

Tweak's Summer Cruise 2017

Lymington – Falmouth (Mylor) – Falmouth
(Pendennis) – Mevagissy – Fowey –
Plymouth (Sutton Harbour) – Salcombe -
Lymington



Crew

Skipper: Richard Breese

First Mate: Lindsay Breese

Able Seaman: Emma Breese (Age 10)

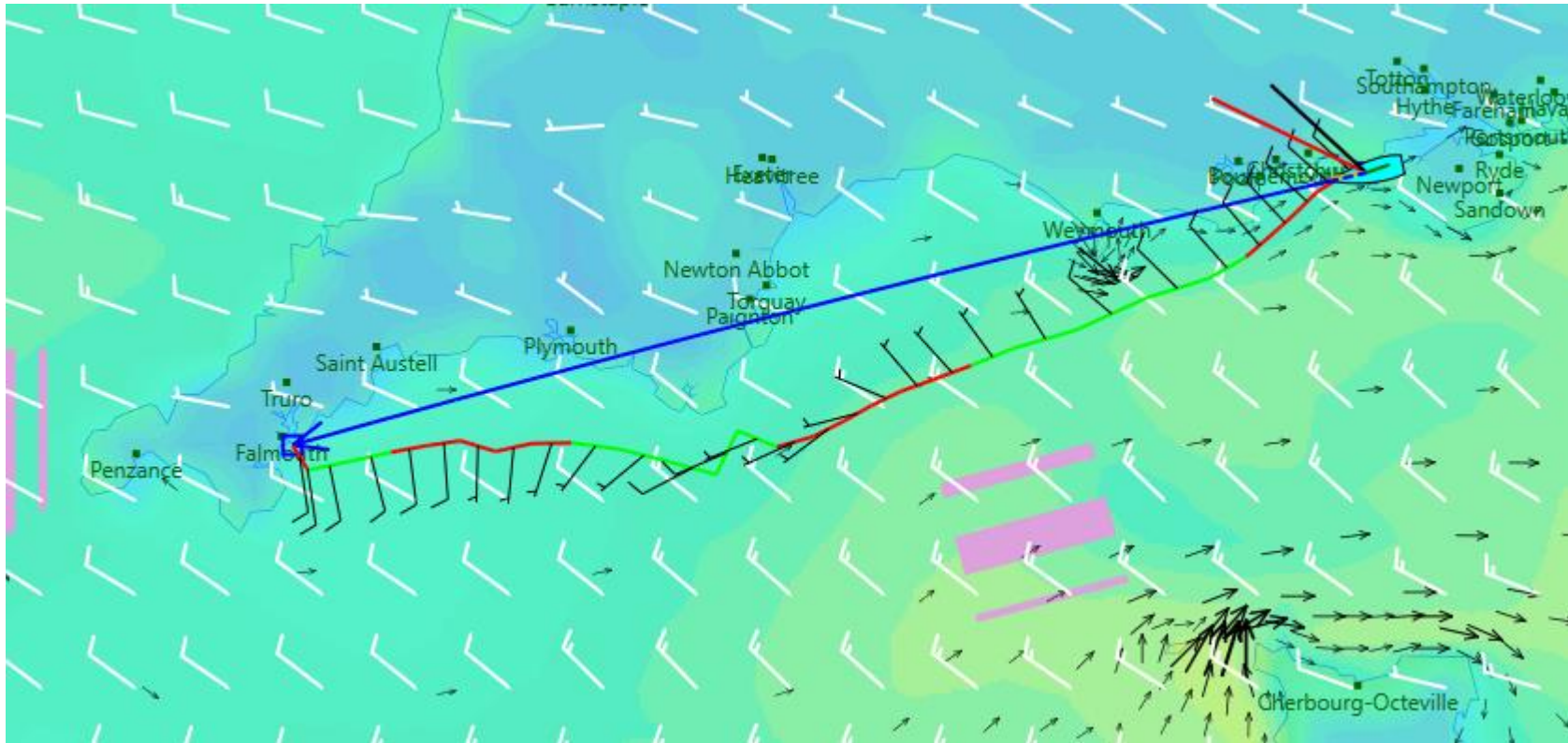
Ships Boy: Alex Breese (Age 7)

Yacht "Tweak"

JOD35 Offshore Race Boat with 290kg of
water ballast per side

Leg from Lymington to Falmouth (Mylor)

Departed Lymington at 20:31 on Saturday 12th August with a light NW wind, forecast to back all the way around to the South during the passage as shown on the weather routing below;



We managed to sail most of the way with a bit of motor sailing off Start Point and south of St Austell but finished up with a lovely fetch into Falmouth harbour seeing boat speeds of 7kt in the dark with both kids in their bunks asleep.

