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# Flushing Sailing Club

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

**Username:** flushingsailing

**Log In:** Contact the club secretary

## Storm Damage at Flushing SC

See pages 10/11 for more pictures



### From the Commodore

As the racing season draws to a close it is time for Wash Ups and planning sessions for next year. At FSC we have had our Wash Up meeting and the calendar for 2022 is being compiled.

**The Annual Prize Giving including prizes for 2020 will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> November, Bar open from 19.00.**



Over this season we have been delighted by our new clubhouse and the possibility of sharing it with so many different people. Now we are pleased to announce that Flushing Sailing Club has been chosen as one of the RYA South West region finalists in the RYA and Yachts & Yachting Club of the Year Award 2022.

Voting for this opens at the end of October and we will be publishing links for voting in due course. Our volunteers should be very proud of this achievement.

### **What is FSC?**

Our club is more than just a place for like-minded people to meet over a beer and swap tales about 'derring-do' on the water, it is a place where people grow and can develop new skills or even show off and share the ones they have.

### **Don't feel shy, if you want to get involved do it, especially if you have good IT skills! You could help:**

Manage Racing or announce courses on the radio: You too could be talking to sweetheart!

Keep the Race Office rota running: put up the flags and much, much more beside!

Run the bar or suggest a new drink: Jack loves his muddy water!

Do Saturday Teas or just offer to make a cake: Working Boat crews love carrot cake!

Maintain the website or write an article for the Mainsheet: It's easy, honest!

Contribute to or organise the winter programme: There have been some hard acts to follow but we all need a challenge.

Develop the SI book and club calendar: Finding typos come as an extra!

Gather in the trophies and arrange Prize Giving: It's not all cleaning cups!

Chase membership renewals and welcome new members: What could be more sociable?

Coordinate our launch driver, keeping the fuel topped up.

Clear the slipway: Such a good work out who needs circuit training?

Management Committee and Trustees: It's not all about endless meetings.

Recruit volunteers to all aspects of club activity: Please don't run off when the Commodore approaches you!

Our Tuesday evening talks are off to a fine start with Mark Milburn's underwater photography, Vicky Spooner's Eel Grass project and Annie Sibbert's Fish preparation. All are timely reminders to think carefully about what we put in the sea.

### **Many hands make light work?**



This is so true when crewing in a keelboat race. This is why we are trying to help bring new participants into our sport. We are also trying to support skippers who say that they have difficulty getting crew.

**Join us on Wednesday 17th November when we are hosting a Beer and Burger evening for students and skippers. Book your burger on Flushing Food Whatsapp.**

**Keep safe  
Gaye**

## **Talks and Events - Winter 2021/22**

### **Octobers Talks** Bar 1930 Start 2000 Hrs

26 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><i>Mike Lazo Gamarra – Machu Picchu “Mikey” will provide a</i>  <b>Live virtual tour of Machu Picchu.</b> <i>He is one of the most experienced tour guides in the Cusco and Machu Picchu area.</i></p>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Talk Subject/Event</b>	
29th October	Arty Williams – Supper Night at the club	
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	TBA	
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Sue Sayer – Seal Sanctuary	
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Arty Williams – Cooking talk <i>and RNLi Christmas card sale</i>	
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Pete Goss -	
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Oliver Tullet – North Coast Wine Co. Wine tasting	
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Emily Stevenson – Plastics in the Ocean	
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party – supper at the club Music – Daisy Clark acoustic singer	
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Neil Andrew – Preparing for the weather routing for the AZAB race	
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Treasure Hunt – 10am start The Moor, Falmouth	
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Steve Jermy – Wave Hub Project	

18 <sup>th</sup> January	Simon Treen, Beer tasting and Brewing	
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Sally Kettle – Rower of the Atlantic	
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Club Supper Singalong	
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Jaws UK? British Sharks. Douglas Herdson	
8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Antarctic Survey and research. Chris Naessens (TBC)</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Adventures on Persephone. Nigel and Karen Goodhew	
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Andy Aston- Cape to Cape overland drive from Africa to Norway	
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Miles Carden- Falmouth Harbour Master	
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Dave Cockwell – Tales from the Cockwells boatyard	
15 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM	



## Racing news

Have you taken an amazing sailing photograph this year.

We are looking for a suitable picture for the cover of next years Sailing Instructions.



The starting line marks are improved.

