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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club
July 2015*



Your Commodore (and others) relaxing on holiday in Sauzon.

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pictures, adverts etc. to the
editor by the 20th of July to
ensure their inclusion in the
August edition.

Forthcoming Events



FAREHAM CREEK REGATTA SAT 18TH & SUN 19TH JULY 2015

- LADIES & MEN TEAM GIG ROWING
- SCOUTS TEAMS COYPU & GIG ROWING
- LUGGER & DINGHY RACING FOR ALL
- FUN RACES ON THE WATER
- BARBECUE & HOG ROAST
- FAREHAM CREEKERS, BRIGANDS BREW, BARRY'S BAND
- FIREWORKS

BOOK IT IN YOUR DIARY!!!!



Buddy Cruising
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Next Cruise
Chichester Harbour
Friday 10th – Sunday 12th July

For further details
contact Chris Hare
on sailing@fsmbcnet.org.uk

Get ready for the annual
Fareham Creek Regatta
18th & 19th July
Gig Rowing practice:-
Thursday 9th July 18.00 hrs

The bar will be open to rehydrate you
after your efforts.
To get involved contact Nick How

Any items for inclusion in the July edition to be emailed to publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk
by 20th of June by the latest as I will be out of email range for much of the time.

Editorial

Your editor is enjoying sailing in Brittany this summer so may not be as up to date with club events as a gossip as she ought to be.

Macavity left the FSMBC pontoon on the 2nd of June and we have been on board ever since. The winds seem to have been kind to us all the time apart from a few days when we were in Roscoff being tossed around by North-Easterlies. Still, there are worse places to be stuck in and, being in the old harbour, we were only being charged £8 a night. In fact, not much diesel has been used on this trip so that has saved some euros leaving more to be spent in the bars and bistros. I could get used to that. Even the passages through the Channel du Four and the Raz de Sein were quite uneventful.

Three FSMBC boats and one Portchester boat are now in the beautiful port of Sauzon on Belle Île so only spitting distance from our final destination in the Morbihan. All the others are well on their way (apart from those going overland) and, in fact, we have just had a text from our Commodore telling us that they are only a day's sail away and we should all be at the port of Croesty by Tuesday ready to sail in convoy up to our final destination of Vannes, Fareham's twin town.

Boats from Hill Head, Warsash, and Portchester as well as FSMBC are all on this rally and will be joined by boats from Vannes when we get to Croesty Marina.

Sailing the Brittany coast is really awe inspiring and I can understand why so many people, including FSMBC members, keep their boats down here.

Next month I hope to report on the festivities we will be attending.

I hope that club members sailing closer to home are having just as good a time and do bear in mind that local rallies can be just as much fun. I note that some of you have been doing just that.

May you have good winds and fine weather.

p.s. The Commodore has since arrived in Sauzon as well as another Portchester boat and Warsash boat. It's beginning to feel like a party.

Commodore's Comments

Received by text.

**Commodore on hols & looking forward to the Regatta.
Normal service to resume in July.**

Island Harbour Rally

A few boats went the Island Harbour on Friday, had a good trip over to the IOW, wind gusting 22 knots, right on the nose.

The sun was shining and when we arrived the lock was in free flow.

Wind dropped for the Saturday, cloudy with rain at times.

In the evening, the food was good, company was the best, wine and beer flowed.

All had a great time.

On the Sunday most of us left Island Harbour with the Wind Gusting up to 25 knots from the West, so up goes the Jib and off goes the Engine. Great sail back

Except for one boat who continued on their long weekend break, all boats arrived back safely.

Footnote: Flying the Clubs Burgee not only gives recognition of our Club but also allows people already on the pontoon to give assistance to short handed Crew.

Ian
'Jenny Wren'



Participating Boats

Many Moons

Sea Swallow

Marillon

Irene

May

Jenny Wren

Angelica

Magician



A jolly time was had by all skippers and crew by the look of these photographs.

Remember! There are more rallies to come so join in the fun.

Pirates Day

Many thanks to all those members, both on the water and ashore who put themselves out to make this year's Pirates Day the success it turned out to be.

Being my first attempt at organising this event in the wake of Bill and Carol's many successful years at the helm, I was a bit worried about the outcome. But thanks to all of you and a few tips from Bill it turned out OK. Thanks again for your support.

Sorry, those skippers who didn't have guests on board. Due to a reduced number of visitors we were expecting - about 15 didn't turn up for various reasons. But do volunteer next time please.

Dave Branscombe

News from the bar

Whoop whoop !!! I am happy to announce that exciting changes are happening to our bar. Plans are afoot to give the bar a bit of a face lift and hopefully you will soon start to see this taking shape. You may already have seen our lovely new low-level T-Bar for dispensing our keg beers. Please bear with us during the process as there will be some disruption, not to the opening hours, I hasten to add, but while we redo the flooring, replace the sink, move shelving around, etc. There is obviously going to be a bit of upheaval and there may be times when we will have to make allowances in the working space. I am sure it will be fantastic when it is completed and well worth the trouble.

So, what a month it has been in the bar. Pirates Day was a great success. Well done to Dave Branscombe and his band of helpers. The children had a brilliant time. This was followed by the Nab Tower Race Social with a slightly reduced version of Brigands Brew giving us some fantastic music and entertainment! A fine old day was had by all, if not a little exhausting!! To top it all ... "Oh what a night, late September" ok, not September, but Oh What a Night it was! Thanks Jenny Walsh for celebrating your birthday at the Club with your family and friends. I think I can speak for everyone when I say it was a FABULOUS evening. The food, the music, atmosphere, dancing - it was all fantastic.

Hope you are all enjoying the lovely warming weather. Summer seems to be finally arriving and the balcony is more and more inviting. Hope to see you and to share our new-look bar in the coming weeks.

All the best from an excited Bar Team X



Macavity (bottom left, next to the catamaran) in Sauzon, Belle Île on the way out to the Rally in Vannes.

The crews of Thistledown, Macavity & Aldebaran enjoy a meal with Portchester friends.

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