Arrival at Mylor was 00:49 on Monday 14th August after just over 28 hours with 154nm on the log.

13.08.17 Day 2

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Heading out up the Solent



Games after the 1st night at sea



Time for a nap – motor sailing off Start Point



The Submarine



The wind fills in again



Kids asleep, Lindsay reading



Alex asleep on the 2nd night



Emma asleep on the 2nd night



Fetching in towards Falmouth



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Arrived!!

Leg from Falmouth (Mylor) – Falmouth (Pendennis) – Monday 14th August

With heavy rain forecast for Monday once everybody had woken up in Mylor we refuelled and motored over to Pendennis Marina so as to be close to the town and visit the museum, we then stayed there for Monday night.

Leg from Falmouth (Pendennis) – Megagissy – Tuesday 15th August

There was little wind on Tuesday but we were keen to get to Mevagissy, so we motored all the way.

Mevagissy harbour has fore & aft mooring bouys so we had to give some thought as to how we would get moored up – the plan; the tender was launched and Emma placed in it at the bow and the a long line was attached to the stern for Richard to thread through the ring on the stern bouy. All went to plan and as we came past the first buoy Richard put the long line through and then help on to the end allowing the line to run out, then when Emma arrived at the bow buoy she quickly attached it with a bowline (WJS knottiest knoter award winner).

Once moored up we launched the shore party in the 2-man tender and kayak for exploration of the harbour with various rocks being named as islands.

Mevagissy Harbour is lovely, not crowded at all (on the water anyway), there is a shower / toilet that the Harbour Master will give you the key to, however this is shared with the fishermen so not quite normal marina standards...



Exploration of the neighbouring islands



Damper bread cooked on the hob



Tweak on her mooring



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Day 7 18.08.17

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Richard's account

We moored on a swinging mooring at Mevagissey after refilling with water on the pontoon, then it was time for showers all round at the yacht club as the showers in Mevagissey had not appealed during the 2 nights we stayed there.

Trip out to see the Red Arrows involved taking our little tender out though the harbour entrance in quite a big sea which was entertaining and wet... Then Emma and I went ashore for provisions, the plan was fish n chips but the que was 1hr+ so some rice from the supermarket to go with tins of Chilli had to do, then we ran out of petrol on the way back....doh....then when we arrived back we found Alex had dropped the hose for inflating the tender over the side....mmmmm....



Off to Fowey



Approaching Fowey harbour



Shortly before the pipe (snake) went overboard



Always check the petrol.....

On the way to Plymouth we ~~saw~~ rode lots of big waves going downwind. We have just been to the aquarium in Plymouth it was a very good aquarium. My favourite part was the rockpool area, we learnt that if you cut a starfish in half they grow into two.☆☆ Soon we are sailing to Salcombe.

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There was a short interlude to clear some weed from the engine intake before we left involving swimming under the boat poking up the intake pipe...

But with up to 20kt wind at times, full main, poled out jib and quite a swell running we had some good surfs and made a quick passage.

Emma was excited to cross the "Fastnet" finish line which I had crossed 2-handed in 2015 and solo in 2016.

We moored in Sutton Harbour as it has good access to the town.

A new hose for inflating the tender was sourced from a local chandlery.

We had a couple of nights in Plymouth get straight with washing etc...



Off to Plymouth



Emma steers as wind picks up



Approaching the "Fastnet" finish line



Crabbing in Sutton Harbour

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down to Salcombe. Before we got
off if we went through the lock which we
waited for to be closed. When we arrived we
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Richard's account

The sail to Salcombe was fairly uneventful but shortly after we arrived the heavens opened – so it was full oilskins and we landed at Mill Bay in the tender, then we marched 45min up to the Gara Rock Café for cream tea (which we can recommend). When we got back to the beach there was a small surf running and standing at seaboot depth having put both kids aboard the tender was swamped by 2 breakers (kids thought this was hilarious), so it was back ashore to empty it and then we had to wade out well beyond seaboot depth to get safely away – we all returned to Tweak soaked to the skin.....



Moored in the lock



Locking out



Lindsay takes the helm!!



Off to Salcombe



Drying after the Gara Rock trip



Pearl diving



Emma makes it to 2nd spreaders



Alex got to 1st spreaders



Its fun up here!



Chilling



Off exploring by kayak



Off exploring by paddleboard

Earlier we saw a giant motor boat having help from the RNLI as its engines were blocked. We heard on the radio they were sending divers down. We had seen this boat in Plymouth as well it is going to Southampton. We are just passing the a massive container ship. Alex thinks it is carrying hamsters!!! The sunset was amazing! I woke up this morning and we were in the Lymington River.

