



# Logbook

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David Murrin's *Cetawayo*, a 1955 Laurent Giles 7/8 fractional bermudan sloop, boasting a Columbian pine mast designed in 2015 by Theo Rye and built by Collars, a full 2m taller than the original, as she races at Panera British Classic Week 2017

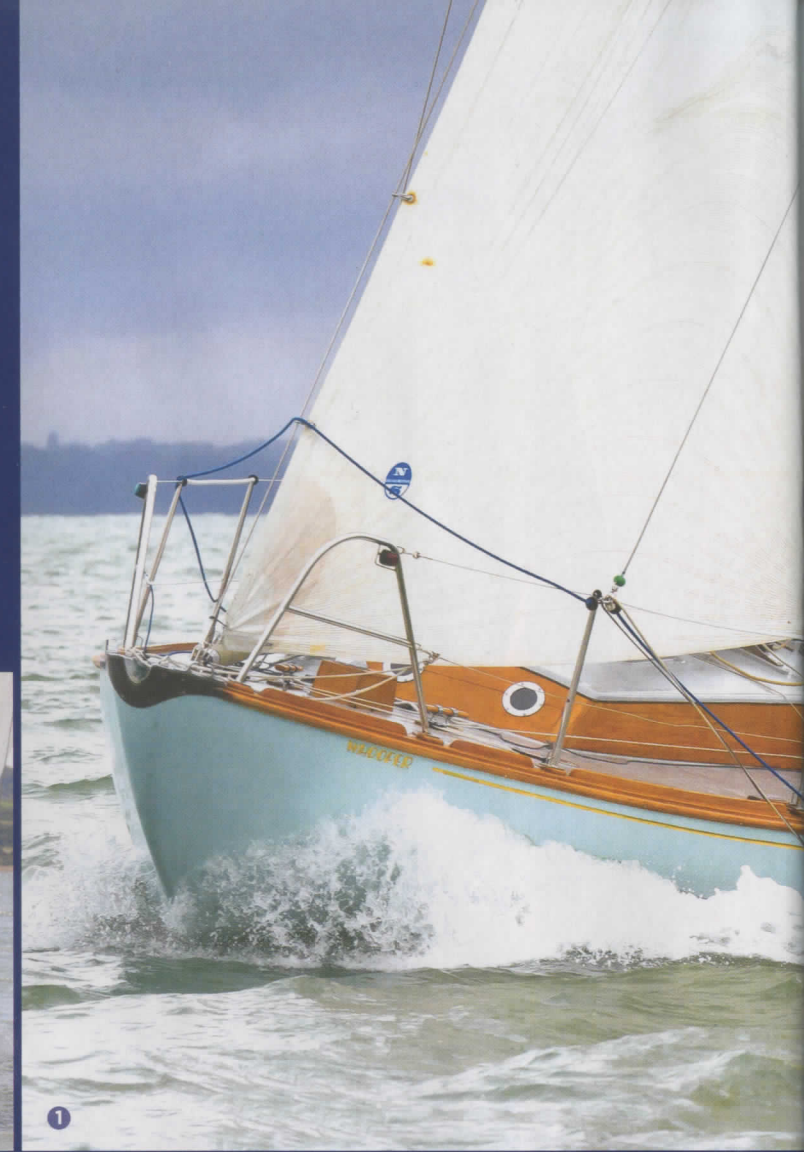


## PANERAI BRITISH CLASSIC WEEK

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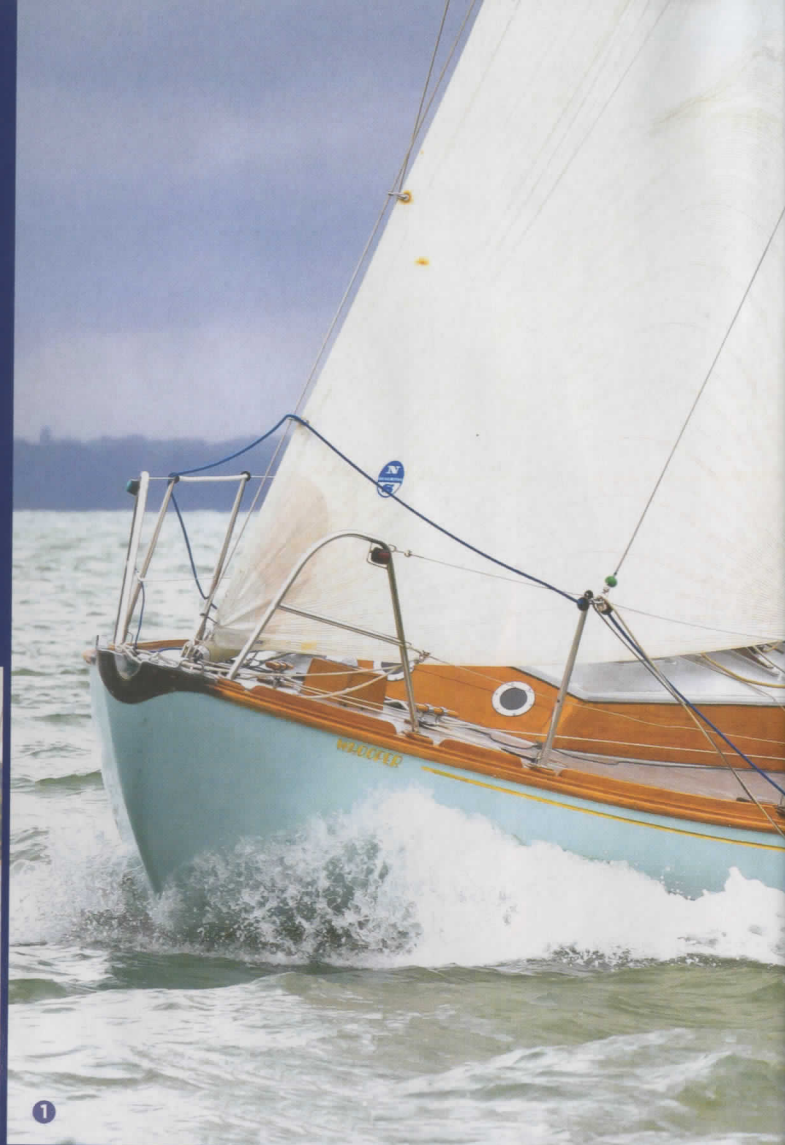
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3 Barney Sandeman's S&S yawl *Laughing Gull* with crew including Tim Blackman, BCYC co-founder 4 Spinnakers set on *Damian B* (orange), *Cereste* (blue) and *Cetewayo* (red) 5 The 30sqM *Kajsa* was sailed by Peter Wilson, former owner of Albeburgh Boatyard 6 Fresh from the Spirit Yachts yard and talk of the regatta was the maxed-out *Oui Fling*, owned by Irvine Laidlaw, winner of the modern classics class 7 Every

second counts on the racecourse! 8 Classic Boat and Spirit Yachts pontoon party in fine weather on Thursday evening 9 Dedicated crew kept the fleet of 52 boats in top condition all week 10 BCYC commodore David Murrin's *Cetewayo* safe as a ship crosses the racecourse.

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