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Flushing Sailing Club

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From the FSC Commodore

July Mainsheet from the Commodore

As I write this before the 19th July, the media seems to be full of differing opinions as to how we should progress. It would seem that we are entering an era where we have to take more responsibility for our actions rather than be dictated to by our politicians and number crunchers.

The area of biggest concern is the club house which gets very busy on a Tuesday evening. After consulting with volunteers and staff who work on the bar, it was decided that competitors and their guests would be asked to help protect them and themselves by continuing to wear masks and maintaining social distancing by not gathering at the bar and food hatch. New notices and reminders will be prepared, please help us by reading them! They will be on coloured paper as I feel we have all become sign blind.

We have some significant events coming up:

Friday 23rd July Club closed for a function hosted by Cockwells who donated our stairs and bar top.

Saturday 24th July **One off Class Racing** to replace cancelled St Mawes Town Regatta

Friday 30th July **Formal Opening Ceremony** for the new club house, by a VIP. This is by invitation only and access to the club and Quay will be restricted for a time during the day.

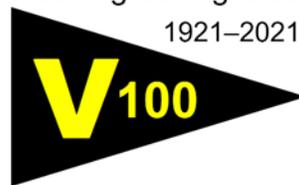
Saturday 31st July **Flushing Village Regatta**

Sat 7th August Unfortunately our Try Sailing Day has had to be cancelled for this year.

8th – 14th August **Falmouth Sailing Week** n.b. get your entries in!

Saturday 14th August **Falmouth Sailing Week** Final Prizegiving and Teas. N.B. The format for the latter will be different due to Covid. For the moment we all seem to agree that we will have to plate up food rather than allow people to help themselves. More about this will appear on the website and Flushing Food Whatsapp.

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1921–2021



Flushing Sailing Club Centenary Sail Past and Regatta



On Saturday 19th June, Flushing Sailing Club CIO ran a Sail past and Regatta in order to celebrate the club's Centenary. FSC has always been a club that caters for a wide range of sailing craft and the Sail past was a microcosm of this. The fleet was led by Falmouth Harbour Master's launch Killigrew and the Pilot Boat Arrow. There ensued a flotilla of colourfully dressed 1920's themed craft and

crew, including Falmouth Marine Band's tuba, an alarming looking gun toting gangster and his 3 flappers on Nigel and Jess Rowe's Kaimana, a champagne popping Gilly Fox steering his Sunbeam with his foot, a majestic spinnaker fly past

from John Fox's Excelle complete with Centenary t-shirted crew and the Greatest Showman of all aboard almost the smallest in the fleet, Queos.

Click Bex and see the sail past in 3 minutes



The morning's weather was perfect for the event, warm sun and light breezes enabled the Club President Roger Little and a host of past Commodores to enjoy the spectacle from the Quay. Fortunately the breeze was sufficient to pay out the signal flags from the newly renovated Club Signal mast to spell out FLUSHING S C 100.

The afternoon was cloudier but the breeze filled in and we enjoyed a cracking race and excellent course out in the Carrick Roads with 11 classes of yachts competing for a glass trophy and bottles of bubbly.

For the club the emphasis had to be on the water borne events rather than shore-side entertainment due to Covid restrictions. Although our brand new club house was open, we could not have the full-blown celebration that we had hoped for. Nonetheless we are planning to do so when we can, after all this is our Centenary Year. We will continue to sell our amazing Centenary Brochure and items of logoed clothing throughout.

Photos of the event have been on show in the Club and on Bex Chamberlain's website.

For Centenary brochure and merchandise, see FSC website or speak to Derek Hill.

Racing: It is heartening to hear tales of competitiveness in our racing even if sometimes it has got a bit too heated. Unfortunately, our volunteers have had to face some criticism and I am appealing for everybody to be appreciative of the hours that they put in both on and off the water.

