



From the Commodore

Welcome to Flushing Sailing Club for the 2020 sailing season.

This year brings the possibility of work starting on our much-needed new clubhouse.

We have made good progress in our fund raising but have a long way to go and still require generous donations.

**Spring Mainsheet
News from Flushing Sailing
Club**

Club

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It's a nice little club where you meet a much better class of flotsam.

We, and many more before us, have enjoyed this clubhouse but it is now time to replace it with a more modern building which can be passed on to all the Flushing sailors of the future so that they may enjoy the friendship and good sailing that we at present take for granted.

Flushing has always been at the forefront of providing volunteers for sailing within this wonderful Port of Falmouth and will continue to do so whenever required. Once again Flushing will be hosting the final prize giving at the end of Falmouth Sailing Week in August. We will be welcoming the Royal Fowey Yacht Club feeder race down to Falmouth and then starting them, along with the many boats which join them, in the race back to Fowey the following day.

Now that I am nearing the end of three years as Commodore, I wish to thank all the Committee members, volunteers and helpers who have given me their support in making our club so successful, friendly and welcoming. Thanks to those who advertise in our handbook, sponsor our racing marks and our Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon series.

John Maunder
Commodore.



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Lottery News.

Winners in the January draw are Mike Swingler, Stuart Higgins and Inez Thompson. If you were not lucky enough to get a prize this month keep watching three more winners will be announced every month for the next seven months.

It could be you.

Blowboat Racing news.

All regattas, Falmouth Sailing Week and club pursuit races are now using the YTC handicap system. It is recommended that all PY/ Byron rated boats apply for a YTC handicap. Application for a handicap can be made via: swytc.org.uk. Alternatively, for those who are not IT savvy, come into the Club for the Skippers' Briefing on Tuesday 24th March and help will be on hand. You will need your sail measurements and boat specifications it is more advantageous to actually apply for a YTC handicap than to be simply allocated one. The good news is, it's free.

FSC Barrel Regatta:

On Sunday May 17th FSC are holding a Barrel regatta. It will be open to all classes. Put the date in your diary now. Details to follow.

Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust donations:

We have received a letter of thanks from the Trust for the donations that Skippers made to our Club charity last year through the race entry system. This amounted to £225 so a big THANK YOU to all of you who donated.

FSC New Year Treasure Hunt 2020

The clues for the New Year 2020 Treasure Hunt which had been admirably researched by Charlotte and Ron Jones, led us into heart of Penryn. David and I were partnered by previous champions Jeanette and Derek Hill, so we were in illustrious company.

As is the way with these things, one of the early clues flummoxed us all because the Folkboat we were all looking for had decided to go for a sail. She was later glimpsed by fellow Folkboaters Mike Swingler and Dave Mitchell, returning to her berth.

Too late for us as we had soldiered on to follow the route that took us to places, I had never been to! How many of us know about the bomb that landed on Penryn or that Glasney College in Penryn was a centre of learning prior to the dissolution of the monasteries? There then ensued a walk in the woods to



count columns (or were they pilasters?) and a meander through narrow streets in the heart of historic Penryn.

Back at the Club, participants were treated to hearty homemade soups and crusty bread so efficiently coordinated by Ron and Charlotte and Jenny Jakeways. Malcolm Clark created a very quaffable mulled wine too. A fine touch was provided by the ever-artistic Charlotte of a winter posy on each table.

This is such a good event each year as we get to stretch both legs and brain but also get to know the area through somebody else's eyes. Next year's compilers will be the Mitchell/Swingler team, the challenge is on as Ron and Charlotte did such a good job. Thanks go to everyone involved. We also collected £91 for our Building Fund



Happy New Year everyone,
Gaye Slater.

Clubhouse building news

"Now that the Christmas decorations are back in the loft and the turkey curry is finally finished and before we start the annual debate about what antifouling to use, the Club's Business Group is back concentrating on taking the new building project forward. So, what is the current focus? Firstly, we are concentrating hard on the fund raising and we think that we have now raised in hard cash and promises some £160,000 - which is fantastic progress. This is being done through three main approaches, Guy English is working with some very generous benefactors, John Hicks is leading on fundraising from local companies and the racing fleet and Ian Jakeways is concentrating on applications to grant making organisations including an application which is about to be submitted to Sport England. Barry Kelly has done some great work with HM Customs and Revenue and we are now registered and eligible as a charity to claim Gift Aid on donations which represents an additional 20% per donation.

On the design side of the project the Building Group has obtained the agreement of the Management Committee to commence the process of preparing detailed design drawings which will enable us to start the process of gaining building regulation consent. We hope to have the first draft of these plans within a month. David Mitchell is leading on this aspect of the work of the Building Group.

So, in summary much hard work is being put in behind the scenes and there is a lot of determination moving forward. We continue to look for more volunteers to help with applications to grant funding organisations - so please contact Dave Owens if you would like to help with this aspect of the Project.

