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Flushing Sailing Club

Mainsheet

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The members' area of the website can be accessed as follows:

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From the Commodore

FLUSHING SAILING CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA
AND SAIL PAST PARADE.

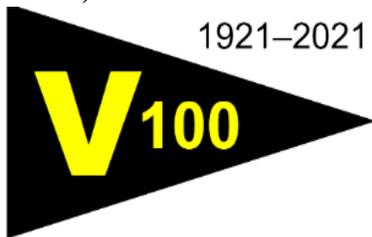
Make a note of this special day in your diary. SATURDAY 19TH JUNE.

Sail past parade commencing 1100 hrs.

Regatta commencing 1400 hrs. All classes welcome.

Both free entry to all. Enter and participate in both and receive a free bottle of sparkling wine for each boat.

Prizes for best dressed boat and best dressed person /crew. (1920's dress/sailing attire).



1921-2021

Support the Club and make this a day to remember for the next 100 years.

Please register your entry on the club race entry form, (special race box)

We don't want you to miss out on sparkling wine or prizes together with a good day out!

Dear Members and Competitors,

Exciting update on the new clubhouse.

Some of you will have noticed that our lovely new building is nearly complete bar normal new building snagging and one or two delayed items. It is truly delightful and a number of people have



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viewed it and expressed their delight and excitement at the prospect of using it.

This is where the BUT comes in. We are still under COVID restrictions and I have just laid my reputation on the line to apply for some Temporary Events Notices (in my name) to tide us over until our Club Premises Certificate is issued, hopefully by the end of May.

Bar and Food: We have stocked the bar with some interesting new variations and primed Denise to provide our catering. You can pre-order via FSC Food WhatsApp (QR Code on website) or text Denise on 07503359743 or take pot luck. Denise has her own card machine.

After 17th May

Hospitality should be possible indoors and outdoors depending on the weather. Again, remaining seated in groups of 6.

Please use a mask as you move around the site to protect each other.

Our Centenary Sail past and Regatta on the 19th June falls within these restrictions but we are planning to celebrate socially as soon as we can after 21st June. As they say normal service will be restored as soon as possible.

By the way have you ticked that box on the entry form? Not sure? Ask Len Cheshire. Likewise with Handicap Certificates, Entry Fees and Forms. We are all volunteers and Len is pulling his hair out!

This is my personal appeal to keep to the rules for just a little longer.

Ever thought of Volunteering?

As we gradually work towards opening up our new building, it becomes obvious that this also provides us with a whole new set of opportunities for the club and our members. We have always prided ourselves that our club is mostly run by volunteers and we benefit from their varied skills sets. Besides these, all you really need is a can-do attitude. We'd like to share these opportunities with more of our members.

The key areas are:

Race Office and Committee Boat:

Recording boats starting and finishing, announcing via VHF, entering and calculating results on Sailwave, Race Management, writing race reports for the Mainsheet. More detail comes later in this Mainsheet.

Race equipment: Maintaining buoys, launch, clearing the slipway and steps.

Clubhouse:

General Building maintenance and development of new projects.

Bar (social hub of the club): serving drinks, chatting, restocking and a bit of clearing up.

Kitchen:

Cakey Tea Rota, Falmouth Sailing Week Tea, sundry catering events, ideas welcome.

Club Administration:

Accounts, Communications with the members, competitors and their crews, Membership renewals records, contributions to the Mainsheet, Committee and Trustee work (n.b. making decisions about the club's future).

Social media:

Covering club events on Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp.

If I have missed anything off please let me know. As you can see there are loads of opportunities to get stuck in and be part of our club!

Contact any of the Committee Members, details on the website or in the SI book.

Gaye Slater Commodore FSC CIO

Sailing Committee

Important Notice

The IRC Challenge Cup Series Due to the extremely low number of entries, the decision has been taken to cancel the first two events in the IRC Challenge Cup Series. The events cancelled are the ones scheduled for May 23rd and May 30th. Please note the FSC/COGS Gull Rock Manacles Race will still be run on 30th but will no longer be incorporated in the Challenge Cup Races: COGS entries can be made on the COGS website. Boats in Q, E, U and W classes that have paid a block entry or the single event entry are eligible to compete in the Flushing Club race. It is proposed to run the Challenge Cup Event on June 27th as a standalone one day event. A new NOR with entry form will be published on the website shortly. Finally, to the six boats that entered and to the volunteers, organisers and sponsors of the event please accept our apologies. We appreciate your goodwill and hope we can look to your co-operation in the future. Notice to all competitors' Special races are not included in block entry as noted on the entry form. These races must be entered and where applicable the appropriate fee paid.