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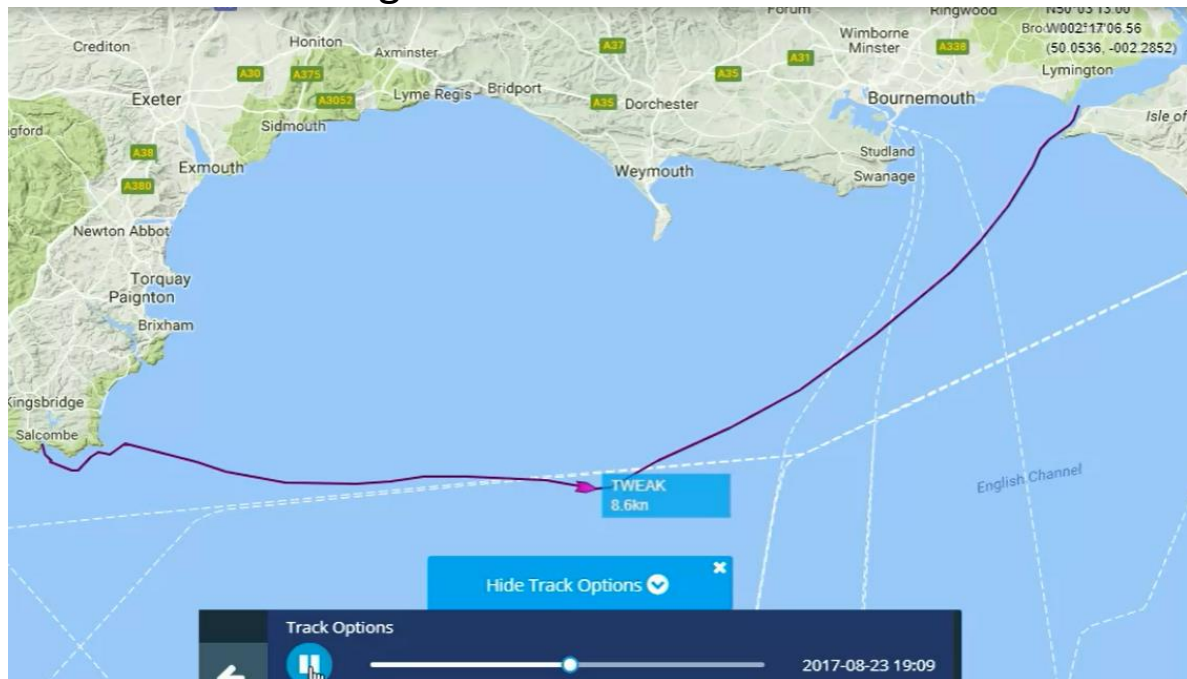
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Richard's account

Having studied the weather forecast for the best window for a passage back to Lymington we departed at 11:28 on Wednesday 23rd August after 3 nights in Salcombe, leaving on the ebb but with a reasonable amount of clearance over the bar.

We sailed out towards the Casquettes TSS, hoisting the spinnaker once clear of the confused sea off Start Point and then dropping it before gybing just after 19:00 and the white sailed to the Needles. Then the wind dropped to almost nothing and the tide turned foul, but it was 02:30am and the kids were asleep so I hugged the island shore until Hurst and then ferry glided across to get into the shallow water on the mainland side. Passing Pennington outfall creeping along a less than a knot SOG the sun came up. We arrived back on the dock in Lymington at 06:52 on Thursday 24th August with 107nm on the log.

