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<http://www.flushingsailingclub.co.uk/>

Flushing Sailing Club

Mainsheet Number 33 early season MMXXII

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

Username: flushingsailing

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From the Commodore

As we move into May and more boats are launched, competition is hotting up. This was certainly evidenced by Q and E Class start in Race 2 of Choak's Pasty Series.

I am sure that, for some time, Trigger's Broom will continue to get stick (no pun intended) for wrapping the pin mark around their keel, rather like Aries did last season for going trawling with the spinnaker.

The Committee Boat Team (alias Team Flushing) and RO Alastair White were put on their mettle as the AP flag went up and the script changed. It was to their credit that racing resumed so quickly, so a big thank you to Team Flushing.

This brings me to the point. One of our strengths at Flushing is that our skippers and their crew are given the opportunity to take part in Race Management by undertaking Race Officer Duty. We ask skippers to bring along crew members not just for a jolly and free first place but to gain an understanding of what goes into organising racing. We also need some extra muscle to manage the Committee Boat. So please do bring your crew along. Their photos will also be welcome.

Choak's Pasties Series

This will be the last as Charlie is selling his business to put his feet up. As a Club, we wish to thank Charlie for all his support in sponsoring this series of races and providing prizes. My Choaks Pasties series polo shirt will now go up in value! We are only too glad that Charlie continues to support us by being President of FSC.

The Mainsheet

We have been so fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of Jack Penty's skills and knowledge to compile and edit our newsletter. He started it before Covid and continued because he felt that it helped to keep the club together. He would now like to pass the mantle on and so we are looking for a kind volunteer. Please let us know if you or a crew member would like to be involved, it doesn't need to be one person.

Flushing Food QR code

As this seems to be causing problems, please could we ask you to try the version on the club noticeboard or ask me to invite you?

(gaye4fsc@gmail.com)

Racing news

Tues 19 COCKWELLS Tuesday Pursuit series*

Sat 23 MYLOR CHANDLERY Pursuit series ends*

Tues 26 COCKWELLS Tuesday Pursuit series ends*

Sat 30 SKINNERS Saturday points series starts.



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A message to 'U' class

A Race report from U Class Skippers Class Captain Garth Weaver follows,

It was great to see 6 U Class boats on the starting line for the first of the Committee Boat starts. The RO chose a great course and the light northerly breeze held up and provided some very close racing, with the first 4 boats all finishing within 26 seconds on corrected time. Congratulations goes to Bellatrix who pipped A Little Trifle by a mere 3 seconds!

6 boats were on the start line again for the 2nd race of the Choaks Pasties Series. The Committee Boat anchored off the St Just shore at a sensible distance and we were greeted with somewhat blustery conditions that kept crews on their toes.

The start was delayed due to Q/E Class misbehaving themselves resulting in a general recall and Triggers Broom deciding to give the pin a tow up the Carrick Roads - more below. Eventually the AP was dropped and we were off with a beat up to Gate then a tight reach down to Carricknath, followed by a beat up to Pendennis then a broad reach down to CN again before the long beat back up to the Club Line having left Black Rock to starboard and passed through the gate. The conditions suited the Folkboats' with Aries finishing 3rd (even with their Skipper absent) and Bellatrix the clear winner some 1min 24 secs ahead of Chiot Noir on corrected time. Congratulations again to Bellatrix who looks unstoppable going into the final race of the Series next week.



Enjoy the Gif at Triggers expense! 😊

Looking ahead it is the annual Gull Rock Manacles Race on Sunday 29th May 2022 which would be great to support it as U Class and hopefully we will see a few more boats on the starting line next week as June is approaching rapidly.

Garth Weaver
U Class Captain

POFSA Things

Jane Wright (Sponsorship & Publicity Coordinator) writes:- It would be marvelous to start sending in weekly race reports from the clubs to the Falmouth Packet Newspaper and the West Briton group of local newspapers. It was a feature of the sports pages but has sadly fallen off the back pages. If any of your club members would like to write up a roundup of events and attach a good quality image of not less than 5mb then send these to:

thomas.harris@newsquest.co.uk for the Packet and to scott.harrison@reachplc.com who is the weekly newspaper editor for the print versions of The West Briton, Western Morning News, Cornishman and Cornish Guardian.

Their deadlines are Monday morning. It is easier for them to have the editorial or round up of the race within the body of an email. If they have to open Word files then they might pass over it!

You can list the winners of each class, Boat name and skipper: members love to see their names in print. And/or include a brief round up of the evening's race as the general readership won't be interested in a long list of names.

