

FLUSHING SAILING CLUB AUGUST NEWSLETTER



As this newsletter goes out and we gird our loins for Falmouth Regatta Week, spare a thought for those doughty volunteers who run the Committee Boats, Race Offices and support boats through the year.

I volunteered as FSC Hon Sec when my dodgy hip was replaced and the prospect of no sailing reared its ugly head. Kaye Price also inveigled me into recording on the Committee Boat. Both roles have been an excellent way of meeting some like-minded people and getting out of the house! FSC and PoFsa are always on the lookout for volunteers to join this friendly team.

Falmouth Regatta Week is a unique event, offering crews the opportunity to sail every day and then sample the hospitality of the 6 different PoFsa Clubs. Over the years I have, legitimately, collected a mug from each club, bar Restronguet! It is fitting that the week culminates in FSC Regatta day and prize giving. Jenny Jakeways has assembled an impressive array of raffle prizes, so if you don't win on the water you still have a chance to go away with a prize. The Regatta tea is always very popular and donations of cakes and savouries are always welcome. The marquee is ordered and John Maunder has arranged plenty of beer.

July has been an eventful month for FSC with the long-awaited return of our beloved launch after refit and the final submission of the planning application for our new clubhouse. There have been some suggestions that the launch should be given a name but what could be clearer than Flushing Launch over the VHF?

The progress of the planning application has given momentum to the sub-committees concerned with fund-raising. The Business Plan is coming along and thank you to the Committee Boat crew and various boat crews for completing our Boat Crew Survey. This will furnish us with some useful statistics to support our bids for funding.

The postponed Flushing Village Regatta took place on Saturday 4th August in somewhat fickle but benign conditions, it was shorts weather again! Dave Owens was delighted by the entry of 42 boats for Aan effectively re-organised event. Warm sunshine on the Quay meant we could enjoy a beautiful Regatta Tea provided by Mandy and her volunteers, in the best of settings. The Flushing Cake was a masterpiece!

Dave has also asked me to remind members to show their club membership card to Mylor Chandlery and Rigging when shopping as Paul Pullen has promised a kickback to the Club for every pound spent.

My skipper of many years John Murrell, always used to say, dolefully, that he felt the end of Falmouth Regatta Week heralded the end of the sailing season, but it is not so! We still have plenty of events on the PoFsa calendar - 2 more Village Regattas, our own Tuesday and Saturday racing, COGS races, to mention but a few. We are then into the season of Wash-Up meetings where skippers' voices can be heard. Both complaints and compliments are welcome.

Finally, it is with regret that we will be losing the services of Bon Appetit in the galley at the end of this season. Obviously this is a key part of our service to members, so if anybody has any suggestions please feel free to collar a committee member in the club or email us through the website.

Happy sailing,

Gaye Slater

Hon Sec

