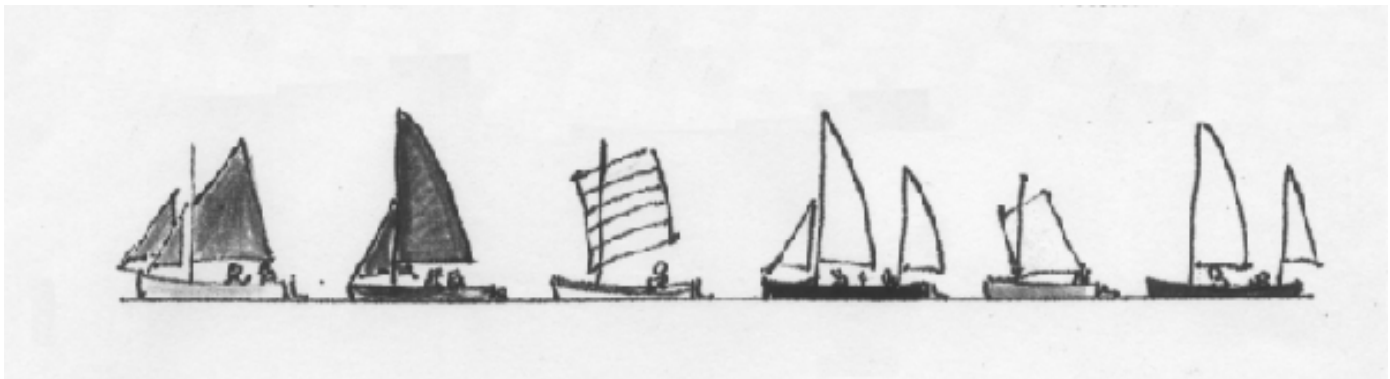
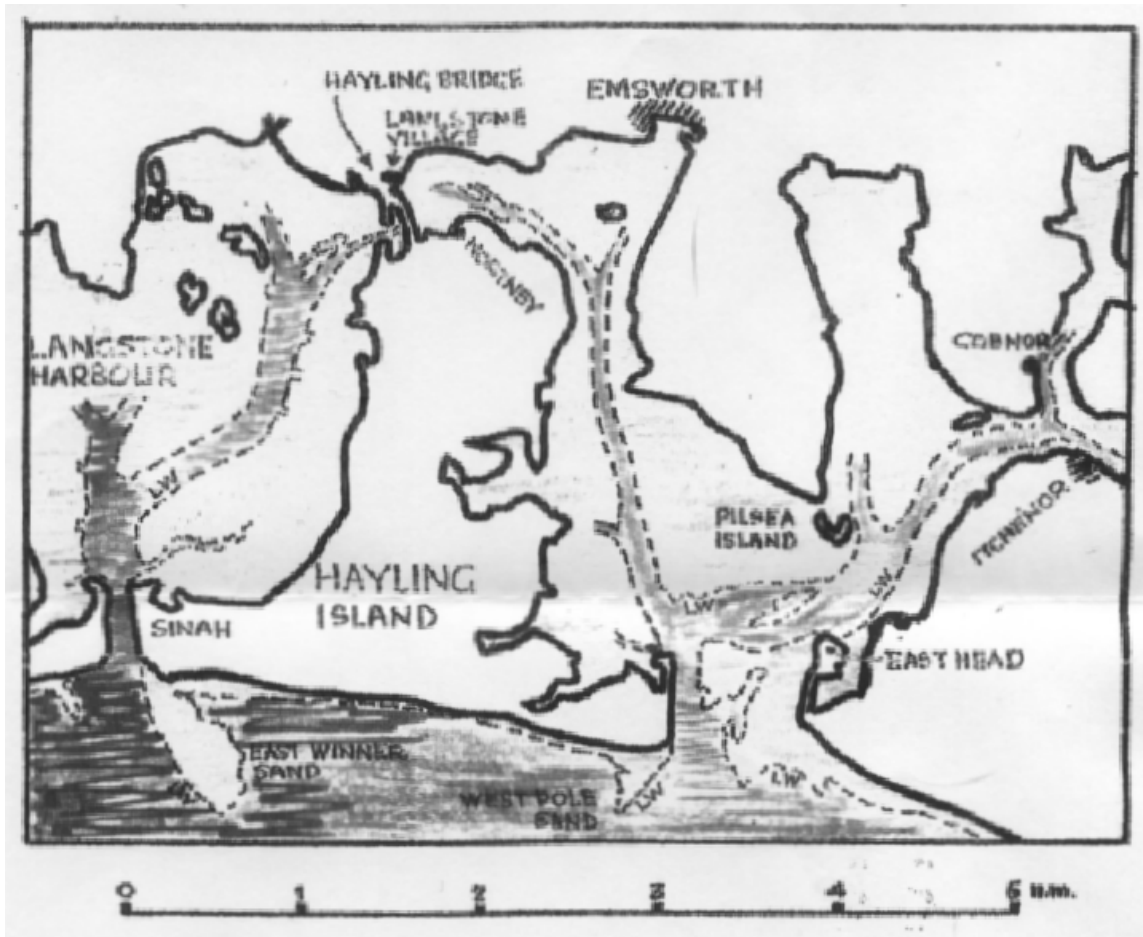


