



We're coming to the end of yet another amazingly good season for the Club: successful club racing, hosting local and regional events, and even quite a bit of sunshine! As well as the regular closely fought Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon races a number of boats have competed further afield in other, sometimes bigger competitions; Half ton cup, Dartmouth Regatta and Cornish Offshore Group Series (COGs).

Thank you to Malcolm and Barry for an excellent photographic record of the racing season on the club website and Facebook. To get an even better representation of all classes and boats racing on Tuesday and Saturday next season please send your fleet's snapshot view (photo) and bitesize comment (good natured banter), immediately after a race to Malcolm Clark to go into the weekly race report. Let's get a true picture of all boats competing and your thoughts might inspire some of our young sailing participants to join our club!



**FSC ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November@8pm**



Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters who have made a great contribution to making it such a successful sailing season



So what are the magic ingredients of our success? We are a hugely varied bunch of folk, many of whom might appear at first sight to have little in common except an affinity for the water, whether on it, in a boat or just enjoying a cool glass of something beside it. But joining a club is very different to say, keeping a boat in a marina or on a private mooring. You become part of a community. Everyone mucks in and the club continues to flourish!

Congratulations to Len, Teresa and Annie Trenoweth. They have had a very successful sailing season racing their Folkboat, Gap Year in U-class. They achieved first place in four of the series; Choak's Pasties series, Hine Downham One and Two and the Seven Stars Autumn Series. Fantastico!!!!

### Gap Year, Nordic Folkboat 705

It's hard to believe that it is 54 years since I started sailing with my brother in a Cadet at Falmouth Docks SC. The Docks sailing club was thriving at this time and my parents were sailing GP 14's. We move on from the Cadet to a Mirror dinghy called Pegasus and eventually started sailing Fireflies at Restronguet SC. The Flying Fifteens had a strong fleet at RSC in the early seventies and I started sailing with Dad in 385 Fflemenco. Things progressed and we travelled the country doing open events to enable us to qualify for the worlds in Hayling Island. By this time my Father and Brother were building Fifteens and had lots of orders as they proved to be fast! Dad eventually bought me my own boat at the nationals and we loaded

her on top of his boat and towed the two boats (one minus a Keel) back to Cornwall behind a 1300cc Toyota!

Teresa and I started sailing together in Firefly 2502 "Cyclone". Her first experience of sailing in Falmouth week was me capsizing her in about a force 5 just by St Just buoy. For some reason she continued to sail with me, and we competed in the club racing at Restronguet. We moved on from sailing Fireflies to an asymmetric Iso dinghy and started competing against Dave and Mandy Owens whom we have sailed against ever since. During this time Dad had moved into the Sunbeam fleet and we spent a lot of time borrowing either Caprice or Bubbly from Dad and from a very generous Roger Little. We eventually

bought Bubbly at around the same time as “Annie” was born. At the time it seemed the right thing to do but after 3 years of renovating Bubbly I did begin to question that decision. However when we started sailing her again we realised why we had bought her, as she performed really well. During the restoration we bought Delilah, a Heard Tosher and started sailing in G class, who, I have to say, are a great class to be part of.

Due to dwindling numbers in the fleet we decided to sell Bubbly and buy a Folkboat. Gap Year had been on the market for some time and was owned by three guys in Southampton who raced her regularly. By this time Annie was able to come with us in the lighter winds and Teresa and I would sail her two handed in the heavier winds. We had some fantastic racing with Popincoota and Wilkie at this time and I can remember the 3 boats tacking up the harbour overtaking each other on every tack. There was never any mention of bias handicaps and everyone had a beer together in the club after. After a Friday evening sail and beer in St Mawes, Mandy and Dave decided it was the boat for them and rushed off and bought “Aurora”. They settled in very quickly and were soon pushing for line honours. Annie by this time was able to sail in any breeze and was especially keen in hard winds. Obviously the sweet box on board did help! She does all the sail controls which makes life much easier going around marks etc. The Folkboat is a great all round boat that can be sailed by 2 or 3 crew and although we do struggle against the GK’S etc in the light stuff, when the

breeze picks up they are a dream. It is the nearest thing we could find to a Sunbeam. To those who think they have a bias handicap, please, do borrow one, and see how you get on.



The fleet has now grown to 5 in number and with lots of interest being shown from some very good helms, from other clubs in the harbour. Currently we don’t feel that we want our own fleet. We all enjoy sailing in “U” class and have made some good friends therein. It is an absolute joy to sail Gap Year with Teresa and Annie and I hope it will continue for many years to come. Our attitude being, sail hard, do the best you can, have a beer, and do it all again next week!



Good Sailing everyone  
Len Teresa and Annie  
Gap Year  
Folkboat 705

Please send your feedback of this seasons sailing; a few paragraphs with photos / videos to Sue Clark so we can include them in future newsletters.

**The November newsletter is particularly important to all FSC members, club sponsors and supporters as you will have the final draft of the club's development plan to view. So don't miss next month's newsletter!**

**We now have Planning consent for the new clubhouse, so keep up to date with our progress and tell us how you would like to contribute to the project!**

As the sailing season comes to an end, boats will be waiting for winter pampering and hopefully you will all be looking forward to the winter programme. If you have not already registered your email with the club then please do so to receive notifications of news and events. Alternatively you can log onto [www.flushingsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.flushingsailingclub.co.uk)

We hope you all agree that the winter programme is indeed an excellent one with something for everyone including talks on local and maritime history, conservation projects, as well as a food demonstration and a beer tasting evening.

Talks this month include;

16<sup>th</sup> Oct. RNLI; Man overboard and lifejacket clinic. Plus RNLI sales.

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Mike Bearcroft talks about his life. The good, the bad, warts and all.

30<sup>th</sup> Oct. History of Cornish Rowing. Flashboat designer and builder Rob Hilder talks about his contribution to rowing

Do make the most of your club this winter; we look forward to seeing you.

If you know of a Shanty group who would be willing to play at our Christmas party (for a small fee) please let me know: [Jenny@jakeways.com](mailto:Jenny@jakeways.com) Tel: 01872 863171

Results for October Lottery draw;

1<sup>st</sup> Gaye Slater

2<sup>nd</sup> Thelma Nicholls

3<sup>rd</sup> Nick Bradley

4<sup>th</sup> Brian Chenoweth

5<sup>th</sup> Jane Murrell

5 draws down and 22 different lucky winners, 7 draws to go and 35 more prizes to come.

Watch this space, it could be you! Good luck everyone and thank you for your support.

We're planning a busy year fundraising for our new clubhouse. So far this year we have raised £3,879 giving a total fundraising and donations of £6,819 - a brilliant effort all round. As you are aware we are a busy committee, but we could do with a few new volunteers with new ideas and enthusiasms. If you feel that you would like to join in and help in the important work of raising funds for our new clubhouse please let us know.

## **FALMOUTH WEEK QUESTIONNAIRE**

The organisers of Falmouth Week are looking to possibly change the week format and are considering:

1. The length of Falmouth Week - should it be 7 days or shorter e.g. 4 days? How could we make this work?
2. What should the format for the racing be - in Carrick fleet? - In the Bay fleet?  
Windward/leeward/Regatta
3. Number of races in the day?
4. Any other suggestions.

Your opinion is important!

Post views on the Flushing Sailing Club Facebook page or contact Gaye Slater our POFSA representative, [gayeslater@btinternet.com](mailto:gayeslater@btinternet.com)



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