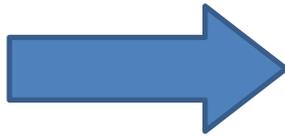


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# Mainsheet Late August

MMXX Number 12

New Quay ● Trefusis Road ● Flushing ● Falmouth ● TR11 5TZ  
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## **. Announcement to Members of Flushing Sailing Club from the Club Management Committee and Trustees.**

The Management Committee and Trustees of Flushing Sailing Club are delighted to announce that a unanimous decision has been taken to commence the demolition of our dear old leaky Clubhouse and start construction of our proposed larger new building on New Quay in Flushing. We anticipate that works will start in mid-September and we hope to open the new building for the start of the new 2021 sailing season on Saturday 3rd April 2021 - the start of our centenary year. Final discussions with Cornwall Council Planning on some related technical aspects are now taking place to enable this very prompt start. We are nearing our target budget and so fundraising efforts will intensify over the coming months. This is a very large step for one of the biggest projects that the Club has ever undertaken and the progress to date is testament to a group of volunteers with a mixture of very relevant professional experience, enthusiasm, a willingness to learn and a commitment to put in long hours. More details will be provided at the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th September commencing at 7.30pm** for 8.00pm and to be held in the Tremayne Hall in Mylor.

Peter Harvey  
Chairman of the Trustees  
Manager

Gaye Slater  
Acting Commodore

Dave Owens  
Project

## From the Commodore (acting)

To say that this has been a momentous month is most probably understating it. We continued to get really good turnouts for racing on Tuesdays and Saturdays with some excellent racing masterminded by our inimitable Maunder Race Team. John Hick's idea of splitting the fleet in two gave the flexibility of allowing the faster boats a longer race, seems to have worked well. Geoff Davis is now Jeanette Hill's finishing horn man, so don't forget to wave! Falmouth Sailing Week initially looked as if it would be a very small affair but after the RYA and DCMS got together and came up with more realistic guidance for our sport, it enabled more boats to enter. The four day event was bedeviled by heat and light airs when sometimes even the zephyrs failed. It would be difficult conditions for a Race Officer in normal times but made more so by our present restrictions. Fortunately, the breeze picked later on Saturday for the final race.

Carrick RO Nigel Sharp and his team set up shop on Pendennis Point with Melkin as finish boat affording much needed flexibility over shortening courses. It would seem that Skippers and crew had to cope with some new and some not so new challenges. A rampant tide at the Black Rock start meant frequent OCS calls. The Trefusis Doldrums struck but some lucky skippers were able to sail around the outside of a becalmed fleet and restart the race! There was a large class of Shrimpers quite a few of which were being sailed singlehanded. Out in the Bay RO Chris Davis had to cope with much reduced resources which also challenged the fleet.