# *The Hayling Challenge*



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I urge members NOT to lose sight of the original intention of the Hayling Challenge, ie to encourage efficient passage planning. I very much hope this is borne in mind when the votes are cast. *Cliff Martin*

## ***THE ALAN EARL TANKARD***

Of the eight boats that completed the Cobnor 09 Hayling Challenge, four are also eligible for the Alan Earl Tankard, which is for the best circumnavigation under traditional or unconventional rig (not Bermudian or gunter\*). 'Best' takes seamanship as well as comparative boat potential into account. The four 2009 challengers were all worthy of the tankard – choosing one will be difficult – and members' votes are requested. We need to decide on the winner soon in order to get the tankard engraved in time for the winter meet presentation (*16 January 2010*).

**16 August:** HW Chi 07.57, 3.9m, LW 13.46, 1.8m. Winds WSW 3-4

**Chris Waite with crew Tony** sailed the 15'6", high aspect gaff sloop pocket cruiser *Tit Willow*, starting at 10.00 hrs and sailing ACW (anti-clockwise), lowering mast and rowing against tide at Hayling Bridge. (The LW channel was too narrow and shallow to tack). The current became favourable just under bridge. Finished 15.29 hrs. Time 5.29 hrs.

**Comment:** Although having high aspect gaff, *Tit Willow* is a true cruiser, robust with a heavy plate.

**17 August:** HW Chi 09.19, 4.1m, LW 14.55, 1.5m. Winds SW 3-4.

**Brian Rockall** sailed his 53 year-old 16' Sussex Cob *Harriet* (dipping lug with jib and mizzen) with **Hugh Evans**, starting at 11.03 hrs and sailing ACW. They rowed their boat (about a ton weight!) against wind and tide through the New Cut and then manhandled against current under Hayling Bridge, finishing at 17.07. Time 6.04 hrs. Brian's Sussex Cob is arguably the most authentic of the DCA's traditional boats. Brian and Hugh are both bus-pass holders (but some of us are in the Zimmer-frame generation!).

**18 August:** HW Chi 10.25, 4.4m, LW 15.02, 0.6m. Winds SSW 3 becoming S 3-4.

**David Sumner** sailed single-handed in his gaff rigged modified 11' Mirror, *Curlew* (fully equipped for coastal cruising), starting at 10.35 and sailing ACW. He sailed and paddled through Hayling Bridge in slack water with boat tilted some 30°. Leaving Langstone entrance he was forced to return because steep wind-against tide waves made progress impossible, and resumed after 1hr 30 min delay when ebb had eased. Finished at 18.21, time 7.43 hrs. David's low-aspect gaff sail has been cut down from the standard gunter, losing a substantial amount of sail area. Graham Deans and I were sailing the Hayling Challenge in a Wayfarer at the same time as David, and could see that the conditions in the Langstone entrance run were impossible for a boat as small as the Mirror. David's wait for slacker water was good seamanship.

**19 August:** HW Chi 11.19, 4.7m, LW 16.38, 0.9m. Winds F3 southerly.

**John Dean with Richard Farr** crewing sailed in a 16' Cornish Coble (standing lug and jib), starting at 11.15 and sailing ACW. They lowered the mast at Hayling Bridge and rowed under with current. It was their first experience of Langstone Harbour. They had not been aware of the old railway bridge foundations to be negotiated! They finished at 17.17. Time 6 hrs 2 min.

\* By Collins dictionary definition, gunter rigs have gaff parallel with mast.

