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*Two elegant, 35ft LWL yachts jockey for advantage on the Royal Yacht Squadron starting line at Cowes. It is a scene that could be dated any time from the 1930s onwards, but actually took place in September this year. It resulted from a challenge by David Murrin, skipper and owner of Cetawayo, a 47ft Laurent Giles design from 1957, to Ian MacAlister, skipper of Solway Maid, a William Fife yacht from 1940, issued at the Yachting Monthly Cowes Classics Festival.*

*David Murrin is keen to start a match race series for classic yachts with a 35ft waterline, and is keen to hear from any skipper/owner who would like to take Cetawayo on next year. Call him on 0486 32378. Cetawayo won the series 2-1 with Solway Maid in perfect sailing conditions. The RYS is also keen to promote the event and donated champagne to the winner of this year's curtain-raiser*