Please send no more than two preferably portrait pictures to : [mclark2222@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mclark2222@yahoo.co.uk) Some description of the photos would help i.e. what's it of? I won't necessarily be able to identify the boat – (assuming it is a boat). Only one sailing week to go.

If your picture is chosen you will receive 2 bottles of wine. Good luck and keep on snapping.

# Sail Upcycling Network, South West UK

## From the Harbour Master



We are doing a big push the next couple of months on our Sail Upcycling project in the SW, before we roll out our new, bigger platform (\*excited face\*) Would you mind sharing the attached asset with anyone in the area you know that has a newsletter / boat yard / boat yard / marina / other...?! If you have a newsletter yourselves, would also be awesome to include if you could!

Thanks as always for your support!

Corresponding link is here: <https://cleansailors.com/pages/sail-recycling> We've already got a huge van load heading for upcycling, so super if we can scale this in our beloved Falmouth, in particular :)

Sustainability & Falmouth Harbour Newsletter Control+click to open the newsletter link below. <https://bit.ly/3ntbOM6>

Have a super start to your week and please do let me know if you've any questions Sustainability & Falmouth Harbour Newsletter The difference between a traditional swinging mooring and advanced mooring system and the way they interact with the seabed can be seen below. The AMS design uses floats to lift the chain up

away from the seabed to remove or reduce the impact. Blackwater pump out We have installed a black water reception facility. The facility is free to all Falmouth Harbour customers, this includes marina berth and mooring license holders, fuel barge customers and paying visitors (Haven marina or visitor mooring or paid anchorage). There will be a small charge for people who are not already customers. We hope this will encourage people to use the facility. Please call the Falmouth Haven Team on 01326 310990 for further information and to book a slot. The use of this facility by local boat owners will help to reduce the levels of nitrates, phosphates and harmful bacteria in the water keeping our waters clean, productive and pleasant to be around. We have used it for our pilot boats and mooring maintenance vessel and it is simple, quick and easy to use. How you can get involved We would like to understand your thoughts on the above initiatives and also on the local Falmouth Harbour harbour environment and how it can / should be sustainably managed. You can contact Vicki on [eqsm@falmouthharbour.co.uk](mailto:eqsm@falmouthharbour.co.uk) or give the office a call to discuss further.

## **The (Potential) Pontoon Project**



Stage 2 of the Club Development Project is to explore the potential and hopefully deliver improved access from the water to the New Quay. This would be through the installation of a long floating pontoon via an angled bridge. Our current access to the water via the vertical steps at the end of the Quay and the slipway/steps is tidally restricted particularly on low water springs and this impacts on the start of Saturday afternoon racing every other week during the racing season. The success of the new Clubhouse and increased numbers coming by ever larger RIBs and tenders is now restricted by the somewhat difficult water access.

A small team composed of Dave Owens, Peter Harvey and Steve Walker is progressing this plan on behalf of the Club. The ambition/vision is:-

“Improved all tidal state access to the water at the New Quay to maximise access and to facilitate disabled access to the estuary.”



With the agreement of the Trustees and Management Committee specialist consultants, Marina Projects Ltd. have been appointed to undertake the technical aspects of this work. An initial programme which can clearly move in a positive or negative way is set out below :-

#### FSC Pontoon Project - Indicative Project Timetable

Stage	Work	Timetable
1	Site Appraisal	Oct/Nov 2021
2	Feasibility Study & Concept Designs	Dec 2021 -Feb/March 2022
FSC	Report to Annual General Meeting	15th March 2021
3	Pre-Application Consultation	March – May 2022
4	Application Preparation Target Submission	June- August 2022 31st August 2022
5	Post Application/Consultations	Sept – December 2022
6	Post Consent/ Condition Discharge	Dec 2022- April 2023
7	Tender Period/ Appointment/Construction	Jan- May 2023

Such a development will require some three consents from the Marine Management Organisation, Cornwall Council Planning and the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners. Major input will be required from two statutory consultees, Natural England on the ecological aspects and the Environment Agency on flood matters.

Regular updates and more information will be provided at key stages during the development of the project but if you have any questions in the meantime, please email me via [blue2kite@gmail.com](mailto:blue2kite@gmail.com).

Dave Owens.

Sailcloth is tough stuff - it's made from a number of natural and synthetic materials including cotton, polyester and nylon. It is sturdy and durable, being used for a life of adventure in storm force winds, high UV exposure and salty conditions.

While sails are often used for many years before being discarded, they are not formally recyclable and therefore end up in landfill.

We didn't like the sound of this!

