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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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Happy New Year to all our readers.



**May all your
winds be
moderate
and always
favourable.**

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Commodore's Comments

Happy New Year!!!

Welcome in 2015 because the new sailing season is just around the corner – yippee!!!



What a wonderful time was had in December by lots of Club members and potential new members of the future who attended the Children's Xmas party. Corky provided excellent food for both the Children's Party and the Xmas Jolly. A great time was had by all and sincere thanks go to everyone who made everything so successful.

Congratulations to all winners of the Christmas raffle and thanks to the Social Ladies/Gentlemen who worked so hard in pulling it together. With the Creekers playing and wonderful singing by the audience, Christmas celebrations got off to a brilliant start. I hope Santa was kind and delivered all you wished for; the sales are on in case he forgot anything!

January is shaping up to be another busy month for FSMBC with 'paying in days', new induction on the 18th, Green Blue Presentation the 23rd (Environmental solutions for folks afloat), 19.30 start, food available by Gaynor Parker at a nominal fee, Burns Night on the 24th – sold out (taking names as reserve) and the 30th is Games Evening courtesy of John & Pat Fagot. What a great start for the New Year! Be sure to come on down and join in!

See you in the Club House soon!

Cheers

Dee

Grand Christmas Draw

Did you win a prize?

Have you checked to see?

There are many uncollected prizes.

To see if one of them is yours check the list in the bar.

The winning numbers and the description of the prizes yet to be collected are listed so check and collect before the prizes go walkabout.


Forthcoming Events

Happy New Year

NEW YEAR'S EVE
See the New Year in with friends at the clubhouse.
All members plus friends welcome
American Supper so bring something tasty to eat.

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Burns Night
at the club
Saturday 24th January
Food by Corky
 Ticket only

 **The Green Blue**
 Making the environment second nature

Clubhouse Talk
Friday 23rd January
19.30hrs
 on the topic of environmental solutions for folks afloat
 Buffet supper included
£2-50 per head

CLUB GAMES NIGHT
AT THE CLUBHOUSE
FRIDAY 30TH JAN
FURTHER DETAILS FROM
JOHN FAGOT

St Valentine's Night
A night of Fun and Frolics
Saturday Feb 14th
Details from
Ron Hazelwood

Do patronise the bar. Opening times are:

Thursday evening..... 19.30 to 23.00 hours

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Saturday lunchtime..... 12.30 to 16.00 hours

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Sunday lunchtime.....12.30 to 16.00 hours

Lookout for 'Talks' & other events

Galley 12.30 to 14.30 hours

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Do keep a lookout for guest beers and special offers

2015 Paying In Days

Sun. 11th January

11.30-12-30

Sun. 25th January

11.30-12-30

Editorial

Well, Christmas is over!

I assume we are all feeling overindulged with food and drink. I hope all was peace and goodwill at your respective households although, if the image on the front cover was indicative your gifts living up to expectations then, perhaps not.

Perhaps Santa presented you with some impressive gadget which will amazingly transform life on board for you or your crew.

Have you an item on board already that fits that bill? Maybe some amazing bit of electronic wizardry that prevents you ever getting lost again or a battery operated mini whisk that aerates the milk to a meringue of frothy cloud for your favourite cappuccino. It could be the ultimate waterproof trousers or the most comfy socks ever, a battered pan that has lasted decades of abuse and heats your beans like no other pan ever could or the mug that keeps your tea hot in a blizzard, the gas match that works in a gale or the hat that shades you in the blaring sunshine. If you have a favourite item that you would recommend to your fellow sailor do let us know the details through these pages and tell us how it earns its keep.

Many of you will be making your sailing plans for the coming New Year. Some of you may be aiming for foreign parts and others staying locally in the Solent. Do you have a favourite port or anchorage; maybe one that has a friendly drinking or eating establishment nearby? Send me a few words of description or an anecdote about this place and we can share your secret with other cruising folk within the club.

The newsletter is for all of you to read and to contribute articles.

Below is a contribution from an enthusiastic member who found great joy in volunteering for the Bosun's team. An example to us all; the more effort we put in, the more we get out of it.

Happy New Year to you all.



A Duty and a Pleasure

OK, so each year I check the diary waiting for it to come.

You know the feeling. It's fast approaching and you know you have to do it.

This was in my mind as I awoke on a crisp Saturday morning.

It's here!

I am going to have to do my duty. But for the first year in many, what should be a chore became a fun and rewarding experience. With the wise support of Tony Blair, we raked over the Salterns path and also modern politics, local gossip and thoughts on new ways to make duties more rewarding.