Dave Owens.

Happy 41st Anniversary Derek and Jeanette.
(Derek says it's a longer sentence than the Yorkshire ripper got!)



Air Ambulance

On Wednesday 7th January An Air Ambulance volunteer gave a talk on the history and work of the charity. After the talk, a collection was made to the benefit of the Cornwall Air Ambulance and £135 was donated by club members and friends.

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warning....Keep this
date free:**

**Meal at The Cove 31st
March 2020:**

The rumour machine has been working hard and news has spread quickly that Arty has sold the Cove. We have been assured that our booking for 31st March will still go ahead so please put the date in your diaries.

Your Hon Sec will have details and be gathering bookings during February.

so please contact Gaye at:
gayeslater@btinternet.com or
ring 01872 275120

Membership Renewal

A big thank you to everyone who has renewed their Membership. For those that have yet to do so here are the details:

Family	2 adults and children up to 25 years	£85
Single	Adult 18 years or older	£75
Pensioner Family	2 Adults aged 70 years or older	£65
Pensioner Single	Adult 70 years or older	£55
Outport Family	Family living outside Cornwall	£65
Outport Single	Adult living outside Cornwall	£55

Payment can be made direct by Bank Transfer to:

Flushing Sailing Club Sort Code 09-01-51 Account No. 99335508, (use your full name as reference)

or by cheque payable to **Flushing Sailing Club** and sent to:- Barry Kelly, 12 Wellington Terrace, Falmouth, TR11 3BN

Don't forget to reduce the amount by £10 if you pay before the end of the January.

The Giving Machine

I know Christmas is over, but we still buy things throughout the year, so please remember to use the Giving Machine website when buying anything on-line. There are thousands of sites that will give us a donation if you buy through it. Every little helps towards our new Clubhouse. <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/flushing-sailing-club>.



For those who like movies and have time to waste, see our sponsors little films.
Copy and paste these links into YouTube

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SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY 2020

JANUARY

- 14th Myths and Moths. Charles Richardson talks about two extraordinary sailors: Captain John Illingworth Co- designer of Gipsy Moth and his client Sir Francis Chichester.
- 21st Competitor on the OSTAR 2017 Mervyn Wheatley tells the story of how he had to abandon Tamarind in the middle of North Atlantic when hit by hurricane force winds.
- 28th TITANIC Andrew Nancarrow talks of the rebuilding of Lifeboat 13.

FEBRUARY

- 4th Mel and Claire Sharp Talk about AZAB 2019
- 11th Atlantic Row by Jonathan Davies, one of four friends who took on the challenge of rowing 3000 miles across the Atlantic.
- 18th Mike Temple talks about his volunteer work aboard the 'African Mercy' an international hospital ship.
- 25th The plight of the Bumblebee and other pollinators by Professor Juliet Osborne who has studied pollinators for 20 years and talks about protecting them in Cornwall.

MARCH

- 3rd Cornish Authors Sue Kittow and Jane Cable talk the works of Daphne Du Maurier and Winston Graham Poldark.
- 10th RRS by Alex Davies
- 17th AGM
- 24th Race Briefing and collect 2020SIs.
- 31st Club closed. Supper at the Cove.

APRIL

- 4TH 2020 RACING STARTS
ALL TUESDAY evenings. Bar opens at 7:30 and talks begin at 8pm
Admission free. Non-members, friends welcome

Nautical terms

A boat is said to be fast if firmly attached by a rope to a jetty or pontoon or could even have run aground. It can be said to be very fast although not actually moving at all. This specially applies to some types of Blowboat...

FALMOUTH

Sailing WEEK

8th - 15th August 2020

Seven Days of World Class Racing in Cornish Waters

Are you looking for your next sailing challenge?

Whether you are a competitive or a novice sailor,
we have a Regatta race for you:

Bay Fleet

Three daily standalone Regattas
(Sun, Mon & Tues, 2/3 races per day)
Ancasta Champagne Race (Wednesday)
3-Day Series:
(Thurs, Fri & Sat, 3/4 races a day)

IRC classes, YTC local handicap system classes
including White Sail (no Spinnakers),
IF Boats & Firebird Catamarans.

Carrick Fleet

A seven day event in
Falmouth's Carrick Roads.
(Daily Regattas of one race per day).

Dinghies, Falmouth Working Boats & Gaffers,
Sunbeams, Ajaxes, Dayboats, Cabin Boats,
Shrimpers & Flying Fifteens.

Falmouth Sailing Week (organised by The Port of Falmouth Sailing Association) offers a variety of Regattas for all to partake in. A reception will be hosted for all competitors on Saturday 8th August at the RCYC.

Falmouth's local Sailing and Yacht Clubs will hold prizegivings each evening with shoreside entertainment carrying on into the night down at Events Square.

Want more information? Looking to sign up?

falmouthweek.co.uk/sailing-week

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