

Horace Boussy 1897 - 1988

Address given by Chris Mackenzie at the prize giving of the RA Nationals at Castle Semple on 9th June 2008

Horace was a real square-rigger man first going to sea at the age of 12 in 1909 on a high seas fishery ship. By 1912 he had graduated to the great French 4-masted barques of the Bordes Company plying round Cape Horn to Chile.

In 1915 he was unfortunate enough to be torpedoed by a "U" boat, surviving for several days in a lifeboat.

After many adventures he finally hung up his sea boots in the late 1920s.

It was then that he took up a passion for Model Yacht Racing first competing in the "A" Class Championships in 1936. In 1963 after many annual attempts he was finally rewarded in winning the Yachting Monthly Cup.

In 1987 whilst staying on holiday with Chris Mackenzie he presented the Boussy Medallion to the Scottish Model Yacht Association appointing Chris as its Trustee. He was present at the first event at Strathclyde Park in his capacity as Honorary Vice-President of the International Model Yacht Racing Union.

Sadly, Horace passed away in 1988 while still following his beloved Tall Ships to Australia for the Bi-Centennial Celebrations.