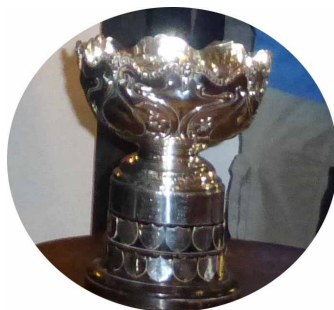


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Commodore's Comments

At the time of writing the Roughay Bowl is just ahead and with a sunny weekend forecast, it's going to be a great event. The Lugger fleet is unique to FSMBC and is wonderfully supported by the guys headed up by Tony Cleal our Lugger Captain. They are a competitive lot, heading out in all sorts of weather; but then again, when trophies are at stake, the race is on!

The Club house is buzzing with members talking through sailing plans for 2015. With so much experience on hand - whether its solving an issue or where best to go, either short or long distance, we are indeed blessed with a great source of knowledge. I might be a tad biased but with such splendid surroundings there really is no better place to swap ideas over a jar or two with like minded people talking about boats. Come on down and enjoy great company and the fantastic views, greatly enhanced by our wonderful new doors. Feedback on the doors has all been very good. They were used successfully at the recent Paddy's night although it was a tad chilly! Well done all who turned out for the event. Great singing!

The Bosun, Tony Jones, is keeping his troops 'in line' and they continue to work hard with maintenance jobs around all Club areas. Fantastic efforts; thank you!

There are also lots of other Club members in the background who just roll their sleeves up and get on with improving the Club whether it be computer orientated or physical tasks and their dedication is to be applauded. The results really are making a difference to all Club members, well done and thank you.

Our numbers are starting to increase which is very encouraging. Application forms are beside the till in the bar and can also be found on our website so if you are asked how to join please guide folk to these areas.

Club events in April are: Easter weekend, Norman Bagshaw is 80 years young on the 4th, all welcome to help him celebrate in the evening, Happy Birthday Norman!! 4th & 5th is the Rylard series 1 & 2 yachts in harbour, also on the 5th is Kipps Cup series 1 & 2, 18th is Rylard series 3 yachts in harbour as well as Kemp Sails cruiser open race hosted by Portchester SC. The 18th is our St Georges Barn dance in the Workshop (tickets available now from Social Committee), 19th Rylard Series 4 yachts in harbour and also Kipps cup 3 & 4. Please contact Chris Hare Sailing Secretary for full details of sailing events.

Our boat, Blue Mistique, will be joining the FSMBC fleet for as many events as possible so we look forward to seeing you either in the Club House or on the water soon.

Cheers
Dee

Forthcoming Events

To celebrate St Georges Day

Barn Dance

To The Blarney Band




Saturday 18th April 2015
8 until late in the Workshop
Tickets £10 to include Cornish Pasty



Friends and family are welcome.

PIRATES



Saturday June 6th 2015
See details on page 4
Contact: Dave Branscombe

CLUB GAMES NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

FURTHER DETAILS FROM JOHN FAGOT

'Sing-along' Night on Friday 8th May.
St George's day, Thursday 23rd
For more details see
'Broadcasts from the Bar' Page 5

Please check the website for the
racing calendar.
Kipp's Cup on Sunday April 5th
and Sunday April 19th

To advertise your event in next
months issue please email copy to
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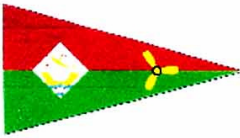
NORMAN BAGSHAW'S 80TH BIRTHDAY BASH



Date - Saturday 4th April 2015
Time - 17.30

Fareham Sailing and Motor
Boat Club





Pirates Day at

Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club

Saturday 6th June 2015



Calling all skippers. Please volunteer for this worthwhile event. We are expecting about 100 guests on the day and need 25 - 30 boats to accommodate them. It would be good to see some of our newer members taking part, either on the water or on shore. Contact: Dave Branscombe, see notices in the club house for contact details.

