



FSC CIO

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Club Re-development Project update from Dave Owens

Since the AGM the Development Group has been making strong strides forward on your behalf on several fronts. Firstly as you will have already heard and following some really intense work by Gaye Slater, supported by Barry Kelly and Sue Clark, the Club has been granted charitable status by the Charity Commissioners. In fact the application was of such a high standard that there was none of the anticipated dialogue and clarification process and therefore this success has happened much more quickly than we had dared hope. So now we are able to progress funding applications to the Heritage Fund and potentially the Coastal Communities Fund; much work has already gone into this line of the project and is being led by Ian Jakeways and Peter Harvey. This is alongside the local fundraising efforts being led by Guy English and Len Cheshire. As we are now a charity other funding routes are also now opening up and we are investigating these carefully.

We are also in the very early stages of looking at the viability of a project to place pontoons out into the river during the racing season replacing the "steps and causeway." This is a complex project and currently we are looking at the preliminary costings and the requirements of the licensing and consenting processes. We should say that our priority first and foremost remains on delivering the new Clubhouse.

Thanks to everybody involved in this work effort to date including Committee Members, Club members and indeed some non-members. More updates as we move forwards and please be assured that a very large and professional effort is being made on all elements of these projects.

LOTTERY UPDATE by Len Cheshire

Amazingly the 12th draw took place on 7.5.19. A year gone already!

**LOTTERY FACTS: THIS YEAR 58 PRIZES WERE AWARDED.
45 DIFFERENT WINNERS RECEIVED A PRIZE
50% OF ENTRANTS WON A PRIZE.**

There are still some unclaimed prizes for the following:

James Parker, Peter Stephens, James Smith, J Laity, Martin Brooks And Stephen Miles.

Please see Len any Tuesday in the Club to collect your winnings.

Following the success of this year's lottery and by popular request, it is proposed to hold another one to commence as soon as enough entries are received.

All proceeds go to the Building Fund so enjoy the fun and support the future of your club.

Entry forms are in the Club house and on the website.

Falmouth Douarnenez Twinning by Kaye Price

Friends from Douarnenez came visiting last weekend as part of Falmouth/Douarnenez twinning celebration. They raced with us on Saturday. Here we have the Commodore and the winning teams.



Contribution from Geoff Davies

I am Geoff Davies a new committee member of Flushing sailing club. My aim is to help where I can to move this club forward to meet the challenges of the 2020's

I started sailing in the Sea Scouts in Poole Dorset, in a wooden dingy with canvas sails. Then later after a move to Penzance/Newlyn I worked as a fisherman for 25 years. Operating my own boat, the last boat was a 55ft French trawler. While being a member of FSC I have raced many yachts with some degree of success. Now for the last 20 years I have been sailing Scorpion an old masthead half tonner. We have raced in regattas all over the UK and France.

I was a member of PZ hockey club where we raised $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million from the lottery to build a club house and an astro pitch. So, with this knowledge I hope to help just a little with the plans for a new club house here in Flushing.

I enjoy my sailing and have for the last 5 years or more tried to encourage students from the university and the marine college to crew on Scorpion. This year we have 3 which is good as I find them very keen and I also get them to do all the running around.



One of the ways that I keep myself out of mischief is to recycle old sails to make sail bags so if you have an old sails of any vintage, you will find me in the club or my details are on the website and I will make you a sail bag with your boat number on it.



Scorpion in France at the Half Ton Cup.

Reflections on being a "Boat Tart" by Gaye

Some of you may have noticed that I have been hopping from boat to boat this season, hopefully usefully filling in where needed. So far it has been great fun and I am still learning a lot, not the least new words for some common boat parts. I am not new to this activity and did do one Falmouth Week on Scorpion with Geoff. I know that he also has his own vocabulary which can be very colourful.

Enjoy your sailing.

We're pushing the boat out (mostly Kaye Price)

On Monday May 27th (the late May Bank Holiday) the Club will be pushing the boat out as part of the RYA's campaign to encourage folk out on the water.

It's free, it's fun and everyone is welcome. Just encourage your friends and family to turn up at the Club anytime after 11:30 and we'll find them a buoyancy aid and a boat. They will be teamed up with an experienced sailor and taken out to one of the many yachts which regularly race with the Club. And off they go. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult family member when on the water.

Even if they don't want to sail, but would prefer a chat and refreshments in idyllic surroundings, encourage them to come along. The bar will be open too.

For more information, phone Kaye on 01326 316071.

Changes to Falmouth Sailing Week (mostly David Cunliffe)

First of all, to emphasise the sailing, and avoid any confusion with the shoreside activities, the name of the week has been tweaked a little. It's also an opportunity for you to invest in new apparel which sports the new name.

Activities in the Carrick Roads are very similar to previous years, but there is a significant change to racing in the Bay. A 3 day series for the Bay fleet will run from the Thursday to try and encourage those who find the 7 days of Bay Racing too long both in number and length of days. Getting a crew for the whole Week with that format is a problem. (It's more intensive than the Carrick fleet which has shorter days.) It doesn't stop those who still want to do the whole Week. The other four days are stand-alone days, with prizes for each day. The Wednesday will again feature the traditional Champagne Race.