

CSORC Captain's Report on 2024 for the AGM 2025

2024 started well with entries in the first three Sunsail Race Series events. Bill Taylor skippered all three with improving results culminating in a first place.

We entered one boat in the IDOR but only managed last place – 10th out of 10.

Success returned for the Round The Island. Jason Newell skippered his first CSORC race in very windy conditions. In our class (ISC6) 60 entered, 50 started and 10 finished. We were in 5th! You've got to be in it to win it.

The Taittinger Regatta was a first for us. Once again using the Fairview boats to enter in the cruiser class we struggled in the lighter winds and finished 9th out of 12 in class. The event however was excellent and we have entered again in 2025.

After a toe-in-the-water entry in the Weekend Warrior class in Cowes Week 2023 we went for the full week in 2024, with some of the crew doing half the week. We finished 8th out of 21 in our cruiser class.

Our last event of 2024 was the RORC Cherbourg in September. We chartered our old favourite, Merlin, in IRC1. The race started really slowly with ghosting winds and the night was spent drifting round the island. By morning the wind picked up and we crossed the Channel quickly but only managed 12th out of 13 in class. There was a typically convivial JOG reception, and a crew dinner before a midnight return to the Solent.

The club continues the search for a suitable racing boat or our own, in a very variable market, with support from CSSA.

So, once again an enjoyable and busy season, thanks in part to the increase in availability of cruiser classes in classic events.

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