Old sails can be made into new things, so we've started a Network to make sure old sails get re-used. We've started our project in the South West of the UK, with Sails & Canvas - the first of it's kind.

The first partner in our network is the super SKB Sails in Falmouth, Cornwall!

How to recycle your old sails

Simply drop your old sails off at SKB Sails loft, free of charge!

Your sails will get collected and given a whole new life as bags, washbags and other products by our partner, Sails & Canvas.

Let's keep our old sails out of landfill!

Further info from SKB Sails, Commercial Road, Penryn.

See what your sails get turned into.

Recycle your  
sails here.



Clean  
Sailors

See [cleansailors.com](http://cleansailors.com) for more info.

## Falmouth Lifeboats



Since the last Mainsheet issue the lifeboats have been called out 10 times to emergencies ranging from lost paddle boarders and medical evacuations to a fire on a yacht off the Manacles. Only two incidents involved yachts. Lives were saved and no life lost.

## Club things

Flushing **centenary logo** clothing is still available. If any one who would like to order and they let me know as soon as possible I will make an order in the next 10-14 days. Could make a nice Christmas present.

Prices are as follows. All in Navy blue and would need to know size required.

POLO SHIRTS	£10.00 EACH
HOODIES	£15.00 EACH
CAPS	£ 5.00 EACH.

This would be the last order for centenary clothing as we are coming to the end of the year. Order from Derek or at the Bar



### Recently joined FSC or re-joined after a break?

Please keep this date free for a New Members' Evening on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

More details to follow in Mainsheet, emails, website and social media.

Flushing Sailing Club CIO is looking for new trustees, can you help? Contact; **Chair of trustees** Peter Harvey [petersharvey@btinternet.com](mailto:petersharvey@btinternet.com) 07836630087 or **Club Commodore** Gaye Slater [gayeslater@btinternet.com](mailto:gayeslater@btinternet.com) 07929365855

# Chance of a free boat

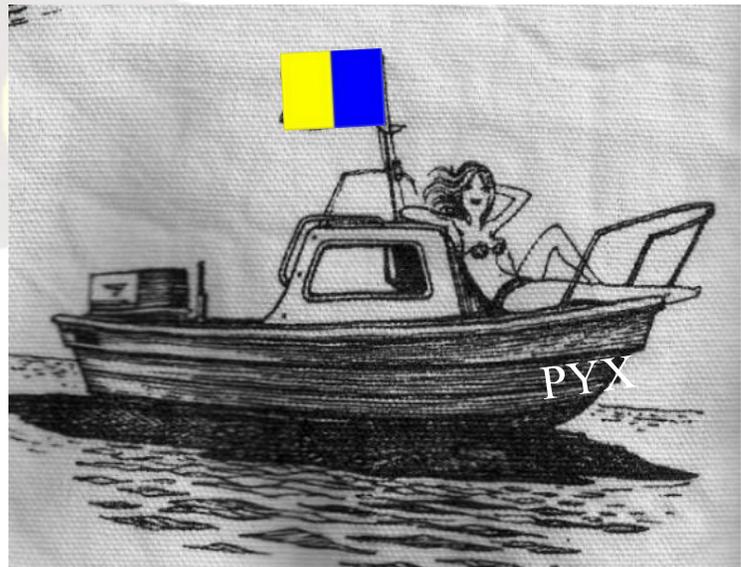


Sue Clark received a letter from a Chris Bowers asking for help to restore a small pram dinghy. Click on the picture and Jeanette explains. Anybody who can help contact the club secretary Sue Clark or the editor.



What is the signal flag single letter meaning?  
(Could be wishfull thinking by the editor)  
Answers to the editor.

A small boat and a suitcase full of money beats a 40-footer tied to the bank every time.  
Anon



## Damage to the Quay Wall

The ferocious storm conditions experienced in the Harbour on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October has unfortunately led to some significant damage.



The gale which saw a gust of 91mph according to the Coxswain of the Falmouth All Weather Lifeboat, caused several moored boats to part their moorings. This included a 35ft ketch which washed straight onto the northern wall of New Quay adjacent to the Clubhouse. Fortunately the Clubhouse was not touched but the steps to the slip way have been badly damaged and are currently out of use. Additionally large two coping stones on this wall have landed up on the slip/seabed and others have been loosened and also damaging the

safety railings.

Insurance companies have been informed and repairs to the Listed Quay wall will now be scoped out and programmed.

Dave Owens

