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**The Setley
Fijicicle!**



**A NEW
NZ
CHAMPION**



**Flying
the flag**



**Oh! the
beautiful
barges**



**So
very
nearly
...**



They shivered me timbers, showed me the way



WILES' in tandem dominate FIJICICLE at Setley.

Report and photos by Mark Steele

It was a sunny but cold day in Southbourne, Dorset when Peter Wiles (the PJ Sails man) picked me up in his splendidly equipped campervan in which we headed out to the New Forest area of Setley. I had said by fax to Brian Wiles (no relation) before I left Auckland, that I would give a trophy for the event, and that we could call it the 'Fiji Ice Breaker' and the nineteen skippers assembled there to meet me were already shivering when we arrived.

Mike Kemp as well as Tony Able were there - the event run under the auspices of the Solent Club; the boats were made up of Bantock designed Ragtime's of which there were seven, a Bikini and the Jazz (*TRAD 2*) that Bill Wright had entrusted in my care, Brian Wiles had brought (in addition to gumboots which were tailor-made for me) his Fe' Fe' *FRENCH KISS* and his Stella *FRENCH BREAD*, and the remainder of the fleet was made up of Tony Able designed Cygnet (1) and a modified Magpie entrusted to Mike Kemp, an Imictation (inspired by Chris Dicks Mimic design) a Bubbles II Firecracker, a further Stella, and a Tempo called *WHIRLWIND* designed by the late Oliver Lee.

The Solent Club boasts 58 members plus a further 25 into scale models, and I was given the warmest of welcomes. Ian Copsey their Commodore, and the delightful Eric Shaw their President did everything they could to assist (except allowing me to lead the

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Above:
The Ragtime of R. Fidler leads Bill Wright's Fé Fé 2 and the Ragtime's of Brown and Cross.

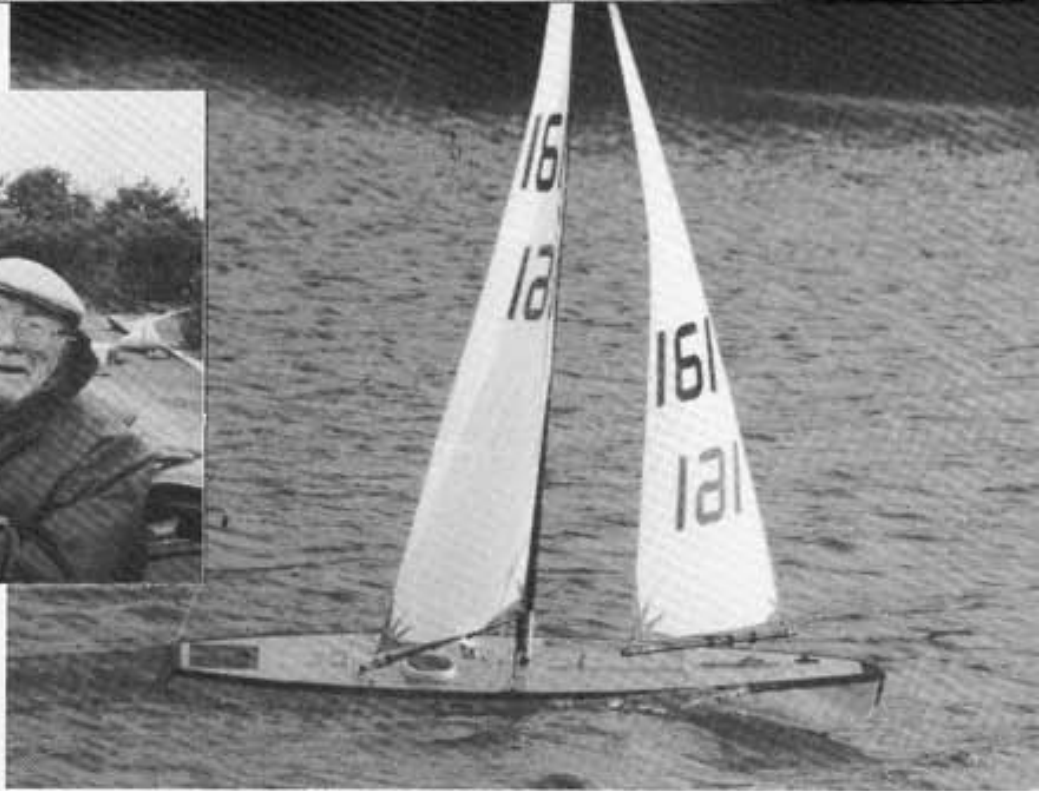
Left:
The winning Detriché Fé Fé 2 of Brian Wiles sailed by Peter Wiles of P.J. Sails seen on the mobile telephone.

Right:
Mike Kemp and Tony Able with the latters Able Magpie sailed to a joint 4th overall by Kemp.





Above:
**The Editor with Solent Club
 President Eric Shaw.**



Right:
**FRENCH KISS on the way to
 victory in the Fijicicle.**

**Right: W Houlten with
 his Oliver Lee
 Tempo
 WHIRLWIND.**

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Three fleets sailed eight races each, and at the end of the day it was Peter Wiles who took top honours and the Fiji Tanoa bowl sailing *FRENCH KISS* from its owner Brian Wiles sailing *FRENCH BREAD* - a Detriché one two and Vive La France! There was only one point separating Peter (10) from Brian. Ian Copsey (13Pts), Tim Baker (14.5), Mike Kemp (also 14.5), David Taylor (16.5), W Bates (17.5), W. Newton (22.25), Bill Wright (24.75) and R. Fidler (25.75 made up the top ten. No prizes for guessing who finished 20th with a score of 51 but I did finish all eight races (not the same day mind you!)

Etta Newton and Ann Watson kept score and called every fleet to the water, and a damn fine day was had by all. I still managed to take a few photos shown herewith, and I thank the Solent Club for their organisation and their hospitality.



**A play on words
 - Clive Cheesley's Bubbles II**