PIRATES DAY

A reminder that this event, just over eight weeks away, will be upon us before we know it. So it would be helpful if skippers would let me know as soon as possible that they will be taking part. I will be contacting those who have taken part in the past, also some who have not, including newer members.

The day's activities are enjoyed by all, the children especially, also most of their dads.

These children (and their families) have many disadvantages in their lives and look forward to events such as we provide in our small way. So let's all pull together to provide them with a memorable day out.

Many thanks to all who will be taking part.

Dave Branscombe

Note: In a couple of weeks there will be a notice posted on the club's notice boards for skippers to enter their name/boat/number of guests, etc.

Photos of St Patrick's Day at the Club

The Paddy's night event is always a lively do at the club and is organised by Nick How with music by our own Fareham Creekers.



Broadcasts from the Bar

Hi all, hope you are enjoying the onset of spring as much as we are. Well so far we are having a good start to the year. We are just LOVING the new doors. (See photo.) The difference is amazing and I, personally, cannot wait to see the difference it will make this summer.



Last weekend we had the Roughay Bowl. Wow what a weekend! For those who may not be so familiar with the racing itinerary, apparently this is the one to win - well for the luggers anyway! The weekend was a fantastic hit, with Phil Harris-Dean's Ukulele band playing some fantastic 'sing-along' style music on Saturday and then on Sunday Cuff Billett were just amazing. Well worth noting in next year's diary; and good for the bar.

So this Saturday (28th March) we have a **Cheese & Wine Night**. It's got a good take up and we're looking forward to it (no pressure much!) You will also know we have a **Barn Dance** celebrating St George's Day on Saturday 18th April. If you don't yet have a ticket I understand they are going fast. It should be a fun night and maybe a bit of a work-out at the same time??

We are also planning to celebrate on the actual St George's day, Thursday 23rd, so why not come along and join us. Exact agenda hasn't been sorted but it would be nice to maybe get some of the old drinks going - Gin & Bitter Lemon?? Port & Lemon ?? Whisky & Dry Ginger?? Sweet Martini?? Maybe a Brandy & Babycham ??? The list is endless but if you have an idea of anything unusual then let us know so we can make sure we have it in.

Don't forget we have **'Sing-along' Night on Friday 8th May**.

Meantime enjoy your Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the bar !

Pam, Vic, Pat, Dave & Mike

QUIZZING - Sally Brennan

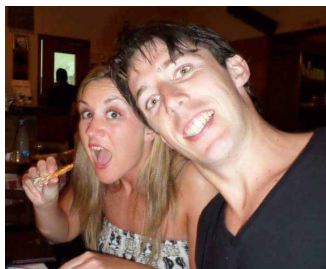
Club members were recently invited to make up a team to participate in the Tudor Sailing Club's quiz night on March 13th.

So, just four of us, Dee, John, Bob and myself, headed off to find the club. With two navigators in the front we managed to circumnavigate Portsmouth, do a U turn across an (empty) dual carriageway and finally arrived at our destination. (God help us if they ever take to the open sea!!!!)

We were made to feel very welcome at their very large and modern club house and a good time was had by all.

Although we didn't win, neither did we come last. We were up against teams of 6 or 7 and thanks to Dee's extensive musical knowledge we did not disgrace ourselves.

It would be good to see more members participating next time, so keep your eyes and ears open for the next invitation.



New Members Billy and Kayla

Hi All,

My name is Billy (Graham) and along with my girlfriend, Michaela (Kayla), we have recently joined the sailing club.

We are a local couple, a stones throw away from the club, who over the past couple of years have regularly walked along the creek with our Aire-dale terrier, Ned. We often see cruisers prepping their yachts and luggers racing around the creek and it inspired us to get back on the water.

We did our competent crew in 2011 on a Beneteau 37ft, but as we haven't really done much sailing since, we now consider ourselves as beginners once again.

So as well as socialising and meeting new friends we hope to benefit from some kind hearted members teaching us the ways of the lugger and letting us act as crew for any trips cruisers take out of the harbour. In return we make good tea, buy drinks and we'll promise not to turn your club into an 18-30's party.

