

# RALLY ROUNDUP



## Summer Classic Reliability Trial & Tour

21 to 23 July

Sun shines on best entry yet...

**R**ecord competitor entries, collaboration with The Panerai British Classic Week, raising money for the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity and driving in the Goodwood Estate made for a thrilling three days of action for HERO's Summer Classic Reliability Trial & Tour 2011.

An interesting mix of classic cars met for the annual event including a 1966 DB6 Aston Martin once owned by Sir Paul McCartney. Drivers met in Cowes for a welcome dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron before the three-day reliability tour, which was to see them driving a variety of roads on the Island and in the South of England culminating near Goodwood.

Classic yachts met classic cars on day one, when the event joined with Panerai British Classic Week. Thirty-six Trial entrants and 14 Tourers from 10 different nationalities had entered - the best entry since the inaugural event in 2008.

Following two regularities, the crews returned to Cowes for the second of the tests at the Yacht Haven. The crowds had grown and weren't disappointed by the driving skills displayed by many of the crews. It was clear that the competitors enjoyed the venue and were determined to entertain the crowds.

The morning of Day 2 took the competitors through the New Forest onto Beaulieu for two of the four scheduled handling and manoeuvrability tests and with three further regularities in the afternoon, taking the crews to the Goodwood estate. The first test included a slalom along the start straight of the famous Festival of Speed sprint,

whilst the second was a more intricate test in the Cathedral Paddock. From there all participants drove up the Goodwood Hill in convey.

The last day started and finished at The Goodwood Hotel with a route that took them through Chilbolton, Tangle Bottom and Wyke Down with Clerk of the Course, Peter Nedin, dropping the chequered flag across the bonnet of each finisher as they passed under the arch at the Goodwood Hotel.

First overall went for the second year running to Charles Colton/Mathew Warren in a BMW 3.0 CSL, competing in a BMW rather than their usual Porsche. Colton said: "It was great to win the event again having only competed on it for the first time last year. It was also good to see such a healthy entry considering the holiday period and a pleasure to see so many newcomers to the event. I thought the mix and balance of regularities and tests was spot on and the Royal Yacht Squadron was a brilliant venue for the opening dinner. We look forward to next year's event".

Graham Walker/Sean Toohey in a Lotus Elan Sprint took second place, whilst third place went to Mark and Sue Godfrey in their MGB Roadster.

This is the first HERO event of the year where competitors are competing for the HERO Cup 2011, where the overall winner will be treated to a week's cruise in the Mediterranean on the S.Y. Orianda ([www.orianda1937.com](http://www.orianda1937.com)).

As part of future plans for a HERO charitable foundation, the organization decided to support the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity, and invited two Royal Marines to take part. The Royal Marines from RNAS Yeovilton, driver Greg Harrold and Co-Driver Danny Keogh, were presented with a £1,000 cheque for the charity from HERO.

The Clerk of the Course award went to young Harry Short in recognition of being the youngest person to have entered a HERO event. At 11 years of age he was too young to compete on a competitive trial, but was able to sit alongside his father and navigate him successfully on the Classic Tour.



*Clockwise from main picture: The winners, Charles Colton and Mathew Warren, hustle their BMW 3.0CSL through a test; The ex-Paul McCartney Aston Martin DB6 driven by Christian von Sanden and Hanno Kirner (CFO Aston Martin Lagonda); HERO Director Tomas de Vargas Manchuca entered his recently acquired Riley Brooklands 9HP, a 1936 Australian GP winning car, and found himself alone in the pre-war class, finishing first in class AB; Mark & Sue Godfrey - Sue not a well lass on the last day, having lead for two days they dropped to third, a dodgy tummy taking its toll - pictured on the Cowes Yacht Haven Test, first day. Photos: Tony Large*