Club things

Membership Secretary: Sue Clark

Membership

Membership Categories (Membership forms on page 8 Print a copy if necessary)

Household: 2 adults and children up to 25 years – £95

Single: Adult 18 years or older – £65

Racing Skippers: 2 adults and children up to 25 years, plus all FSC series racing. (Special events may require an additional Race Entry fee). Where appropriate, IRC & YTC certificates must be received 48 hours before your first race. – £175

We would still like you to fill in a membership form, just to ensure that we have your current details. Find the form linked on the Club's website Flushing Sailing

Payment can be made by bank transfer to: Flushing Sailing Club, Sort Code 30-98-97, Account No. 32308063, (use your full name as reference) or by cheque payable to Flushing Sailing Club.

Falmouth Sailing Week

The online entry form will be up and running this Saturday, April 2nd for Falmouth Sailing Week Here's a link to the Falmouth Packet article Falmouth Sailing Week under starter's orders once again | Falmouth Packet And to the Race Management page on the website where the form will go live. Race Management - Falmouth Week

There are 21 classes available to enter this year, organised in 2 fleets over the 7 days of Falmouth Sailing Week, including 5 classes for dinghies. If competitors enter before July 15th they will enjoy a £50 reduction in entry fees! Always pays to be an early bird!

This issue Race yachties test. It's not the french flag but the lady might be fishing for something. Look it up!!



Harbour News

The sharp eyes of some members will have noticed that in the Notice to mariners No 2 of 2022 the harbour has stated two slightly different positions for the new temporary red mark . In fact my GPS measures it at 50 deg 09.328N 005deg02.559W abou 150 metres SE of the charted position.

From Falmouth and Ocean Conservation Trust

Raising awareness of sensitive marine habitats

Sensitive marine habitats of seagrass and maerl have been marked using buoys by Falmouth Harbour with the Ocean Conservation Trust and their main partners Plymouth Gin.

<https://www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/environment/protect-our-harbour/>

Above the water a clear line of new marker buoys will show watercraft in Falmouth Harbour and Bay where sensitive areas of seabed are located. Seagrass is deemed a wonder-plant, vital for marine life which depends on its meadows for food and shelter and vital to the health of our seas and the environment as it captures carbon up to 35 times faster than tropical rainforests.

Yet a study by University College London estimates at least 44% per cent of the UK's seagrass has been lost since 1936 with pollution, mining, and farming as well as dredging, bottom trawling, anchoring and coastal development all contributing to the decline.



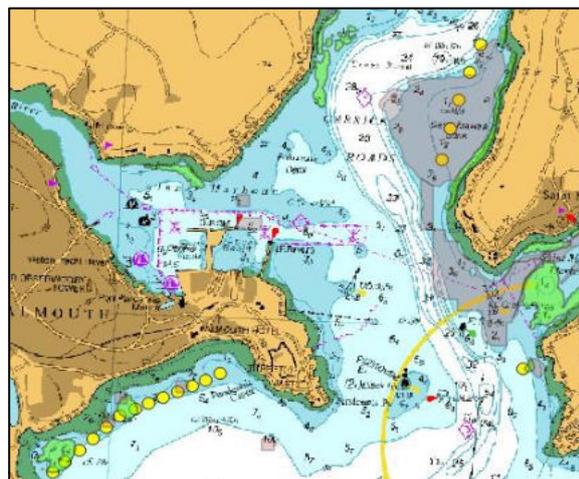
“Boats anchoring over seagrass and maerl beds have a physical impact,” says Falmouth Harbour’s Environment Manager Vicki Spooner, “and since the vast majority of marine leisure users want to do their bit to protect the environment, we hope the new marker buoys will raise awareness of where the sensitive areas are.

“The buoys will replace the seasonal marks already on the water and have the dual impact of delineating to vessels where other activities are taking place as well as the sensitive seabeds. Specifically, along Falmouth’s Swanpool,

Gyllyngvase and Castle beaches they’ll show

where swimmers, kayakers and stand-up paddle boarders – are likely to be active and mark the 4-knot limit.

These additional buoys should really help with managing safety in Falmouth Bay.



A letter asking for help.

A Hello,

I'm currently undertaking a Masters research project looking at the relationship between recreational boat users and seagrass conservation in the Fal and Helford SAC. This project is survey-based and I'm looking to collect as many responses as possible for my data collection. I've already got a little poster up in the club and have actually just started racing on Tuesdays and Saturdays with two of your club members! However, I'd also really like to come along to some social events to have a chat with people about my research - if this is ok with you! I was just wondering if you could recommend a few good times for me to come by? A few of the other clubs in the area have also sent a little something around to their members emails including a short description of the project and the link to the survey - if you're also happy to do this I can send it over.