*Len Wingfield*

# THE HAYLING CHALLENGE

Skipper name JOHN LIDSTONE Crew name —  
Boat name GEESG Type and description SAILING OUTRIGGER - 16 ft  
Rig UNA BERMUDAN - FULL BATTENED, 80sqft  
Date of challenge 18-8-09 HW Chi BST 10:20 LW Chi. BST 15:50  
Start time 10:40 Finish time 15:40 Clockwise or ACW? ACW  
Wind strengths and directions SW 3-4

Hayling Bridge: Under with full sail?  Gaff lowered?  Mast lowered?

Rowed/paddle-under?  Walked boat through?  ~~With~~ current / against?

Other comments: Reached bridge 12:10  
Beached on SC slip 200m from bridge to get mast  
down. Rowed against tide and wind under bridge. Beached  
again before the "teeth" to re-rig. 50 mins total. Dave Sumner put me  
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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 n.m.

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*Outlander* Skipper name GRAHAM DEANS Crew name Ken Wingfield  
 Boat name..... Type and description... Wayfarer  
 Rig... BIMINI  
 Date of challenge... 18 Aug 09... HW Chi 10:25... LW Chi... 15:50... BST  
 Start time... 11:20... Finish time... 15:47... Clockwise or ACW?  
 Wind strengths and directions.....



# THE HAYLING CHALLENGE

Skipper name CLIFF MARTIN Crew name SARAH SORENSEN

Boat name N/A Type and description WYFAKER

Rig STANDARD, 2 SCABS IN MAIN ENTERPRISE + CADET JOBS

Date of challenge 18.8.09 HW Chi BST 10.19 LW Chi. BST

Start time 1.26 am Finish time 3.44 PM Clockwise or ACW? ACW

Wind strengths and directions SW 4

Hayling Bridge Under with full sail? Gaff lowered? Mast lowered? ✓

Rowed / paddled under? ✓ Walked boat through? With current / against? SLACK

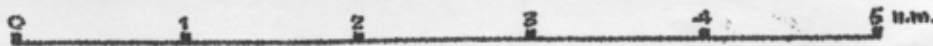
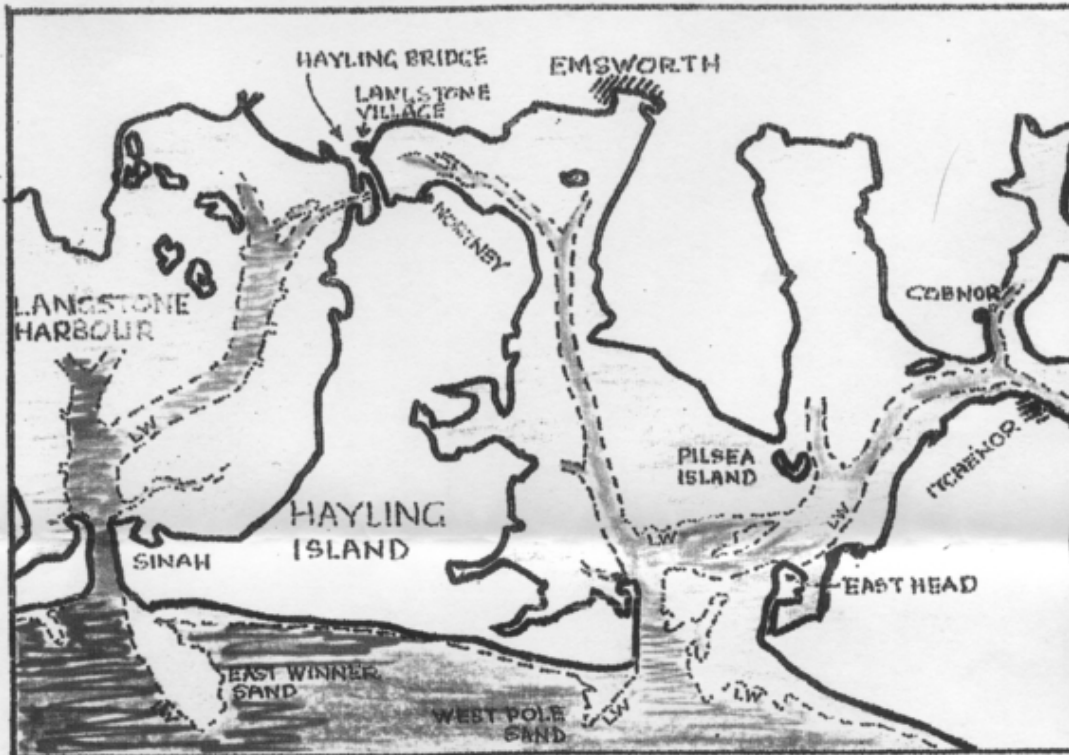
Other comments: NEW RECORD! BEAT WIG LAST YEARS BY 2 MINUTES

