

# Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Endeavour Trophy 2021

October 8th Training day   October 9th & 10th Racing

## Competitors, what do you get

The entry fee per boat contributes towards the following:

- The event and race management costs, including Training Day.
- Trainer on Friday
- Meals for helm and crew, from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, covering:

Friday Dinner

Saturday Full Breakfast

Saturday afloat Water & Energy Bar

Saturday after racing –Pasta Meal

Saturday evening three-course Dinner

Sunday Full Breakfast

Sunday afloat Water & Energy Bar

Sunday after racing one-course lunch.

- Prizes

## Where Do We Stay

One of the unique traditions of the Endeavour Trophy has been the RCYC members' hospitality in offering competitors' accommodation, either in Members' own homes, in cottages, flats or caravans. Unfortunately much has changed since the last Endeavour in 2019 and we are not able to continue the tradition this year. For 2021 please arrange your own accommodation to suit you and your crew's needs. We have lots of space for camping and motor homes on site (please book via the office), the Royal Burnham YC has accommodation as does The White Harte and various other pubs in the town offer bed and breakfast. Some of you may also know friends in the area.

## Endeavour History

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club hosts the Endeavour Trophy

The connection has its origins in the challenge for America's Cup in 1934 by Tommy Sopwith's Endeavour. A pay dispute with the professional crew, sailmakers, shipwrights and artisans all based on the East Coast had resulted in their dismissal and the need to find a replacement crew at short notice. Sopwith contacted 'Tiny' Mitchell, the Commodore at the time, and it was he who helped to round up the team of eager amateurs, all members of RCYC.

The series of races against Rainbow turned out to be full of controversy. Endeavour won the first two races but lost the series; the closest England has ever got to win the coveted America's Cup. Years after America's Cup Challenge, Robin Judah had a conversation with Beecher Moore.

Robin Judah, a respected RCYC member, who represented the UK in Dragons at the Acapulco Olympics, was anxious to establish a series of races for dinghy sailors to discover the 'Champion of Champions'.

Beecher Moore, one of the Endeavour crew, had purchased a beautiful scale model of Endeavour, offered to donate it as the trophy for the proposed event and the idea was born. The first race took place in 1961 and the entrants, by invitation only, were all Champions of various National classes. The winner was Peter Bateman, representing the International Cadet Class, crewed by Keith Musto, and they carried off the scale model as the prize.

Since then, the race has had a chequered career using a range of dinghies with varying success. In recent years the Championship was sailed in RS400s and Xenon Topaz. The Championship is currently sailed in the RS200 chartered by the competitors.