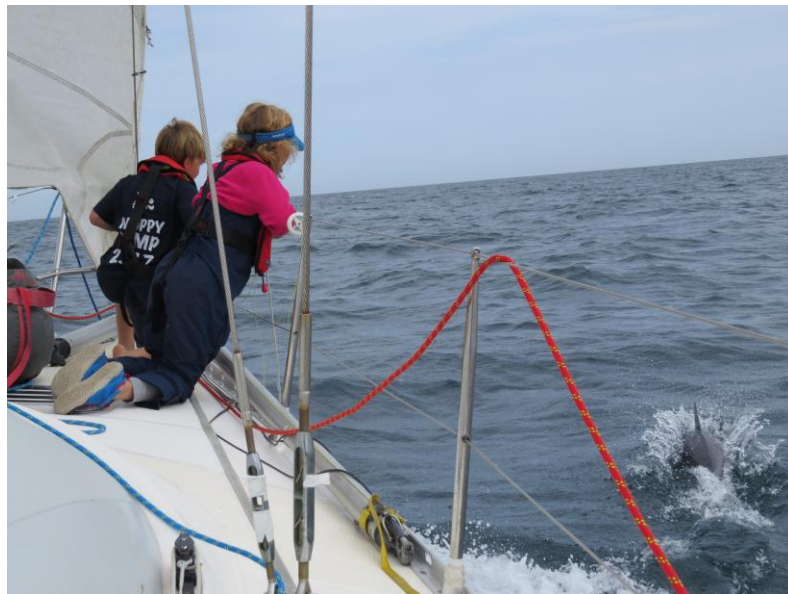




Packing the spinnaker



Heading out into the channel



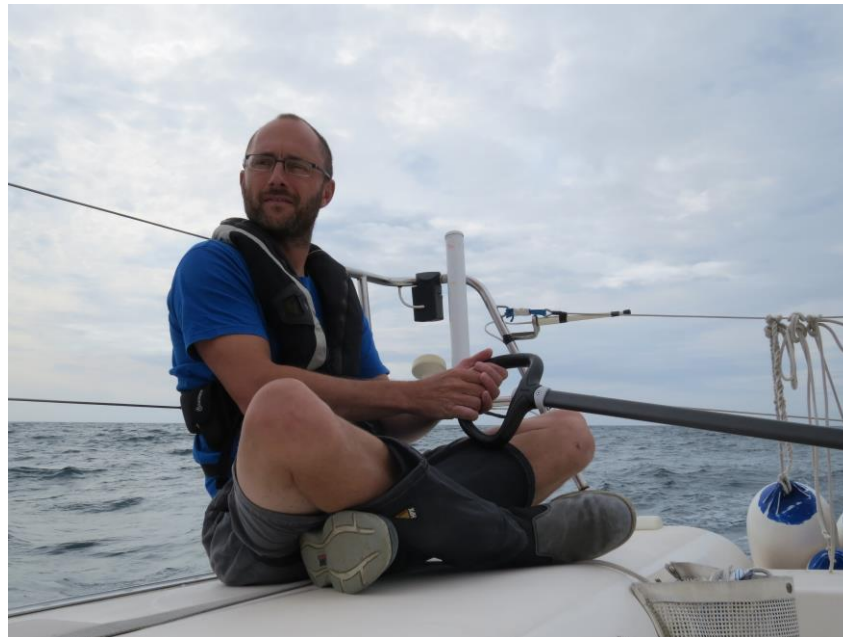
Dolphins



Dolphins spotted!



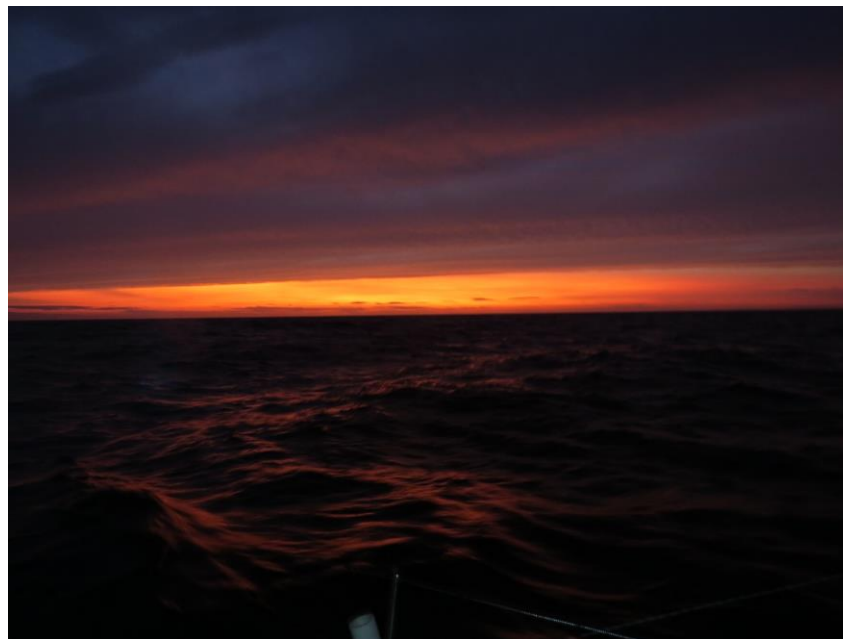
Wedged in – it's rolling a bit...



Favourite spot



Half time oranges



Sunset



Ghosting up the Solent



Sunrise



End of the voyage



We made it!!

Prior to this trip our cruises had been limited to Poole Harbour and within the Solent, Lindsay had been across the Channel to Cherbourg once and Emma had sailed on the delivery back from the 2015 Fastnet (Salcombe to Lymington).

The plan was to have no specific plan, since in the days leading up to our departure the weather looked good for heading West we took the opportunity to get as far West as we could (kids were rooting for the Isles of Scilly...) so then it would be downhill for the hops back along the coast, this worked well.

At the end of the trip after 12 days on board we all agreed that we had a great time and will look forward to more similar adventures.