



Flushing Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

Winter Talks

The winter evening talks start this month with something for everyone from member's adventures to guest speakers. So, we kick off on 25th September with a talk from Sue Sayer entitled – Astonishing Seal Pups followed by a talk on 2nd October, Preparing for a Regatta; Half Ton Cup and other sailing events from Paul Pullen.

FSC Victorious In Falmouth Week

FSC won the first Inter Club Competition for the Bay Fleet in Falmouth Week! Three boats represented FSC, Atalanta, Hawk and A Little Trifle. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made the prize giving such a success, you know who you are. But a special thank you to Jenny Jakeways who worked so hard to make the Flushing raffle such a fantastic event with so many great prizes donated, over £1000 was raised!

Joint Pursuit Series

The season is drawing to a close but it's not over yet! The FSC/RCYC Joint Pursuit Series starts on Tuesday 11th September; SI's will be on the website in the next few days and start times will be on website at least 24 hours before.

If you don't have a start time get in touch with either Malcolm Clark or Ian Jakeways.

Prize Giving

It is time to think about gathering the trophies back in again, so they can be engraved ready for the annual prize giving on Saturday the 10th November 8pm @ Flushing sailing club. If you received any trophies last year can you, please start dropping them back to the club and taking the time to polish them so they are ready for the next recipient that would be greatly appreciated.

Many Thanks
Dan

Note: We are missing a couple of cups so please check and bring in any even if you have had them for a couple of years. I will put up some pictures soon of the missing ones.

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A Lesson To Be Learnt

My Rescue - By Mike Swingler

As is well known I was rescued on the Wednesday of Falmouth Week by David Mitchell and Simon (Folkboat Aries) when I fell off of our Folkboat Lottie. I was helming and sheeting in after a mark rounding - I still don't know how it happened. But there are some lessons learned. At our age it is quite frightening to find yourself suddenly in the drink, fortunately my lifejacket deployed immediately, so I was not in danger of drowning, but was worried about being run down by other boats.

However all the boats noticed me and kept clear, Aries dropped their jib and inched up to me very skilfully, with a good heave from strong arms they got me into their boat and safety.

Lessons:

I didn't have a crotch strap on my lifejacket and the inflated sections came over my head, making it difficult to lie on my back. I've got one now!

Folkboats don't have guard rails - so always wear a lifejacket, even when it is not windy.

Practice MOB drill, David and crew did it brilliantly, but I doubt whether I could have done it so well.

Radioing for help was well done by our eleven year old crew while Mike Robson was getting control of the boat, but there were two problems. Although it was mentioned in the SI's to use CH69, we hadn't seen it and radioed on CH77 to the Committee Boat. They were doing a start and did not respond. Mike Robson complained about this afterwards and on subsequent days they announced that CH69 was the emergency channel. A RIB had arrived after the rescue, but had been sent to the wrong "Lottie", a working boat. 2 Lotties had made it difficult for the rescue team.

Lottery Draw

Three lottery draws have been drawn and we have had 13 winners! Next draw is September 4th
Any unclaimed prizes can be collected from
Len on any Tuesday night at the club.

August Winners Are
1st Guy English
2nd Mike Rangecroft
3rd Jenny Dean
4th Gaye Slater
5th Martin Brooks