Many thanks,

Katie Miskin Miskin, Catherine <cfm205@exeter.ac.uk

RCYC Isles of Scilly Meet: 2-4 June 2022

An event to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Club's 150th Anniversary

An invitation for Flushing SC to join the festivities

An event to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Club's 150th Anniversary

In 1980 the Club held a Meet in New Grimsby Sound, between Tresco and Bryher in the Isles of Scilly. The conditions were ideal, and we held a drinks party on a raft formed by the Flag Officers' yachts. We planned a similar Meet the following year but the weather was against us, so we met in the River Yealm instead. Club Meets have been held elsewhere since, including in France, but we have never returned to Scilly as a club – at least, not until now.

This year marks not only our 150th Anniversary Season but also the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The tides are ideal; the tidal stream turns fair off the Lizard at about 9am on the Thursday morning, neaps prevail during the weekend, and the Lizard stream turns westward late on the Sunday and Monday afternoons. There are no special racing events over the weekend, so we hope the racing and cruising

fleets will merge for the occasion. The augurs are favourable too, and should the weather not serve, we'll meet elsewhere – Plan B is to aim eastward, plan C to meet at Turnaware.

The plan is aimed around those who have not sailed to the islands before. The fleet would aim to be off the Lizard around 9am on Thursday morning and sail in company to the islands, arriving there early in the evening with ample daylight left. We would anchor or moor off St Mary's on Thursday evening, spend the day there on Friday, and barbecue on a beach, preferably on one of the other islands, on Saturday, with a view to sailing home in company on Sunday, though some may prefer to spend more time in the islands and return later.

Here is a link to the outward passage plan More details later, but expressions of interest would be welcome – email admin@royalcornwallyachtclub.org .





Membership Form & Race Entry 2022



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS
Household and Single Members do not need to complete pages 3 and 4.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Household** £95
2 adults and children up to 25 years
- Single** £65
Adult 18 years or older
- Racing Skippers** £175
2 adults and children up to 25 years, plus all FSC series racing. (Special events such as Village Regattas may require an additional Race Entry fee). IRC & SWYTC certificates must be received 48 hours before your first race.

MEMBER DETAILS

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Partner Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Children: (name and date of birth)

DONATE TO OUR CLUB DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are raising money for our Club pontoon project. £

CHARITY RACE DONATION

Charity Race donation (qualifies racing skippers entry to the Charity Race Prize). £

Total £

GIFT AID

Flushing Sailing Club CIO is a registered charity. Please tick this box if you pay UK tax and would like to add Gift Aid to your donation.

DECLARATION

I/we hereby apply for membership of the Flushing Sailing Club and agree to comply with Club Rules and the current Policies, Byelaws and Regulations of the Club.

The Flushing Sailing Club has a Data Privacy Policy which can be found on the Club website: www.flushingsailingclub.co.uk. Your data will be stored and used in accordance with this Policy.

Please tick this box to indicate that you give permission for Flushing Sailing Club to hold and use your data for legitimate interests, managing the race entries and race results and that photos and videos of race entrants and their boats and crew may be used on the Club's website, social media pages and in press releases.

Signature Date

Payment
 Send form to the Membership Secretary at Flushing Sailing Club, New Quay, Trefusis Road, Flushing, TR11 5TZ. Payment can be made by bank transfer to: **Flushing Sailing Club, Sort Code 30-98-97, Account No. 32308063**, (use your full name as reference) or by cheque payable to **Flushing Sailing Club**. Scanned Membership Forms can be sent to flushingsailing.membership@gmail.com

Official membership form and race entry can be found on this link;
http://www.flushingsailingclub.co.uk/pdf/membership_form.pdf



FALMOUTH SAILING WEEK

Saturday 6th - Saturday 13th August 2022



20 classes to enter

Racing in 2 fleets

Over 7 days

BCP Res. ClunkerLyn Photography

Including dinghies!

For IRC performance yachts through to traditional, gaff-rigged boats to the smallest dinghy

The organising authority is

The Port of Falmouth Sailing Association on behalf of

Helford River Sailing Club | Mylor Yacht Club | Restronguet Sailing Club |
Royal Cornwall Yacht Club | St Mawes Sailing Club | Flushing Sailing Club

Featuring the stand alone Ancasta Champagne Race and the Mainbrace Rum Race

For information and to sign up:
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 E: raceoffice@falmouthsailingweek.org | T: 07555 574308