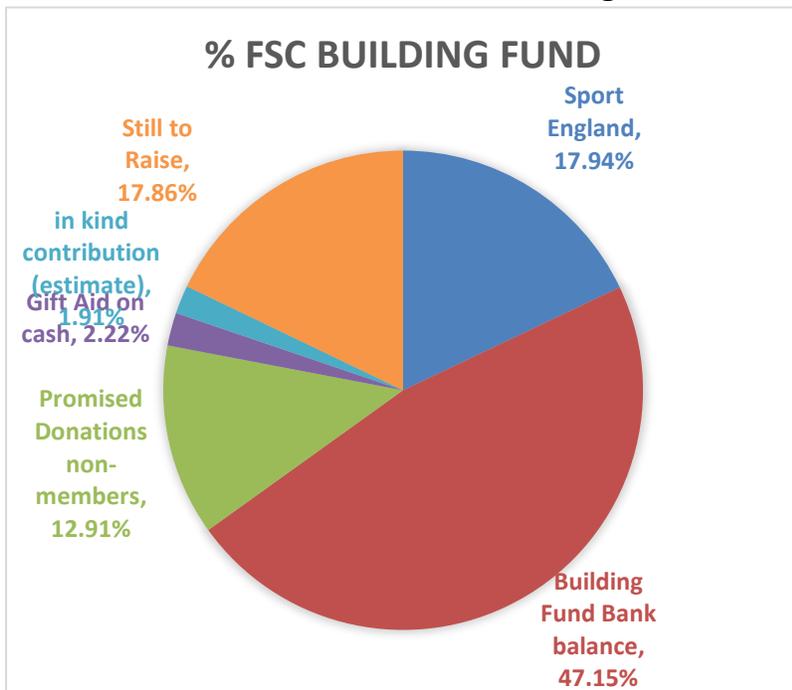
Fortunately competitors took it in good part, according to John Hicks: 'The weather was warm, the wind was light to nothing and it didn't rain, no matter, at least we had a regatta'. It was light hearted fun, none too serious – well E class tried to be serious I think. All told the Chaps and Chapesses enjoyed it and Chris kept us entertained on the radio". Dolphins also reported to have got in on the act. For photos head over to Falmouth Sailing Facebook page and [www.bexchamberlainphotography.co.uk](http://www.bexchamberlainphotography.co.uk)

Back to FSC matters, now that the Management Committee and Trustees have agreed (unanimously) to go ahead with the Building Project this autumn, there is much to do. We will continue to fund raise as we still have a shortfall so please continue to send in your ideas and donations. We have had so much support for the Centenary Appeal so far and it is really encouraging. We now must divest the clubhouse of all "artefacts" in preparation for the demolition, it would be nice to find a hidden treasure! By now you should have received your notice for the AGM, hope to see some of you there. **16th September 2020 Tremayne Hall, Mylor Bridge at 20.00**  
Gaye Slater

# The club requests.

Storage space is needed during the rebuild for all the club equipment from Flags to Forks, Computers to Chairs, and all the other things which make the club tick. Any member with space in a garage or even your bedroom room for some of the equipment. The club will be forever grateful. Contact any committee member or the Commodore on 01872 275120

**The funds have almost reached the target less than 18% to raise.**



We, the members of Flushing using the **Thegivingmachine** as much as we might have. It is a charity setup to divert as much free money into our communities as possible and its **free** for us to use. It is only available to registered charities like Flushing Sailing Club. Thanks to givers like you, Thegivingmachine has donated over £1,807,453.53 to charities such as Flushing Sailing Club. Since it was first advertised in late spring

Mainsheet Number 2 Flushing has only shared £17.43 of the money available in aid of the building fund. Only 9 members had signed up at the end of July. **It works like this.** Go to **TheGivingMachine** on the internet and sign up. Then if you wish to buy things 'online' go to 'Thegivingmachine' and **select your supplier from their site**. Buy your whatever and the giving machine will send a small proportion of your purchase moneys to the club and you have not paid any extra but the club Gains. A win-win. If all members and all their friends sign up a substantial contribution can be made to FSC both to the Building fund and equipping the club afterwards. Now we are all buying much more in line we can all help the club with no cost to ourselves.





## The Racing Scene The Silver

Sunbeam is one of the most important races of the year for the Sunbeam fleet as it marks the anniversary of the first



Sunbeam race in Falmouth held by Flushing Sailing Club on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924. The race was delayed this year because of the pandemic, and it was decided to award the trophy to the winner of a one day series instead of a single race.



There were nine boats contesting the series on a stunning day with an 8 to 12 knot northerly breeze giving ideal sailing conditions. There were three races held on windward leeward courses in the Carrick roads with a start line near Governor mark.



### Race One

Whimsey V5 tried get the best start at the slightly favoured pin end but was a few seconds too early giving pole position to Audrey V19 who managed to hold the advantage on the beat to Vilt and kept ahead all the way around the course.