REEFED BETWEEN HAYLING BRIDGE AND CHESTER BAR

BOILED KETTLE AND MADE SANDWICHES UNDER WAY

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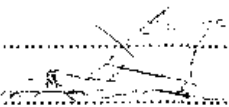
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 Skipper name... *Lea Wingfield* ..... Crew name.....  
 Boat name... *ASA* ..... Type and description... *17' gull reduced gunter rig* .....  
 Rig... *Gunter* .....  
 Date of challenge... *17 Aug 09* ..... HW Chi *9:19* ..... LW Chi... *14:55* .....  
 Start time... *9:45* ..... Finish time... *16:00* ..... Clockwise or ACW?.. *ACW* .....  
 Wind strengths and directions... *SW - W 3-4* .....

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# THE HAYLING CHALLENGE & ALAN EARL TANKARD

Skipper name DAVID SUMNER Crew name -  
Boat name CURLEN Type and description MIRROR  
Rig GAFF RIGGED SLOOP  
Date of challenge 18 AUG HW Chi. BST. 1037 LW Chi. BST. 1451 (Northey Times)  
Start time 1035 Finish time 1821 Clockwise or ACW? ACW  
Wind strengths and directions SSW 3 BECOMING S 3/4  
Hayling Bridge: Under with full sail? Y Gaff lowered? NO Mast lowered? MAST TILTED 30°  
LOWERED SAIL 1 FOOT CLEAR  
Rowed/paddle under? AND Walked boat through? PADDLED With current / against? NO CURRENT  
Other comments: 

12 55 TRIED TO LEAVE LANGSTONE  
14 00 ENTRANCE - TOO ROUGH SO  
RETURNED TO BEACH  
15 30 DEPARTURE LANGSTONE ENTRANCE  
REASONABLE SEAS ONCE CLEAR

14.00	Tried to leave Langstone. Entrance too rough so returned to beach.
15.30	Departure Langstone entrance. Reasonable seas once clear.

# THE HAYLING CHALLENGE & ALAN EARL TANKARD

Skipper name CHRIS WHITE Crew name TONY ?? Waller?  
 Boat name TIT WILLOW Type and description POCKET GAFF CUMING SLOOP  
 Rig GAFF SLOOP  
 Date of challenge 16-8-09 HW Chi. BST. ≈ 08-00 LW Chi. BST. ≈ 14-00  
 Start time 10-00 Finish time 15-29 Clockwise or ACW? ACW  
 Wind strengths and directions ≈ WSW 3-4  
 Hayling Bridge: Under with full sail? ..... Gaff lowered? ..... Mast lowered?

Rowed / paddled under? ..... Walked boat through? ..... With current / against? ?? JUST AT BRIDGE

Other comments: NEAP TIDE (1.8 m LOW WATER)  
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Very surprised how little water over the banks, but fortunately sufficient in channel by Northney and under bridge.



# THE HAYLING CHALLENGE & ALAN EARL TANKARD

(both bus pass holders)

Skipper name BRIAN ROCKALL Crew name HUGH EVANS (and BOSTON YACHTERS)  
 Boat name HARRIET (400) 5312 Type and description .....

Rig DIPPING LUG WITH JIB AND MIZZEN  
 Date of challenge MONDAY 17 AUG 09 HW Chl. BST. 0912 LW Chl. BST. 1452  
 Start time 1103 HRS Finish time 1747 HRS Clockwise or ACW? ACW  
 Wind strengths and directions S.W 3/4  
 Hayling Bridge: Under with full sail?..... Gaff lowered?..... Mast lowered?.....

Rowed/~~pushed~~..... Walked boat through?..... ~~Walked~~ against E ORIENT

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## THE HAYLING CHALLENGE & ALAN EARL TANKARD

Skipper name John Dean Crew name Richard Farr

Boat name ..... Type and description Cornish Coble

Rig Standing Lug + Jib

Date of challenge 19/8/09 HWCh. BST. 11.19 LWCh. BST. 16.38

Start time 11.15 Finishtime 17.17 Clockwise or ACW? ACW

Wind strengths and directions F3 Southerly

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