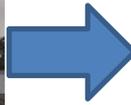


Early Season Mainsheet

News from Flushing Sailing Club

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Stop Press

4th April Racing does not start.

All FSC club events are cancelled
until further notice.

The FSC sailing programme will be reset at some time in the future. The prepared Skippers and ROs briefing with PowerPoint slides will be presented at a meeting before sailing can restart. Information has been received that most Marinas and boatyards and moorings are being closed making it impossible to launch most boats from winter store. Your officers hope to publish newsletters frequently with updates as situation develops.

Print this Main- Sheet off
and get 8 sheets of toilet
paper

Best Read before using!

Acknowledgements to Private Eye



Introduction from your Caretaker Commodore: Gaye Slater

Greetings from your new Commodore, albeit in a caretaking capacity as we were unable to run the AGM.

At this time when we are scuttling indoors away from COVID-19, it is hard to imagine much happening for quite a while. We have had guidance from the RYA, clubs are cancelling events and reviewing the situation as things develop. The Falmouth Sailing calendar that I so optimistically compiled as PoFSA Hon Sec has already seen some significant cancellations such as Falmouth Classics and at least one village regatta. The advice is to read our newsletters, which will most probably be more frequent, and watch the club and PoFSA websites. Nonetheless we will pull through and get sailing again. Falmouth's premier sailing event, Falmouth Sailing Week is still on the cards and that is something to which we can look forward.

The future

Those of us working on the rebuilding project will continue our efforts. although we will need to suspend some of our initiatives until a more appropriate time. Thank goodness for modern means of communication.

When we started out on the project, we drew up a Development plan that has been on the website for some time. It shows that FSC has benefitted from having a reputation for organising quality racing events and robust financial management. In fact, the latter really struck me when I first joined the Committee and there was a group intake of breath when I suggested spending money on new blinds for the clubhouse! In true FSC style the blinds were installed at very little cost by willing volunteers. With continued careful management, care to keep overheads down and our Charitable status we can weather this latest storm.

For the future we envisage our club as a venue that will attract more members, particularly among the young, along with greater facility use. Fancy a pint and a yarn after Friday night racing? We would like to open up on Fridays if there is enough interest. We will always be a sailing club but none of us are just sailors. Many club members come from the local community and the proposed new building that has grabbed the imaginations of donors in the area, will be a great benefit to Flushing Village too. We have members who are also Gig rowers and we are working towards forging a link with the Gig Club.

Volunteering:

FSC always values our volunteers from the Managing Committee and Trustees through to Saturday afternoon cakes and teas. There is always room for more, no

matter how small the contribution. This winter we had an excellent programme of talks organised by Jenny Jakeways, a hard act to follow but follow we must. If you have suggestions about the programme from helping to find a willing organiser or a potential speaker please contact any of the Committee or Trustees listed in this newsletter.

A little bit about me:

Just in case you don't know this! I was born in Nairobi, Kenya towards the end of the colonial era. Aged 3, my godfather photographed me toting my Dad's gun that he had to protect himself and his linesmen from the Mau Mau. My parents always sailed and as children we had no option but to join in, so that, when I went to University it had to be Southampton and when I got my first teaching job in Hertfordshire, I headed for Welsh Harp under the North Circular Road. Things started to look up when I got my second teaching post in St Austell, qualified as an RYA Senior Sailing Instructor and started taking children sailing after school in St Austell Bay. Dan Tregaskes and I often reminisce about Sponsored Night Sails and Sailing Camps.

However, one Saturday I was on Flushing Quay at the start of the racing and experienced the spectacle of spinnakers cracking as they filled. That was it, I wanted to do that! It was a mistake to ask one of the male participants on my Instructors' course how I could get involved. It was not for women. This was the early 1980s. Fortunately the crew that I got involved with were more enlightened and I sailed with John Murrell for the best part of 30 years. It was challenging and great fun to crew on that ratings bandit Macavity. More recently my balance has deteriorated and getting involved in FSC and POFSA has given me an interest in Race Management. I have always assisted my skippers with Race Officer duty and done stints on Committee Boats during Falmouth Sailing Week, Classics and FSC's Tuesday racing.

I hope that by being Commodore of FSC I can put back some of what I have gained from sailing in this wonderful harbour.

Due to extraordinary events taking place as this newsletter was being produced the reviews of Club winter talks will be published in coming newsletters

A report from the Clubhouse funds committee.

Your committee are continuing to work on raising funds and may have identified now possible sources. More information in the coming newsletters.

Lottery News.

Hi folks, I'm pleased to say that even Covid 19 cannot interrupt lottery proceedings.

The March draw has taken place and the winners are: -

Charlie Choak, Andrew Lamming and Steve Walker.

Keep watching this space, there are still 5 more draws to go and 15 more winners to be announced.

I am still holding prizes for the following: - Steve Walker, Stephen Miles, J Laity, James Parker, Martin Brooks and Nick Voller.