We are all volunteers trying to give competitors the best experience that we can. A little reminder about Rule 96 which states that After rounding the first mark, boats shall not pass through the start line in either direction. The penalty should be disqualification.

This rule was clarified in the latest version of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Happy Sailing

Gaye

More Photos of the club sailing events and celebrations can be found on Bex's web site <https://www.fsc-centenary-regatt.bexchamberlainphotography.co.uk/>

Firebird Champ[ionship 2021

See the Firebird championships in less than 3 minutes. Click the picture.



See more photo's on the Firebird web site

<https://falmouthfirebirds.co.uk/firebird-2021-championship-windward-leeward/>

The Charity race Tuesday 13 July raised £517.42 on aid of the RNLI. Falmouth branch who are very grateful.

Lifeboat action

13 July Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat be launched to provide assistance in the medical evacuation of a person suffering breathing problems in a remote cottage at Penperth Creek off the River Fal.



16th July Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched to evacuate a person with an injured knee from a yacht anchored off Penarrow Point in the Carrick Roads.

12 July Inshore Lifeboat launched to assist a 5m motorboat with one adult and two children on board which had reported engine failure off Frenchman's Creek in the Helford.

24th June Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched to an Open Boat reporting that they had broken down off Portscatho. The boats outboard engine had failed, and the boat was too far offshore to row back in the prevail conditions.

Report of unmanned Kayak and debris Friday 11 June 2021

Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched following reports from a passing Fishing Vessel that it had spotted an unmanned Kayak and debris on the beach to the east of St Anthony Lighthouse.

. It was quickly established that the occupant of the kayak was camping out on the beach and their wellbeing was confirmed.



Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched following a call from a Drascombe Lugger with three people on board which had reported being aground at Greatwood near Mylor Harbour.

Two of the occupants were ashore while the third person was in the water holding the boat. The casualties were put back on board the boat before it was towed off the shore. It was then taken to Mylor Harbour where it was safely secured.

18th June Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched following a call from a local pleasure ferry which had reported rescuing a child on a paddle board which was being blown out of the mouth of the Helford. The child and their paddle board were returned to Grebe Beach where they were safely landed.

17th June All Weather and Inshore Lifeboats launched to assist in the search for a diver who had been reported overdue whilst diving a wreck 2.5 miles SSE of St Anthony Lighthouse. A long search ended with nothing found. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the missing diver at this very difficult time.



22nd June Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched following a Pan broadcast from a passing yacht which had spotted a swamped sailing dinghy with two persons on board off Greeb Point in Gerrans Bay. The yacht was standing by the dinghy and had recovered one of the casualties who had suffered a hand injury. The injured casualty was transferred from the yacht to the Inshore Lifeboat and given medical attention, before the swamped dinghy with the other casualty on board was towed back into Portscatho where they were safely

landed. Later At 16:16 Falmouth Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched following a call from the NCI Lookout at Nare Point reporting a yacht aground on August Rock, at entrance to the Helford Estuary. Once it was confirmed that all was well on board the yacht the Inshore Lifeboat assisted in deploying an anchor before advising the skipper the best route clear of the rocks. The yacht was safely re-floated and continued its passage later that evening, the skipper contacting the lifeboat station the next day to thank them for the assistance given.



27th June Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat was afloat in Falmouth Inner Harbour carrying out crew assessments when Coastguard requested that they assist a yacht whose skipper had suffered a hand injury. The yacht was escorted to a visitors mooring. The casualty and their partner were transferred to the Inshore Lifeboat and was taken to the Visitors pontoon to make their own way to seek medical attention at the local Minor Injuries Unit. The casualty had injured their hand on the yachts windless.

Wanted, more bar help
This could be YOU



PoFSA (@falmouth_sailing) • Instagram photos and videos



You can find more details of the proposed racing on the Falmouth Sailing Week website (www.falmouthweek.co.uk.) The Notice of Race is on there now. Your Race Officers will be Nigel Sharp (Carrick) and Chris Davis (The Bay).

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