New Class

To take effect from June 1st:

For boats that want to sail using spinnakers but don't have an IRC certificate we have created a new YTC class. Boats without an IRC certificate who do not want to sail in W the white sail class should enter this new class. The class will be designated "T" class.

T class will start with U class but have their own results. Boats sailing in this class should obtain an SWYTC certificate.

All competitors are reminded that the appropriate class flag should be flown from the stern or the mainsail leech (except M & V class).

Q/E Class split

To take effect from now:

Q and E class will be split as

Q class > 0.945

E class < 0.944

A request from the Race Team

Please fly the appropriate class flag. Start times will remain as in the SIs.

Courses will be as announced by the Race Committee and may differ.

Many boats are not yet displaying the class prominently at the stern of the boat. Racers should be aware that recorders may easily miss racing boats if the class flag is hidden.

West Narrows

The position of West Narrows port lateral buoy has been printed incorrectly. Its printed position is some metres off its true position. While this shouldn't be much of a problem for us, it might mislead larger vessels. If you load the position of marks into your GPS, change the longitude to 005 02 07W.

Entry Forms

Did you read the notice of race and the entry form before entering, many competitors have made a block entry but have failed to enter for any special racing; Particularly The IRC challenge Cups and The Centenary Regatta.

The IRC Challenge Cups comprise two days of windward/leeward followed by a regatta course and an offshore race. (subject to change ed,)

The NOR and SI's are on the web site as well as the club entry form. Don't delay if you want to compete. Entries close soon.

The Centenary Regatta and sail past on June 19th is open to all and is free. All boats entering and completing both events qualify for a celebration bottle. Pre entry is required so the bottles don't run out. Don't wait. Do it now, just tick the boxes on the club entry form and submit it. No fee required for this event.

More Good News.

From Friday 14th May the FSC launch will be running to assist competitors racing with RCYC. The Club house will be open and serving spectators and competitors. (subject to Covid restrictions). Come and see us and get the best view/ service in the harbour.

Be aware

The FSC Sailing Calendar as printed in the SI booklet contains at least one mistake: The Village Regatta on Saturday June 5th is the Loe Beach Regatta (Feock & Pill Creek), while the Point and Penpol Regatta takes place on June 26th.

Race Support Volunteers

Flushing Sailing Club is a friendly community run by its Members, who enjoy sailing, enjoy watching sailing, or watching others enjoy sailing. Our volunteers are the centre of the Club and to be frank, the Club wouldn't be here if they didn't offer their services that we all benefit from. Why do they do it? 1) it is enjoyable, 2) there is pleasure in helping others enjoy sailing, 3) it is a chance to meet and work with many fabulous people.

Let me introduce you briefly to the jobs that the Race Team do:

Race Organisation

The Race Officer is the king pin on race day. He/she will oversee the racing from beginning to end. They will determine whether the conditions are suitable for racing, check the traffic movement with the Coastguard, set the courses for each class based on wind strength and weather, supervise the racing, look out for correct starts, make decisions on shortened courses, log the details and ensure that all starters have all finished.

Recorders

Their job includes noting the sail numbers of all the boats that turn up on the water for racing, identifying the class they plan to race in and counting the number of starters for each race. They also record the finish time of each boat as they cross the line, noting boats that don't finish.

VHF Operator

The radio operator is the liaison between the Race Officer and the Competitors, passing information onto the racers about courses, warning signals, start times and signalling the start of the race.

Results calculator

At the end of the race, the finish times are input into Sailwave, which is the software we use to produce the results for races and each series. The details about each boat including their handicap and fleet are used to identify the boats sailing and after the finish times have been entered the results can be calculated, printed off and uploaded onto the Club website.

Volunteers may be in the Race Office in the Clubhouse or on the Committee boat and we use a rota system to ensure that we have enough people to enable us to deliver a good service to our competitors. If you would like to help out with any or all of the above jobs, as often or infrequently as you would like, on land or water, let us know and we can arrange for you to shadow one of our team to see if you would like to join our gang.

Contact Sue Clark on 07939098190 or sprue2222@yahoo.co.uk

Firebirds

There is a new Firebird website - www.falmouthfirebirds.co.uk – and there is a boat available for sale locally and prospective new crew are always welcome,

Many thanks

Steve

Lifeboats



Sunday 25 April 2021 Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat was called to Flushing Ferry that had issued a Pan broadcast reporting that the engine on the 10m ferry had failed and was adrift with one person on board. off the Prince of Wales Pier. All Weather Lifeboat was requested to launch to assist and towed to its Flushing mooring.

