

On Sunday the wind dropped to force 2/3 and initially there were some new faces at the front, Alex Flett in 789 "Cough" and Chris Bonner in 714 "Impala", both from Royal Tay. Local helmsman Matt Anderson was close behind, close enough to hit Flett whilst rounding the windward, an incident costing him second place. Hawksworth worked his way up from 8th to finish first and win the event, with a race in hand. For the final race the wind headed after the first beat and, although the course covered all the points of the compass, a complete lap could be sailed without tacking. Bob Wride from Hornsea, in 904, had a long lead for most of the race but finally succumbed to Anderson on the last beat.

Results: 1st 919 "Pink Panther" Alf Hawksworth, Chase; 2nd 946 "Skua" Mark Peek, Chase; 3rd 714 "Impala" Chris Bonner, Royal Tay; 4th 700 "Female" Matt Anderson, Hornsea; 5th 904 "U-Wot" Bob Wride, Hornsea; 6th 489 "Nutcracker" Gerald Iddon, Morecambe.

The following week the same band of helpers rallied round to run the club's annual regatta, with the Ospreys fielding 15 boats. Matt Anderson won, Alan Smith from Hornsea, in 697, was second, with Terry Kirchin from Filey third in 755. The weather was fine with the wind rising from force 3 - 5 during the day, the event finishing with the usual excellent Hornsea tea and prizegiving.

Oddly enough, July has been a bit of a lean month in recent years, but a refreshing revival took place at Stone S.C. in mid-July, where an entry of 23 took part in the club's annual open. The locals were supported by visitors from eight other clubs, including Peter Rhead with 883, on leave from Lagos Y.C. Again, this is estuary sailing on the Blackwater, near Chelmsford.

In the windy conditions on Saturday, and less so on Sunday, the two Lymington aces Tony Blachford and Mike Corbin had the event sewn up with two first and two seconds respectively, with Peter Holt from Poole, in 640 "King's Gambit", coming third.

Mention must be made of the team racing which Stone and the nearby club of Creeksea have organised. Two Sunday meetings are held, early in May at Stone, and mid-October at Creeksea, situated on the Crouch just above the Royal Corinthian. Local man Peter Jones won at Stone in 646, with Bill Letten in 72 and Robert Shaw in 805 winning a race each at Creeksea. After totting up the highest positions, Stone was declared winner. The subject of team racing has been discussed more than once at National Committee and this local derby may well be setting a precedent.

Burnham week is normally associated with keelboat racing, and few people realise that many dinghies take part as well. Due entirely to the hard work of Creeksea enthusiast Les Shaw, over 15 boats entered for the week's racing. This is the second year the class has had its own start and trophy—which is no mean feat, for only the Enterprises and G.P.s have similar starts in the dinghy section. Classes for which the Royal Corinthian has always been famous, the Hornet and 5-0-5, failed to raise six starters and were relegated to the menageries fleet. The only trouble with Burnham is its timing, for it is normally held the last week in August and few helmsmen have either the time or the money for two weeks hard sailing in August. Sailing at Burnham should never be underestimated. The courses are invariably 14 - 16 miles long using the Crouch and tributary River Roach, often with a three-mile beat to start. Spinnaker runs and reaches can be longer and the event is every bit as testing as the championship week especially when the series



Robert Shaw in action at Creeksea in 805 'Granny Smith'



Les Shaw at Creeksea in 819 'Sparafucile'