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Dear Folkboater,

It is difficult to believe that *Folkboat Week* has been going for fifty years with more than 20 boats turning up every year at the Royal Solent Yacht Club, indeed in recent year the number has been nearer to 40!

I have created a small pro-active committee that are going that extra mile by considering among other things the following to ensure this year will be a week to be remembered. Our ambition is to have more than 50 boats competing in the 50<sup>th</sup> year!

- Professionals have been appointed to write a record of the fifty years assisted by a photographer.
- There is a one "off race" to the Beaulieu River for a special trophy followed by lunch at The Royal Southampton Yacht Club at Gins Farm.
- A spectacular Sail Past with the salute being taken by Her Majesty's Lord - Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight, Major General Martin White CB CBE JP.
- A 50 year quiz night.
- Sing - Song at the Kings Head.
- Search for the addresses of previous competitors and invite them to join us at the party on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August.
- Invite Eric Andreason as our special guest.
- There will be free transport from the Royal Lymington Yacht Club and back each racing day, provided numbers justify it, enabling you to enjoy the social evening events and leave your boat in Yarmouth.
- Memorabilia will include: **Polo shirts, free of charge, last date to order 10<sup>th</sup> July** (see entry form enclosed for sizes) Battle Flags for each boat and Keeper Prizes.

None of this could happen without the generosity of Lymington Yacht Haven for their continuing financial support which keeps the cost to competitors as probably the best value Regatta on the South Coast.

I enclose with this letter the Notice of Race and Entry Form. Online Registration is now open where all the information is easily accessible. Please go to the entry for **Folkboat Week** on the **Event Calendar** on the club website: [www.royalsolent.org](http://www.royalsolent.org) If you do not have access to a computer, please use the entry form & Notice of Race enclosed. Please may I encourage you to register online?

On behalf of the organizing committee I look forward to welcoming you to what, we hope, will be the most spectacular *Folkboat Week* yet.



Robin Walters  
President