We look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

Thanks in advance. If you need to get hold of us please feel free to text on 07877755392 or reply by email on grahamgoater20@hotmail.co.uk



Welcome to the club guys ! It is always good to welcome new young members to our club and especially ones so eager to join in our events. Now they have introduced themselves it's up to us to encourage them. The only down side as I see it is their reluctance for an 18-30s party!! As long as the over 60s are invited it could be good. Any other new members or longstanding members out there wishing to offer their services as crew or boat - owners needing crew, this is the space to make yourselves known. (Ed)



Cruisers' Dinner

Lysses House in Fareham did us proud again for our annual feed and 'thank you' to Robin Culverhouse for arranging and booking it

For years our cruises in company would encompass a communal meal, and still do if at all possible. After an autumn cruise, we were bemoaning the fact that we would not have the opportunity to meet up for such a get-together until the following Easter.

So, the idea of the Cruiser Dinner was born.

Although we don't have an official Cruise Organiser at present, a few noble people amongst us did volunteer to organise an event. Mind you, there were a few empty wine bottles in evidence at the time! However, I did have the presence of mind to have these good people commit their intention to writing.

So come on, choose a venue, ensure the tides are right and get the publicity officer to advertise it. Job done !

Don't worry, you will not be held responsible for the weather.



Sunday Lunchtime in the Galley - Nina Coxwell

Ping! A new email arrives from DutyMan to let me know my galley duty is coming up. Now the dilemma.

- What will be on the menu?
- How many people should I cater for?

Six weeks previously I made vegetable soup (my vegetarian option), chilli and rice (main meal option) and bacon baps (snack option). It must have been the smell of bacon cooking as those soon went and I had disappointed customers. There were several children present that day and I was asked for a simple cheese or ham sandwich which I hadn't catered for so it was a note for the future. At the end of a busy session I had served 30 lunches plus coffees for customers and Lugger participants (for those of you new to the galley those involved with the Lugger racing receive tea and coffee FOC).

As the bacon baps had gone down so well I decided to increase the supply on the next occasion and also offer toasted cheese and ham sandwiches which would give me the child option if required. Hot meal was beef casserole with crusty bread and a last minute decision was to get some hot cross buns.

Having done the shopping the previous day and arrived in plenty of time for my duty the next challenge was to get into the galley. The code I had from the Duty Officer did not work. After several phone calls I finally got a code that allowed me to access the keys, next time I will make sure the contact details for the Duty Officer and the Galley Manager are in my mobile.

Figures at the end of the session were 25 lunches

Bacon baps – 11

Toasted sandwich – 12

Ham sandwich – 1

Beef Casserole -1

Hot X buns – 0

Lesson learnt don't bother with beef casserole or hot cross buns again! Good job there was room in the freezer.

Most members agree that the Galley is the most difficult duty to do. You have to think of menus, spend time getting the ingredients, prepare, cook and serve the food. Then there is all the clearing up afterwards – the industrial dishwasher is not user friendly to those of us who are only used to the domestic variety.

What menus do Galley Duty members find the most successful? It would be interesting to know.

I totally agree. There seems to be no way of telling whether you will be rushed off your feet and sold out of everything or twiddling your thumbs wondering how the carefully prepared food can be frozen. This can be very disheartening.

The smell of bacon or onions being fried often brings them in.

Bacon and brie sandwiches went down well with me and I once fried bowls of chips (from frozen) which sold well with sandwiches or on their own. Casseroles either sell well or hardly at all. There is no way of predicting. I often get told 'that smells good but I have already eaten'. This is usually because they don't know what is going to be on offer.

As Nina points out, it would be useful to know other people's 'best sellers'. (Ed)

Roughay Bowl 2015 - Tony Cleal

The 2015 edition of the FSMBC Roughy Bowl got off to a blustery start on the Saturday with 11 competitors braving the elements. A brisk north easterly breeze saw the highly competitive fleet heading up river towards Hampers marina with the windward mark being set just off the big white catamaran.

