Derek Morland & team were responsible for the 2017 AGM and managed to deliver a remarkable event with some memorable highlights:

- Our highly esteemed Chairman, David Olley, decided to retire and our Vice Chairman, Rob Snoeks, accepted the role as Chairman.
- Henrik Philipsen was voted in as Vice Chairman.
- The ashes of our first Chairman, Terry Sprake, were scattered in the Solent from a SS34, the design he sailed the world in.
- Apart from the change of Chairman, a brilliant programme was delivered and appreciated by all participants.

About Lymington
A beautiful Georgian market town, Lymington (population 14,330) is situated on the southern edge of the New Forest, between Southampton and Bournemouth and at the western end of the Solent.

The town is world renowned as a sailing resort, there are two large marinas Berthon and Haven and two sailing clubs RLYC and Lymington Town. Close by the sailing clubs is an open-air seawater bath that was built in 1833.

Lymington has a number of interesting independent shops including some designer boutiques. On Saturday a market is held in the High Street, the origins of which probably date back to the 13th century. At the top of the High Street is the Parish Church, St Thomas Church (circa 1250), from the bottom of the High Street a cobbled road leads down to the Old Town Quay, still used as a base by commercial fishing boats.

Lymington is surrounded by outstanding natural beauty, to the north are the ancient woodlands and heathlands of the New Forest, covering an area of about 145 square miles, and to the south, the Solent and the Isle of Wight. Wightlink operates a car ferry from Lymington to Yarmouth.

Hotels
Because Lymington is a very popular location, especially in the summer months, it was imperative to book early, and most of the participants did so, or found alternatives such as dragging a caravan from Holland to Lymington.

Berthon Lymington Marina
One of the first yacht marinas to be built in the UK, Lymington Marina offers 280 deepwater, well-protected Lymington River berths for yachts up to 45m (150ft) LOA in the Georgian town of Lymington, on the West Solent close to Hurst Castle and the Needles. All the participating SS & S yachts were moored together here. Berthon was also the venue for the AGM on the Sunday.
www.berthon.co.uk/lymington-marina/

Lymington Town Sailing Club
LTSC offers a very wide range of sailing and social activities based in Lymington and the Solent. There are opportunities to sail all year round and a group of friendly members are just waiting to help you get on the water whatever your age or experience. From introductions to sailing to dinghy cruises and high performance races, from yacht racing to local and overseas cruising there is something for everybody. The club was the venue for the enrolment and welcome party Friday afternoon.
www.ltsc.co.uk/
Annual General Meeting in Lymington, England  
Friday 9 - Sunday 11 June, 2017

Royal Solent Yacht Club
The Royal Solent Yacht Club on Isle of Wight is located on the seafront next to Yarmouth Pier and enjoys unrivalled views of the Western Solent. With excellent Bar and Catering facilities, visiting yachtsmen and visitors from affiliated clubs and other RYA clubs are always welcome. The club was the venue for the Saturday lunch.
http://www.royalsolent.org/

Royal Lymington Yacht Club
The emphasis of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club is very much on the practical enjoyment of sailing and motor-boating with an extensive racing and social programme. Three of their club members won medals at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing and they are regular prize winners in individual classes at Cowes week and in the Round the Island Race. The Club was the venue for our Gala Dinner Saturday.
www.rlymc.org.uk/

Programme

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Friday 9 June, 2017

Eight boats from UK and Holland had registered to attend this year’s AGM in Lymington, England, but gale force winds made that extremely difficult, and at the end five boats with very wet crews made it. However, all 44 members, who had enrolled made it by other forms of transport to attend the welcome party at Lymington Town Sailing Club where Derek Morland’s programme statement “Snacks and some wine” turned out to be the understatement of the year. We were all served an excellent three course meal with ample good wine in beautiful surroundings.

The welcome gatherings at S&S Association AGMs are always great and with everybody in a good mood and eager to meet up with old and new friends from near and afar.

Photos to come later
Watch this space
The boats

*Morning Sky* with a suitable dressed crew

*Shelagh* in the front, and
*Nik-Nak* in the back heavily crewed

*Shheradade* from a beautiful angle

*Bridge party*
Dev in the foreground right and
*Nik-Nak* left
Saturday 10 June, 2017
The flotilla sailing from Lymington to Yarmouth was reduced to 2 boats, Scheherazade and the Lymington – Yarmouth ferry. We congregated at the Royal Solent Sailing Club in Yarmouth which has one of the best views of the Solent of all the Solent-based sailing clubs. Again we were catered for extremely well while enjoying each other’s company on the first floor terrace. Our (then) Chairman, David Olley, gave a short speech commemorating our first Chairman Terry Sprake who died in 2012. The plan was to scatter his ashes from one of the SS34s on the return sail from Yarmouth, but the weather meant that this part of the AGM had to be postponed to the Tuesday after the main event.
After the meal we had time enough to explore the pearl of the Isle of Wight – Yarmouth - before returning on the ferry or Scheherazade.
Saturday 10 June, 2017

The Gala dinner Saturday evening was held at the Royal Lymington Sailing Club, who in every aspect lived up to what you would like to experience at the traditional black tie dinner. The surroundings were perfect from the balcony to the elegant dining room and the staff managed to serve a different selection of courses to perfection. It was the night of the club’s summer ball and the Association was invited too.

It was also time for presenting the Challenge Cup for Ollie Marto, who won the S&S Association Global Challenge 2017. Ollie is not a newcomer in this regatta having won it twice before, each time with a crew of family members.

Sunday 11 June 2017

The first programme topic for Saturday was a very interesting tour of the Berthon Boatyard with one of the two owners guiding us, not just through the yard itself, but also through a presentation of the Berthon business beliefs, which form the foundation for the longevity of this splendid company.
The AGM itself was conducted in a meeting room at the yard. The very first topic was the farewell speech of our Chairman David Olley, one of the founding members of the S&S Association. It was a moving moment and there were tears in many eyes. We selected our new Chairman, Rob Snoeks, who has served as Vice Chairman for many years. As new Vice Chairman we elected Henrik Philipsson, who represents the younger generation of the Association.

An important topic for the AGM was the venue of next year’s AGM and the proposal from Aud & Jon-Martin to host it on a small island outside Kristiansand received big applause and everybody got busy planning the travel, some by boat and others by land. Kristiansand has an airport and a good ferry connection to Denmark so logistics it should be easy.

For more information about the AGM, please refer to the minutes which are available elsewhere on this web site.

Sunday afternoon
Next was a visit to Arundells, Sir Edward Heath’s home, which now acts as a museum with lots of references to his fine sailing career in S&S designs. The weather was wonderful and the location near the Salisbury Cathedral could not be more enticing.
We then returned to Lymington for a last bridge party kindly arranged by Gavin & Nicky Howe. Many of us could have
gone on forever, but others had to leave and return home. However, we were a decent group who congregated in an
excellent cosy restaurant at the harbour front for a last evening meal.

Monday 12 June 2017
After a breakfast at the harbour cafe the two SS34s started the return to Chichester via Gosport where both boats arrived in the
afternoon. Onboard Nik-Nak were the ashes of Terry Sprake, but it was still quite windy and not a good day for the scattering.

Tuesday 13 June 2017
We woke up to a glorious day, bright sunshine and very little wind, a perfect day for scattering of the ashes from Nik-Nak, a SS34 like
the boat Terry Sprake had sailed, and to make the combination perfect, a photo recording of the “ceremony” was made from the other
SS34, Morning Sky.
It was an honour to perform this service and reminded Kerry and me of a special man and the person who brought the S&S Association
into our lives.