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COWES CLASSIC REGATTAS

Panerai raises BCYC's profile

Some 52 boats, including the 19-M *Mariquita* and the recently-restored *Kismet*, plus a couple of SCODs made the first Panerai-sponsored British Classic Yacht Club Cowes regatta, 17-24 July, one of the most inclusive yet.

Panerai's sponsorship was visible in the creation of a quayside area for owners and crew to socialise. The Italian watchmaker also brought journalists to the event which should result in more coverage and a better profile for regattas like these. The weather was also fabulous and only spoiled things on the Tuesday when there was not enough wind to run the round the island race.

Kismet, Richard Matthews' 1898 Fife cutter restoration, was awarded the Lallow cup for the best presented new entrant – although by then she was already sailing back to Ipswich with her professional crew. *Cetawayo's* owner David Murrin won two Panerai watches for being first in the long distance race and first overall. It was also very good to see smaller boats, like the SCOD or *Jap*, the 30ft (9.1m) open-decked 1897 Cork Harbour One Design or boats from the East

Coast, like Jonathan Dyke's *Cereste*. Results and reports at www.britishclassicyachtclub.org

The third Metre and Classic Keelboat Regatta also took place at Cowes over the same period, and two joint social events held during the week which were a welcome move to bring these two regattas together.

A total of 80 boats entered the event, organised by the Royal London YC with the Royal Corinthian YC, the Island SC and the Royal Victoria YC, with 11 classes ranging for Six Metres to XODs. New classes this year were the Classic and Modern Dragons and the Yarmouth One Designs in their centenary year. Results at www.cowesclassicsweek.org



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at the BCYC Panerai Cowes Regatta: Top: *Pazienza* chasing *Cetawayo* Below: 12-Metre *Wings* and *Mariquita*

OBITUARY Clive Emerson



Clive Emerson, who owned and until recently ran Gweek Quay in Cornwall,

has died of a stroke aged 68. Clive, who with his wife Gillian, bought Gweek Quay in 1997 created a unique boatyard where talents like Luke Powell's Working Sail and restoration expert David Walkey could flourish. Clive also restored and sailed *Lutine of Helford* and more recently *Ivanhoe*, now *Blazing Star*.

Clive died just before he was planning to sail her up-Channel to take part in the BCYC regatta.

Last year Clive's son James took over the management of Gweek but Clive was still very involved. Our condolences go to Gillian and James.



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