



# WHAT A YEAR!

- **Biggest ever J/92 class at J-Cup**
- **J/92 starts in all the major regattas**
- **Our own class at Cowes week**
- **11 boat entry for Round the Island**

2010 was the year that the J/92s put themselves back on the map and proved what a fun and competitive class it is both on and off the water! It's certainly been a year to remember and here are a few reminders of some of the highlights.....





# RSYC FROSTBITE

**A fantastic start to the year. A fabulous turnout with eight J/92s on the water for the Royal Southampton Frostbite Series.**

Even with the winter sunshine, the series really lived up to its name with competitors often scraping the ice off the decks and as the sun went in the hip flasks came out. Lots of close racing throughout the series with line honours shared amongst the fleet but the most consistent boats, Jammin' and Java Lite, went on to take 1st and 2nd respectively in the series.

## Here Come The Girls

J/92s have popped up everywhere and this year's Women's Open Keelboat Championship was no exception. The Wizard and Neilson Redeye girls turned out in style!! Well done to all of you.

# WARSASH SPRING SERIES

Another great turnout of J/92s with seven boats in this year's Warsash Spring Series. A real mixture of conditions and changing wind strengths including one abandonment made for an interesting series.

By the penultimate race, which was abandoned due to lack of wind, Wizard were the clear leaders but sadly unable to compete on the final day. Excellent sailing conditions for the last race saw Jammin' take line honours but Jaya taking the series by two points with Jammin' in second and Wizard third.



# J-CUP 2010

The biggest fleet of J/92s at J-Cup ever ensured our own start for the first time. It was great to see so many boats out on the water and a big thank you to those who made the effort to get there from around the coast like Jabberwock, J'ronimo, Moby J, Neilson Red Eye and Who's to No. They joined the local Solent fleet of Blackjack, Jaya, Jekyll, Jungle Fever, Just in Time, Solan Goose and Wizard.

The racing was tight but by the end of Day Two, 6 wins out of 6 races was a fairly convincing result for Andrew Roberts' Just in Time and they had an unbroken first place score sheet until the last day when David Greenhalgh and John Taylor on J'ronimo went on to nail the first race and Martin Pound on Moby J crossed the line first in the second. But Just in Time finished the series at the top of the pack, Richard Sparrow's Who's to No in second place and Pete and Pip Tyler third in Neilson Redeye.

# THE SUSSEX REGATTA

Over the Easter weekend this event was this year hosted by Brighton Marina Yacht Club and all fleets had some tough sailing in big, cold seas and winds ranging from 15-25 kts. Brighton based J/92S Neilson Redeye took the IRC2 prize for the 2nd year running, with 6 wins out of 7 races. Very well done also to David Greenalgh and John Taylor on J'ronimo who came a well deserved 4th overall.



## ROUND THE ISLAND

This year's Round The Island race saw an amazing eleven J/92s taking part!! Well done all of them for a fantastic effort with excellent results for all. An extra special well done to J'ronimo for showing the rest of us the way round in sub-8 hours and commiserations to Just in Time who retired at the Needles unfortunately a little the worse for wear.



## PEAK PERFORMANCE

This summer Martin Pound and his team on Moby J competed in the 3 Peaks Challenge - running up and down the three highest mountains in England, Wales and Scotland and sailing as fast as possible between each. In the end after over four days, Moby J came an impressive 5th place overall.

## WINTER SERIES

October saw us back with the Royal Southampton YC for the Winter Series. Fantastically close racing in often tricky conditions but Mark Lloyd and his crew on Jungle Fever put in a fantastic performance throughout the series with seven 1st places out of 12 races! Second and third place came down to the wire with Blackjack, Jammin' and J'arrow all within a point or two going into the last day. In the end it was J'arrow who took second and Jammin' third.

## GRAND NATIONALS

This year's Nationals took place over the first four days of Cowes Week and 8 boats took part.

Days 1 and 2 saw Just in Time, Jungle Fever and Hullabaloo vying for 1st place. On Day 3 the delayed start saw the J/92s waiting "patiently" and then with literally seconds to go and the whole J/92 fleet toeing the startline the race abandonment call was made!! This left just one last race and it was the turn of Hullabaloo to take 1st place but Just In Time's overall performance gave them the title with Hullabaloo in second and Jungle Fever third. The rest of the week was really enjoyable with racing on the last day in 30knt gusts and downwind boatspeeds pushing 14/15 knts.

There was even some controversy when the individual recall in the last race turned out to mean the whole fleet were OCS bar one - Hullabaloo.

### DOUBLE ACTS 2010

**A fantastic year for the J/92s which saw them at the front of the pack in every race of the RSYC double handed series.**

A great turnout in each of the races including J'arrow, Jungle Fever, Hullabaloo, Jekyll, Blackjack and Solan Goose.

Special mentions for J'arrow who got 3rd place overall, Jungle Fever and J'arrow who had a fantastic battle Round the Island and crossed the line 3rd and 4th in their class and Blackjack who took line honours in both the Nab Tower and Autumn double.





# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## THERE'S LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2011

Here are just a few dates for your diary:

## FROSTBITE

Racing kicks off on the 16th January with the Royal Southampton Doyle Frostbite series. So dig out your warmest fleece, fill up your hip flask and get signed up as soon as possible. Don't forget to renew your IRC certificate in time - RORC have again kindly agreed to process IRC revalidations in time for the series so contact them NOW!!

## SPRING SERIES

The Warsash Spring Series is held over 6 weeks, the races are windward/leeward courses held on Hill Head plateau. Just like the Frostbite this is a good series to blow away the cobwebs. This year's dates are: 13, 20 & 27 March and 3, 10 & 17 April.

Once again they have given us our own start and we hope to get an even bigger fleet than last year out there.

## J/92 NATIONALS

The 2011 Nationals are now confirmed! They will take place on the 17th, 18th and 19th June and will be run by the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Hamble.

Obviously this is the main event for us year and we are hoping to see as many boats as possible this year.

We are doing all we can to make this an affordable but top quality event both on and off the water so please be there if you can. It's going to be great.

The event is the week before the famous Round the Island race which should provide an additional attraction for those of you travelling from other parts of the country.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

We'll be keeping an ear to the ground to find all the news, views and racing we can for the J/92 fleet so if you know of any events around the country or have any stories and photos please do get in touch: [anniekelly92@btinternet.com](mailto:anniekelly92@btinternet.com)