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## NEW YACHT WINS POOLE-YARMOUTH RACE

CYGNET of Arden, a new yacht completed only two or three weeks ago at St. Helens, Isle of Wight, won the "A" Class in the first race of the season of the Poole Harbour Cruiser Racing Association on Saturday.

The race, which was to Yarmouth, was sailed under the burgee of the Poole Yacht Club. There were 24 entrants in three different classes when the race began from the Haven line at Sandbanks.

Cygnat of Arden, owned by Mr. F. Coxhill, of Birmingham, and designed by Frederick Parker and Partners, of Poole, was the third boat to cross the starting line after the gun. Very quick sail work and skilful handling by her crew gave her the lead from Red Robin and Swan of Arden before the yachts reached Bar Buoy.

Swan of Arden, which was built last year to Parker and Partners' design for Mr. Coxhill, and had since been sold to Mr. D. A. C. Bell, of London, came in third in the "A" Class.

Result of the race was:

"A" Class: 1, Cygnat of Arden (Mr. F. Coxhill); 2, Laocoon (Dr. E. R. Bowes); 3, Swan of Arden (Mr. D. A. C. Bell).

"B" Class: 1, Anadyomen (Messrs. W. G. Hoare and J. B. Rutter); 2, Marshooka (M. P. Reeves); 3, White Wir (Major D. F. Irving).

Under 5 tons: 1, Milander (N. C. Fullagar); 2, Jemila (C. L. Dimmock); 3, Kit (Mr. Oxford).

## 24 yachts enter first passage race of the Poole Harbour season



THERE were 24 entries for the Yarmouth race, first passage race of the Poole Harbour yachting season, which started from the Haven today under the burgee of the Poole Yacht Club.

First over the line was Red Robin, closely followed by Swan of Arden, owned by Mr. D. A. C. Bell of London, with Cygnat of

Arden, owned by Mr. F. Coxhill, of Birmingham.

At the harbour entrance, a fair wind was blowing from a northerly direction, but as the yachts approached Bar Buoy they found a light breeze from the south.

Both the Swan and the Cygnat had spinnakers set, but with the change in the wind the spinnakers flapped.

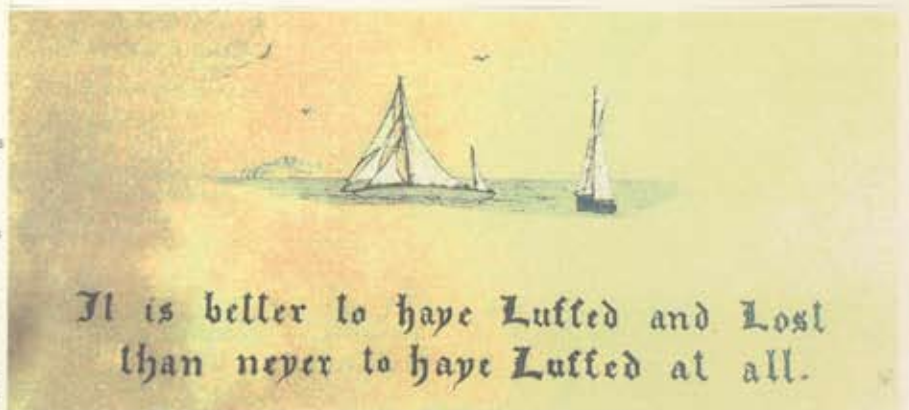
The yachts were backwinded, but quick sail work on the Cygnat enabled her to take the lead. Skilful manoeuvring of the Cygnat put her well ahead of the Swan and the rest of the fleet before the bar buoy was reached.

In this "Echo" photograph, Mr. Bell's Swan of Arden is closely followed by Mr. Coxhill's Cygnat of Arden with spinnakers billowing at the start of today's race.



Our third little gem is a wonderful drawing from an incident from a pre-war race from (I think) Yarmouth to Poole. Grandpa had the reputation of being someone you NEVER passed to windward as he would luff you to Cherbourg before that

happened. The story is that on this occasion Norman Hibbs decided to test Grandpa's mettle come what may. Fiercely defending his reputation, Grandpa luffed so hard he got into yonks and Norman sailed on past. So pleased was Commodore Hibbs he commissioned this drawing showing Grandpa head to wind and in a sorry state whilst Norman sails away "full and bye" as they would have said then, no doubt grinning from ear to ear. It is still in its original frame with the original backing paper stamped 'C T Snook & Sons, Picture Frame Manufacturers, 201 High Street, Poole and the name 'Mr Hibbs' in pencil still clearly there. The drawing is initialed FNH so was this drawn by a member of the Hibbs family or even Commodore Hibbs himself? The sentiment 'It is better to have Luffed and Lost than never to have Luffed at all' was not lost on my Dad, whether or not it is genetic, we will leave the Dayboat fleet to ponder.



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