25th April the Inshore Lifeboat launched to assist an 8m yacht with three people on board which had reported having a fouled propeller and being adrift in the Penryn River. It was soon assessed that the yachts propeller

was not fouled and the vessel was in fact aground close to the marina channel. The yacht's crew were advised to deploy an anchor and await the incoming tide.

28th April Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched to a 6m Motor Boat with four people on board which had suffered engine failure near Gull Rock in Veryan Bay.

The vessel was towed back to Falmouth Port Pendennis Marina. The vessel had contacted the coastguard using a mobile phone when its engine had failed. Suitable safety advice was also given, especially as the same vessel had been involved in an earlier incident where its radio had accidentally issued a DSC alert.

8th May Falmouth Inshore Lifeboat launched to a yacht aground at Amsterdam Point at the entrance to the Percuil River. A 8.5m yacht was hard aground and appeared to be unmanned. It's believed that the yacht had broken free from its mooring due to the prevailing conditions.



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).

Falmouth Sailing Week has just launched its online entry system for those wishing to enter this prestigious regatta. After winning the British Yachting Awards 2020: Event of the Year, the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association is planning a full seven days of what is hoped will be exciting racing. 14 classes of sailing boat from Shrimper 19's to Spinlock IRC will have an opportunity to enter either of two fleets, The Bay Fleet or The Carrick Fleet. There are 7 day regatta options and 3-Day series available to register for online for Sunbeams, Shrimper 19's and Ajax Classes and for the Bay fleet classes. Day entries can be registered by contacting the race office direct. The middle Wednesday sees the standalone Ancasta Champagne Race together with a newly planned Mainbrace Rum Race for the Carrick Fleet classes.

No payment will be required in the first phase, just a declaration of intent to race which will help the organising committee immensely. There is an incentive for early registration by July 16th. All detail available on <http://falmouthweek.co.uk/sailing-week/> or information from raceoffice@falmouthsailingweek.org

The regatta runs alongside the shoreside events of Falmouth Week from 7th August until the 14th August

A reception is planned for competitors and sponsors on the Saturday evening after the skippers' briefing at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club and regatta teas and prize giving available each day after racing at Helford River Sailing Club on the Sunday 8th August; Mylor Yacht Club on the Monday, Restronguet Sailing Club, Tuesday; The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club on the Thursday, St Mawes Sailing Club on the Friday with final prize giving at Flushing Sailing Club on Saturday 14th August.

Kindest regards

Jane Wright

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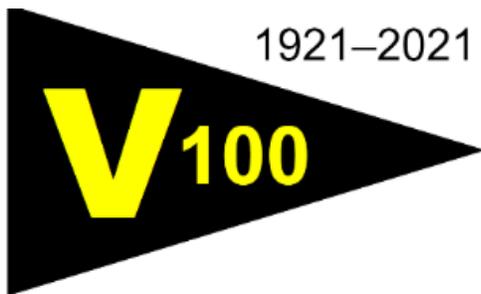
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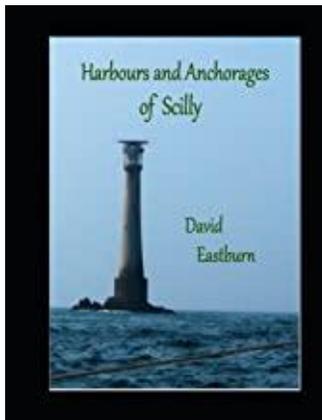
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Extra Information

Harbours and Anchorages of Scilly: A Yachtsman's Guide to the Isles of Scilly.

By David Eastburn



An intimate overview of some eighteen anchorages throughout the islands. David, a long-time Club member, has an unrivalled knowledge of the islands (Scilly boatmen excepted, of course!) gained over some sixty years of sailing to the islands in a variety of yachts from shallow draft multi-hulls to his beloved El Animado, which had a draft of over two metres.

Apart from clear and simple directions, this little book has advice on provisioning and what to bring in the way of clothing and documentation when sailing a small boat. A 'must read' for anyone visiting the wonderful Isles of Scilly.

David can arrange to offer club members the book at £10 instead of the listed price of £13.99? I Since he would need to order them specially he would need to know numbers. Contact him at Davebythesea@aol.com