



Moving on to **small people**, it's been a busy year for everyone - in Portland, Amelie (now 12, second year of secondary) is in her national Optimist **and** Feva race squads, Louis (9) is in the Optimist regional one; both looking very accomplished sailors already with Mirrors, 29ers and more also in the mix. Not a lot of doubt about Amelie's plans - see photo top left below! In Brightlingsea Josie (6) is racing in a resurgent B'sea Mirror fleet, with her own Optimist too now plus swimming, doing gymnastics, ballet and tap! and little Elodie (still 3) at preSchool is also busy with gymnastics, swimming and ballet. She's afloat too now of course. All are thriving in their schools - exceptionally so - must be the fresh air and/or a family full of teachers!



Moving on to **big people**, Simon's new <http://www.shocksailing.com> premises are thriving, Melissa is now a full headteacher - name on the board outside - and so has no minutes left in a life that, like Simon's too, is also full of taking small people to large sailing events everywhere!!, Juliette's [beachschool.org](http://beachschool.org) is thriving and she is working on a host of projects beyond that. She has bought the house next to The Anchorage - it needs a bit of work (uh oh!). Stephen is still in projects all around the planet (and since this now includes NASA, beyond the planet!) with his "30 years a professor" lecture this year. Carole is run ragged keeping all this in some sort of order since she appears to be the only one with any common sense. Toby and Cali have done wonders with their house in Brighton - they were Oyster dredging with us this year too, which was nice. Toby has stepped down from editing Yachts and Yachting and is now head hunted by "the other" yachting magazine group (!), Cali has a new & creative job - she is enjoying it heaps... Our big oyster smack is lovelier by the year. I I3 this year! Anyway, to pictures:



from top left: Toby & Cali, x2, Melissa & her school, Carole, Stephen, Juliette, Melissa and Simon