The fleet then begins to spread out with a reachy run down river to another mark off the end of PME marina just off the old black gaffer. Two laps later and the winner Paul Limburn gets the first hooter of the day.

Meanwhile as the tension rises in anticipation of the second race of the day it was decided that as the course was so good the first time around that it would stay. The next start sequence button was expertly pressed by our fantastic race officer Dick Kipps and everyone leapt into their luggers for the next start.

Off we all went up river. As the fleet spread out some luggers met other luggers going the other way. This is the joy of Lugger sailing, you get to speak to fellow competitors face to face! After much tussling Alan Labrum gets the next win, with Paul getting second. This left Paul the overnight leader as only 2 races are run on the Saturday.

Having completed the sailing part of the day, we were treated to a fantastic display of synchronised Ukulele playing from at least 10 musicians all sounding in tune. It has to be said that Phil Harris-Deans jokes weren't as good as the Ukes but it was a stunning performance!

Sunday saw significantly different weather conditions, although the wind direction remained pretty much unchanged.



As the course was so good yesterday it was decided to leave it the same!

Again we saw 11 competitors at the start with what can only be described as challenging sailing conditions, with 2 boats suffering broken goosenecks after being hit by a freak gust in the starting sequence. On one occasion a lugger went into a tack and came out the other side on the same tack. Light and variable winds always makes racing difficult particularly as the tide begins to take effect.

As the racing began to unfold during the day, John (Lugger Man) Herbert was beginning to show a liking for being at the front of the fleet. As a result he skilfully managed to get 2 firsts in the early races and as there are 3 races on the Sunday, it all came down to the final race. Alan being a very close second behind John.

The final race saw 8 competitors on the line with very light winds and a strong tide running. This is where a good knowledge of the creek can pay off. John, Mark Jones and Chris Hare were neck and neck to the last mark of the course when Alan managed to pull a blinder and sailed happily past all 3 of them as he had quite cleverly managed to put himself out of the strong ebbing tide and managed to score his second win of the series. However this was not sufficient to stop John winning the Roughay Bowl.

Congratulations to all the competitors, and thanks to all those who made this a brilliant sailing event.

After the tension and excitement of the racing it was time to relax and reflect on how we win the Roughay Bowl next year and to be entertained by the excellent Cuff Billett and his Jazz men.

Roughay Bowl Results:

1st place: **John Herbert**, 2nd place: **Alan Labrum**, 3rd place: **Paul Limburn**,

followed in order by: Tony Cleal, Mark Jones, Chris Hare, Nick How, Kevin Abbott, Martin Duffus, George Thomson, & Bob Brennan.

An Afternoon of Jazz & Silverware



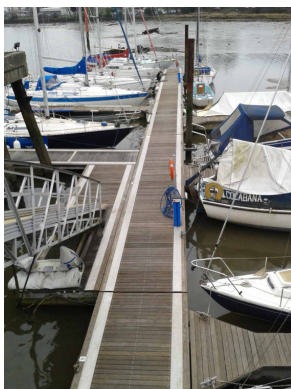
The Luggar racing was over, races had been won (or lost) but the sun was still shining, the bar was still open and all of us were chilling out to the dulcet tones of Cuff Billet's trio of Jazz players. Cuff always says he loves to play at our club and we certainly love listening to him as demonstrated by the photographs of our club members.



Amongst the jollity of the jazz and jovial company there was the extremely serious chore of handing out the silverware to be done.

In the left photo we see our worthy winner John Herbert receiving the Roughay Bowl and on the right Alan Labrum proudly receives his piece of

silverware as runner-up. A fabulous weekend, both on the water and in the Clubhouse!



Clean pontoons

Here is a photograph to remind you that the pontoons at Salterns have been professionally cleaned.

This should make them a lot less slippery than before.

It is the intention of the club that from now on they will be kept clean by work-parties organised by the Bosun.

That should keep them busy!