### Race Two

The fleet split up the first beat to North Bank with some boats heading for the St Just shore and others tacking up the middle, the right hand side proved to be slightly favoured with more wind. The second beat saw another split with plenty of wind shifts. The lead was fiercely contested between Audry V19 and Wendy V9 with Audry coming out ahead and Wendy just managing to hold off a fast finishing Whimsey.

### Race Three

The wind was gradually building, and a shift just before start produced a pin end bias, Halcyon V38 nailed the start and was able to cover the next four boats to stay ahead up the first beat. The finish was on the club line and Halcyon led Pintail V35 and Wendy to win. Audry managed to cling on to fourth



place to take the overall win and the Silver Sunbeam trophy.

The Sunbeam Class are very grateful to Flushing Sailing Club and particularly John and Liz Maunder on the committee boat for giving us a truly excellent day of fabulous sailing.

Rank	Boat	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1	Audry	19	1	1	4	6	4
2	Halcyon	38	3	6	1	10	4
3	Pintail	35	2	4	2	8	4
4	Wendy	9	4	2	3	9	5
5	Whimsey	5	5	3	5	13	8
6	Mary	4	7	5	8	20	12
7	Milly	45	6	7	6	19	12
8	Pixy	7	9	8	7	24	15
9	Racy Lady	48	8	9	9	26	17



## Falmouth week.



2020 was a much-reduced event due to the pandemic at 4 days with racing in the bay organized and run by the race officer, Chris Davis, and his family from their own boat in order to maintain social distancing. Racing in the Roads was run from the fixed POFSA line between Pendennis signal mast and the Black Rock

beacon where social distancing was maintained from the assistant race officer's 'committee camper van' in the car park directly overlooking the line. Finish of races was from John Maunders boat anchored off the docks with an all family crew. Results were telegraphed from the boats to Malcolm Clark in the Flushing Sailing club for early posting on the web. The winds were extremely light for the whole regatta, nevertheless a good programme was completed and some enjoyable close racing took place.



**Full Results available at <http://www.pofsa.co.uk/20/FSW20.htm>**

# Falmouth Lifeboat

Sometimes alcohol again.

Up to 24th the months August Falmouth Coastguard requested Falmouth Lifeboat to launch 12 times to events as varied as inflatable close to the rocks at Pendennis Point with a person in the water, reports of a Red Flare sighted in the area of Truro River. Following a call from a person who had fallen into the water and had then got on board a moored vessel. To assist a foreign yacht anchored off Castle Beach in Falmouth Bay with mechanical issues, to assist a 4.8m open boat with one person on board which had suffered engine failure while fishing in Falmouth Bay, to assist a 6m sailing boat with three people on board which had reported being aground on rocks at Pendennis Point, for a 999 call from a 6.5m Motorboat with two people on board which had broken down off Mylor in the Carrick Roads, a call from the Ambulance service requesting the medical evacuation of the sole occupant of a yacht which was at anchor in the Percuil River. To a report of a missing swimmer between Swanpool beach and Penance Point and to a yacht on passage around the United Kingdom, having been moored in the Helford River and now heading for Falmouth to shelter ahead of the forecast gales when the rudder had failed. The last call on 19th August for a report of eight swimmers caught in a rip current who were, in the event, helped to safety by an off duty member of North Dartmoor Search and Rescue team on a kayak,. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained in any of the recent callouts. In all cases the lifeboat crew and the coastguard teams gave the casualties safety advise including highlighting the dangers of alcohol when boating.



## Definitions.

**Auxiliary.** Any object on a boat which is in the way when not needed and does not work when it is needed.

**Capsize.** The internal size of headgear.

**Collision.** An activity at sea which can spoil the whole day.

## Jellyisms

I was at sea the other day when loads of meat floated by It was a bit choppy! (Tim Vine)

It's OK to talk to yourself if you need expert advice.