These prizes can be collected from me, Len Cheshire, when club re-opens or by contacting me on 01326 340425.

A big thank you to the winners who have donated their prizes to the building fund, and good luck to you all for further draws.

Sailing News.

Racing

The following events in addition to FSC events have been confirmed cancelled because of the current situation: -

FSC Barrel regatta, (when this happens, I'm told there will be free beer. ED)
Point and Penpol regatta Sat. 6th June,
Classics Regatta Fri. 12th to Sun. 14th June.

Watch the web site, Facebook and newsletters for further updates.

RO & Skipper briefing. Has been thoroughly prepared by John Hicks and will now be presented when conditions allow before a programme of sailing commences complete with comprehensive notes and PowerPoint slides.

The previously prepared Handbook with sailing instruction will soon be sent to members and competitors with the membership cards. There are important new harbour rules to be followed in future. You are asked to pay particular attention to rules 2,7,9 and appendix B and the mooring restrictions chart.

The RYA Safetrx App has now replaced the CG66, formerly submitted to HM Coastguard. Competitors should download this app free from either the Apple store or Google play and ensure that their boats are registered.

Talk by Alex Davis 10th march Racing Rules of Sailing workshop

Alex Davis initiated a lively interaction of questions and answers on the Racing Rules of Sailing focusing on starts, rules and definitions.

Alex spent much of the time on starts; what to do and, more importantly, what not

to do. Inevitably the definitions became important, such as what is an ‘overlap’. In general terms we all know, but as far as the Racing Rules of Sailing are concerned the term has a precise meaning.

The interaction between the rules and race tactics was an inevitable outcome of the discussions. To develop and use tactics you really need to understand the rules, and be able to recognise and anticipate developing situations.

Malcolm Clarke reports; Thanks to the RYA I've signed the club up to Virtual Regatta (www.virtualregatta.com), which should mean that we can race, albeit on virtual water. More details when Malcolm understands what it's about.

Harbour Master and Chief Executive to bow out

Following a distinguished career with Falmouth Harbour Commissioners (FHC) spanning more than 28 years, long standing Harbour Master and Chief Executive, Mark Sansom, has announced that, at the end of 2020, he will be retiring from his role

Explaining his decision Mark said: “I am hugely privileged to have been employed in this role for such a long time. During my 28 years with FHC I have been fortunate enough to be involved in many exciting projects and have worked with many incredible people. I feel the time is right though for me to make a change and adjust my work life balance. I look forward to making myself useful in other ways in the future and will leave knowing that the organisation is in good shape and well placed to exploit upcoming opportunities.”

Inez's Chicken at sea recipe:

(Tastes the same coming up as it did going down)

Chicken and mushroom casserole, Chicken pieces, 1 tsp paprika powder, 1 tsp mustard powder, oil, one chopped onion, Handful sliced button mushrooms, one can tomatoes, ½ Chicken stock cube.

Coat the chicken pieces with the paprika pepper and mustard.

Heat the oil in a large pan and cook the chicken gently to seal and lightly brown it - about 5-10 minutes. Remove from pan. Add onion and cook for about 5 minutes.

Crumble stock cube into opened can of tomatoes. Add mushrooms and tomatoes.

Bring to boil and return chicken to pan. Cover and simmer gently until chicken is tender.

Bon Appetite

Your Caretaker Officers, Committee and Trustees for 2020-2021:

President : Roger Little
Club Trustees: Kaye Price, John Maunder, David Owens, Peter Harvey, Jeanette Hill
Life Members: Harold Martin, Nessie Simcock, Pete Goss, Bill Hunt

Committee & Officers 2020

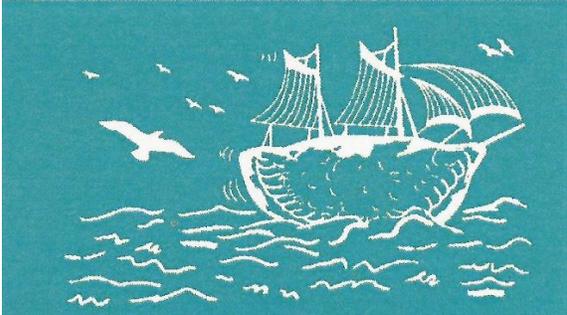
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(and this year you might get more time than you need!)

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Little Changes
Stan Deacon starts the
'Anchors down' in 1984

Wake. The track in the water left by the passage of a boat, or the Ceremony held if that track becomes vertical.

Copy is especially welcome at this time. Please send Letters, Confessions, stories, anything the members would like others to hear send to;-
hydraulicjack@ic24.net

Membership

For those who would like to join and support the Flushing Sailing Club these are the fees.

Application forms available from the website. Payment can be made online or by cheque to the Treasurer. Details on the form.

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

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 still have time. Tom and James, friends of FSC have sent us a 3-minute video of sailing Blue Eye, a Nicholson 32. A Circumnavigation..... for your enjoyment! <https://m.youtube.com/watch?t=1s&v=cBZng4wQrm0>