</i>	...	...	Tom and Ann Worth.
<i>(lent by Mr. Priddle)</i>			
<i>Turnstone</i>	...	...	Vernon Butlin.
<i>Theodora</i>	...	...	Christopher Ellis.
<i>Wave Crest</i>	...	...	Major R. N. B. Gatehouse.
<i>Yarinya</i>	...	...	Sir Keith Officer.
<i>Zona</i>	...	...	Lieut.-Colonel A. Hayhurst-France.

MEMBERS ALSO PRESENT

Philip Bullock and David Jolly in *Dyarchy*.Stuart Clark in *Cygnets*.Commander and David Proctor in *Macnab*.Eric Swinburne in *Sandavore*.

GUEST YACHTS

<i>Pukarki</i>	...	...	V. H. Matthews.
<i>Sylna</i>	...	...	Group Captain and Mrs. de St. Leger.
<i>Vervaine</i>	...	...	Dr. Crosskey.