Now I'm not sure we will be remembered for new political theory but every time I trundle off to the boat I'll have a wry smile and reflect on a fun morning and the part I played in the awesome new path.

Martin Bouette

MEN ONLY

Matters of Toilet Etiquette

In a casual conversation with our cleaner it was brought to my attention that the state of the Gents left something to be desired. She felt in need of a gas mask and industrial protective gear before attacking the offending pans. "Much worse than the pub loos I clean", were her words. Not being in the habit of frequenting the aforementioned conveniences I assured her I would bring her concerns to the attention of the clientele, just 'in passing' so to speak.

A few words on the matter to a few of our male members brought forth the following from Tony Blair, our regular correspondent from the Bosun's team.

Gentlemen,

Ur-ine the faeces. (I think he means 'You're in the ...err... proverbial' Ed)

Hopefully only a very small number of us haven't been house trained.

Comparing the relative diameter of the orifices (sphincter vs pan) you might be forgiven for assuming the unfortunate offenders have a distortion and malfunction of the anal tract.

What can't be ignored is their inability to engage the brain, the arm, the hand, the brush and the flush.

Perhaps they have the same problem parking their boat.

Maybe a subtle curtain of toilet brushes suspended across the stall door could prompt the little grey cells into activity. (Or maybe the diagrammatic instructions below would do likewise. Ed)

If all else fails, Doggy and Human samples will be sent for DNA analysis and the substantial costs incurred added to the membership renewal. (Would this involve a rule change needing to be 'passed' by the committee? Ed)

If you are a member who bothers enough to read your newsletter you are probably less likely to need guidance in this matter. Maybe we could add the subject to the "debate list" in the bar and hope we achieve some "spin off" in the right direction! " -----did you see what that silly old duffer-----".

Wishing you all a clean crappy Happy New Year.

Tony Blair

Those unfortunates among you who have never been educated in the use of a toilet brush may find the following pictorial guidance information useful. Do feel free to print and cut out the instructions to keep on your person as an 'aide memoire'. If you need assistance in mastering these instructions

feel free to ask the advice of anyone else concurrently availing themselves of the gents' conveniences. Alternatively, see Tony's wonderful suggestion re. 'debate list' at the bar.

I feel sure that at least a few of your male co-members have seen this useful tool in action in the past.

Others may have wandered what it is, and why it is placed in such close proximity to the pan.

Well, now you know—it's NOT a hedgehog on a skewer.

Toilet-Brush Usage Instructions



Very Wrong

Wrong

Almost right

Correct

Rogues' Gallery

An introduction to our Lugger Captain, Tony Cleal.

He had to be coerced into revealing all thus the question and answer format, but watch out, he is obviously keen to press-gang all and sundry into joining the lugger fleet. Check your beer glass lest there be a shilling lurking at the bottom.



Q. How long have you been sailing luggers?

A. Twelve infuriating but rewarding years.

Q. Are they really that hard to sail?

A. No, but if you want to be at the front of the fleet, yes. I've been sailing since I was a child including sailing instructing and transatlantic crossings so I thought I could sail pretty well. But then I got in a lugger and was at the back of

the fleet, not knowing what to do.

Q. How did you manage to start winning races?

A. Apart from the good competitors staying in bed, I copied the set up of the successful racers and followed them round the course gaining useful knowledge about the particular tidal and wind conditions of the creek and to get back in time for the free coffee.

Q. Is there a lot of modification needed to a standard boat to get into winning condition?

A. There aren't many standard boats left as the lugger fleet share ideas and copy each others winning mods. I'm always happy to discuss and help get the best from every boat in the fleet; the racing is more exciting that way.

Q. Sounds like you enjoy tinkering with boats, have you had any training?

A. I'm an engineer and have been bodging my own cruisers since buying Arun Martlet with my wife 17 years ago but I did help my Dad build his own boat as practice before that.

Q. What other sailing do you do apart from lugger racing?

A. None at the moment. Currently, our Sigma 33, Boozeroo, is resting out of the water at Wicor Marine, having been our sailing home for 7 years which ended with an anticlockwise circumnavigation of the UK and Ireland in 2013.

Q. What are your sailing plans for 2015?

A. I'd like to win the Roughay Bowl again next year. This is the pinnacle of the lugger racing calendar although the Pewit Island Race is my favourite race.

Q. Anything else you'd like to say?

A. Come and give luggers a go. I'm always happy to help rig the club boats and give handy hints to newcomers. Don't forget, if luggers don't appeal other club dinghies are available.