



A Friendly Challenge
From Old Conways To Old Worcesters
To re-run the race at Calcutta of 1893 between OCs and OWs
At Lyme Regis Gig Club on Thursday 28th July 2011

In March 1893 at Calcutta, five OCs and five OWs who were then in port competed in a gig race for a silver cup. The OCs won and presented the cup to *Conway*. It has never been raced for since.

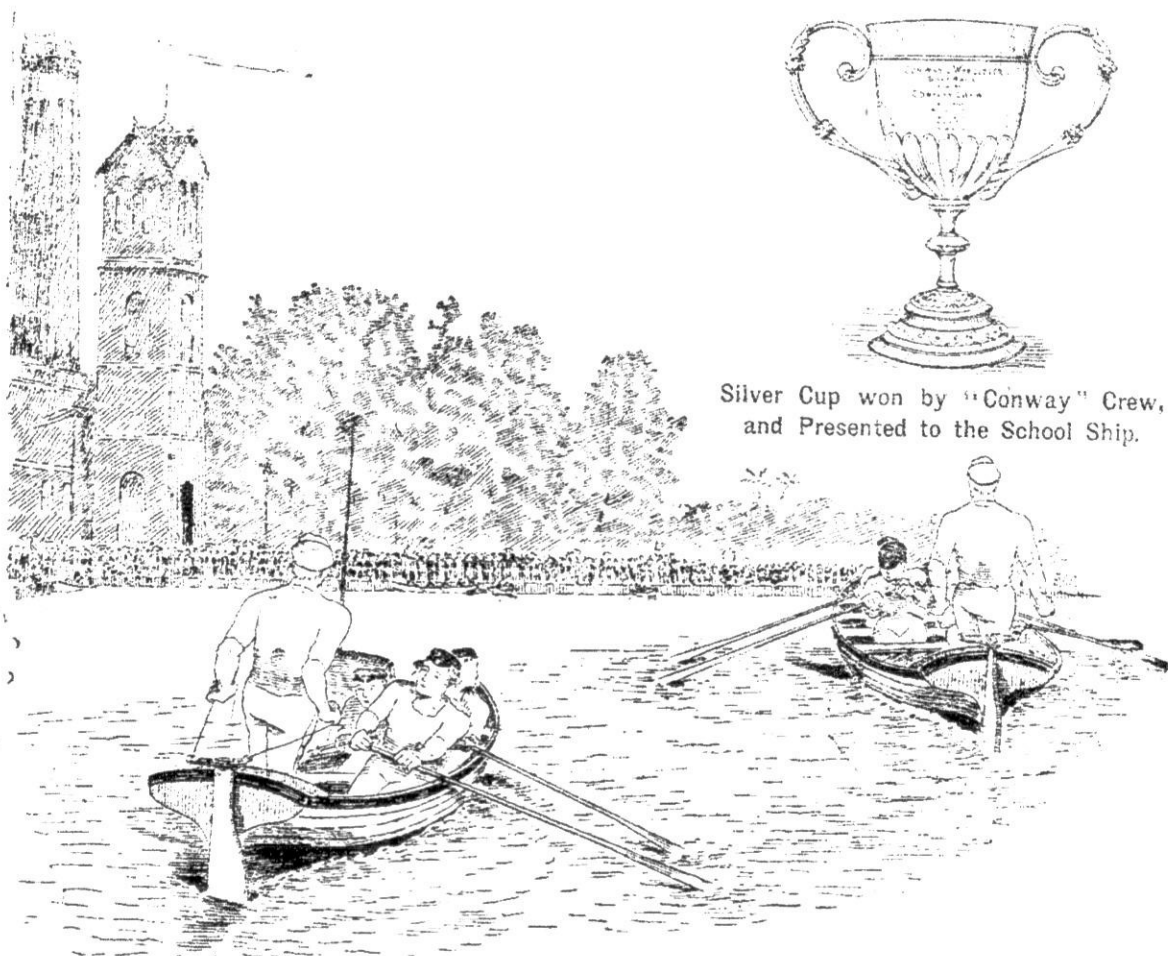
The Conway Club supports the Lyme Regis Gig Club (LRGC) which has a new a junior section to encourage local youngsters to take up gig rowing and to compete. The Conway Club has loaned the HMS Conway Calcutta Cup to the LRGC as the prize for an annual open junior regatta.

The inaugural race will be held on the evening of Thursday 28th July 2011 during Lyme Regis Lifeboat Week, the high spot of the Lyme Regis year. Junior crews from Lyme Regis, Swanage, Weymouth, Portland, Bridport and Sidmouth have entered.

The Conway Club is entering a crew of six plus a cox in the event. Our crew's average age is 70 so this will be a sedate 'row past' not a race.

We are pleased to Challenge OWs to enter a crew to participate in the event so that we can recreate the race our old chums competed in 116 year ago.

Tom Mason, President The Conway Club



Silver Cup won by "Conway" Crew, and Presented to the School Ship.

*Conway versus Worcester Boys
The 'Conway' crew wins!*

BOAT RACE AT CALCUTTA.

At a regatta in Calcutta, held on March 2nd, 1893, the fourth event contested was between apprentices in port, who had been ex-"Conway" and "Worcester" Cadets, in ship's boats pulling four oars.

PRIZE, A SILVER CUP.

There was a great deal of interest manifested in this race. Captain Faraday, of the "Carniehill," regulated the "Conway," and Captain Greig, of the "Oranasia," the "Worcester" crew.

The former was composed as follows:—

Walker (stroke), Moorhead, Sinnatt, Henderson, and

W. Hoseason (cox). The latter: Highfield (stroke), Neave, Roxly, Barlow, and Palmer (cox).

The pace was very fast, the "Conway" cox standing up and working vigorously all the way. On nearing the home buoy the "Worcester" cox followed his example, both crews straining their utmost to secure the victory, which resulted in the "Conway" crew passing the buoy about half-a-length in front of their opponents. Both the crews were loudly cheered.

"Conway" *versus* "Worcester" Boat Race,
20th June, 1893, on the Mersey,
at 4 p.m.