## Sailings Secrets

After the L'Aber Wrac'h race from Helford river sailing club we did a bit of cruising in the Brest area before returning to L'Aber Wrac'h for to crossing back to



Falmouth. After mooring in the splendid new marina there we noticed another boat of about 35 ft running in under spinnaker in force 5, a splendid sight. The boat rolled a bit and yes, the Kite began to wrap round the forestay. They ran past the marina with crew tugging sheets, but more wraps wound. Eventually they ran out of river and rounded up motoring in circles trying to unwind. But the spinnaker only got more wrapped.

The crew moored next to us and began to untangle the mess in an increasing wind. Tugging, climbing the mast, releasing the halyard all had no affect and the gathered crowds' suggestions were not helping. With the wind now at about force 6, spinnaker still flogging and gathering darkness, out came the Stanley knife and an almost new spinnaker was shredded.

The problems reminded me of my spinnaker wrap lesson long long long long ago. It was a beautiful morning as we left a trot in the Crinan canal sea-lock basin in our 30 Ft. cruiser racer The crew was me, Dad the skipper with 10 year old Son and 8 year old Daughter, for a passage to Largs.

The wind was about 15 Knots from the NW we got the sails up and headed south in Loch Fyne with Susan on the helm, Martin and Dad got the masthead kite up and pulling well. All was well with the world as we sailed in the warm sunshine until we were crossing the entrance to Tarbert Loch Fyne where the wind does a little swirl and the inevitable happened, **the dreaded spinnaker wrap**.

Pulling sheets and steering a different course all failed to unwrap the kite from the forestay. Dad went to stand on the foredeck and looked up pondering what to do. Some time was spent watching the problem and it was noted that the spinnaker continued to wrap round the forestay the same way. It looked possible that if it wrapped round one way on one gybe the wind might spiral the other way and unwrap on the other gybe.

We gybed the mainsail, loo and behold the Kite began to unwrap. Very soon all the wraps were out, we gybed main again and continued under spinnaker.

Since that experience in Loch Fyne Dad has become an expert at wrapping and unwrapping the spinnaker. Wraps have since been unwound in the same way in almost all the seven seas in boats from 15 to 50 feet. Gybe the main and keep running near dead down wind - it works every time.

If only that sailor at L'Aber Wrac'h had known!!

## **Win that pot of gold, Join Len's Lottery. In support of the building fund**

Lottery News August 2020

Amazingly we have now had the last lottery draw in this series. Winners for August are:- Liz Maunder, L Gilbert and Andrew Laming.

Congratulations to our final winners and many thanks to our members who supported the draws. Also, a big thank you to our fantastic winners who donated £520 of prizes to our building fund. With support and encouragement from our members, supporters and sponsors our new club house is getting ever nearer. Please all continue to give generously to the building fund to make our plans become a reality.

Outstanding draw prizes are still held for: - Stephen Miles, J Laity and Martin Brooks. See Len in club or ring him on 01326 340425 to claim.

Prizes could be donated to the building if you wish. Please let Len know.

### **Confession corner**

*Ed. Would welcome more members confessions. Come on you lot send me yours to [hydraulicjack@ic24.net](mailto:hydraulicjack@ic24.net)*

**We were** to move the commodore's boat from Northern Island to the Scottish West coast. 4 flew to Belfast. The crew was, Owner and Commodore, the club sailing secretary Alan, JB and me. On the flight Alan boasted how well he could cook, and we looked forward to the meals he was to prepare. We left early from Belfast Loch looking forward to a promised Full English. Alan disappeared below and the stove went on. The bows rose and came down with a bump as we met the first seas. Alan the cook appeared on deck and seemed reluctant to retire below again. In the end others had to prepare bacon sandwiches but not all the crew were enthusiastic about eating them. **There is no answer to that!**

### **August Wisdom for mature members**

Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most.

Happy hour is now a nap.

I'm maturing like a fine wine but I'm finding it more difficult to get the cork in (or out).