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Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*  
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Let's have your ideas.

## *Commodore's Comments*

### Commodores report August 2015

And its holiday time! I hope you're enjoying a good break from the daily bump and grind of life, hopefully out on the water!

John and I joined the combined fleet from FSMBC, Warsash Sailing Club, Hillhead Sailing Club and Portchester Sailing Club for the twinning trip to Vannes – fantastic event. The French certainly looked after us all very well with wonderful food and trips to various venues in and around Vannes.

A Club talk over the winter will highlight this special event which happens every 4 years so if it is something you'd like to be a part of in 2019, watch for details and come along. I'm sure there will be food and wine to reflect our time in France!

Our French colleagues will be coming over in 2017 for the reciprocal visit and the 4 Clubs will be hosting various events to mark the occasion, details will be cascaded in due course.

And what a way to return to the Club with the Regatta – the most successful one yet! It was simply wonderful and thanks go to the Regatta Committee headed up by Nick How. I've received a lovely letter from the Mayor thanking the Club for a splendid time and he also commented on the great initiative of working closely with our neighbours 2<sup>nd</sup> Fareham Sea Scouts. Photographs of the event are on **shadow-photography.com** taken by John Jefferies who did a great job on the weekend!. The sun shone, the racing was epic, the bands played, the crowds cheered and sang and the fireworks were fab. FSMBC at its very best!

Ray Mcsherry has created our new display cabinet in the foyer and what a fantastic job he has done. A new guest signing in book has been sourced and will now be on the display cabinet so please use with immediate effect to sign your guests in.

Stuart, Sid and Dennis were 'mudlarks' securing 2 telegraph poles in mud surrounding the Lugger Pontoon to ensure it doesn't move. Be sure to see their pictures on the Club Face Book page - quite an achievement!

On 28<sup>th</sup> June, Lyse Lemieux, held a new induction meeting with 21 attendees – amazing! Ably assisted by Alan Labrum, the meeting was very successful and I'm delighted to welcome our new members to the fold. I look forward to meeting our newbies in the bar very soon.

At the time of writing, Bembridge BBQ is ahead followed by other rallies organised by David Ardon. Please check posters and websites for details of these events and join in – its great to be out on the briny!

See you in the bar or on the water

Dee.

## Forthcoming Events



**Buddy Cruising**  
GAIN OR SHARE EXPERIENCE

Next Cruise  
**Bournemouth Air Show**  
**21st - 23rd August**

For further details  
contact Chris Hare  
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15th August  
Delme Dash for  
Luggers and Dinghies  
Dave Brady Trophy  
16th August

Dave Brady's Trophy  
For Luggers  
Party & Barry's Band  
(Sounds Alive)

Items for inclusion in the September edition to be emailed to [publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk](mailto:publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk)  
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### Bembridge Rally & BBQ

The sun shone and FSMBC boats deserted the creek and headed for Bembridge IOW. Why? Because Les Knowles had booked a marquee and two barbeques for our exclusive use. Some boats arrived Friday and some on Saturday. Our Commodore arrived on Thursday so they could be sure of a good place.

Bembridge was packed out with boats as they were hosting a Family Fun Weekend. Boats were dressed overall making a very colourful display. Some boats were rafted 6 deep on the pontoons. There were 22 FSMBC boats and two gatecrashers from Tudor sailing Club. Obviously, our rallies are so famous (or notorious) that others want to join us.

The barbecues were lit ready to use by 5pm and we all cooked the usual array of meats and sausages that we had brought with us. A drop or two of wine and beer was consumed and much jovial chat and laughter filled the marquee. Then we were nagged by Les to leave. This was not because of any misbehaviour on our part. The reason for leaving was to head for the dunes where our own Bar Manager, the lovely Pam was organising the bowls. No! Not deep receptacles for food but spherical objects to be projected across the grass towards a smaller spherical object they called Jack. At least, that was what I made out of it. Of course, this was only fun; not competitive in any way. Oh yes!? You probably heard the cheering and jeering on the mainland! Well, there was a bottle of bubbly at stake. This was ably won by Kim and Tom, crew of Many Moons.

We all retired to our boats, or other people's boats, for nightcaps and to watch the fire-works the marina had put on for everyone, not just for us.

Thanks go to Les for organising and booking the facilities and to Pam for organising the Bowls and to all who participated, making it such a fun event. See pictures on page 4.

**Participating FSMBC boats:** Magician, Aella, Blue Mistique, Just in Time, Many Moons, Lady Bug, Marillon, Sea Swallow, Merricrew, Oza, Blythe Spirit, Kusi-y, Puffin, Signet, Angelica, Supernova, Magic, Jenny Wren, Palomas, Green Emerald, Jenny Wren & Macavity.





Barbecue and

Bowls on the Beach





The editor has just returned from her holiday!

Yes, I know that we were away last month but you know what it's like: good weather, good sailing winds, picturesque Breton ports, cheap red wine etc. etc....

However, on the way home up a lovely river at the historic town of Treguier and, later, in Guernsey we experienced unfavourable winds and rain so we can't claim to be having it all our own way.

Now that the actual twinning event at Vannes is over we can reflect on what we gained from the experience. Having asked many of the participants what they felt about the trip the most common reply was the appreciation of the overwhelming hospitality extended by our French hosts. Nothing was too much trouble for them. Not only was there a three course meal with aperitifs, constantly flowing wine and coffee every evening but also a 'snack lunch' on two of the days. The 'snack' consisted of bread, pâté, meats, cheese, salad, fruit and, oh yes I nearly forgot, lots of wine. We were entertained on a personal basis by individual French hosts and driven wherever we wanted. Also, any personal problems were solved if at all possible. When one of our group needed some emailed document printed urgently our host took us to her house and allowed the use of her personal printer. The generosity of our hosts was something we will always remember.

Also, as there were four clubs involved in this event we found ourselves in the company of participants from other clubs as we stopped off at various ports on our journey both there and on our return. We kept in touch, mainly by text, and so we knew which boats to look out for. Friendships have been forged between members of the various clubs and hopefully these will continue. This can only be good for inter-club relationships. We also came across two of our Vannes hosts' boats in various ports on our return trip. It gave a good excuse for aperitifs on Macavity. They were starting their holiday cruise hoping to get to the UK and cruise the West Country. We often forget that the French sailors find our coastline just as inviting as we find theirs, even if the marina fees are higher in the UK.

On the subject of French visitors we, at FSMBC, appear to be on the map for some of our foreign counterparts. (See article on page 7 & 8.) I am delighted to read that they were made welcome at our club. Thanks to Tony and Pat these yachtsmen's memories of Fareham will be good ones. I would like to think that we all would show the same welcoming spirit had we found ourselves in Tony's place when this boat arrived unexpectedly.

We have, as club-members, been invited over to Carentan by their sailing club president. Due to our full sailing calendar this year it will probably be next year, possibly May, before we can make this trip. That will give you enough time to contemplate the navigation and work up enthusiasm over the winter months.

Also, looking forward to 2017, sailors from Vannes will be visiting the borough of Fareham and we will have our chance to show how well we, the Brits, can entertain them.

Here's to 'Entente Cordiale' in the world of sailing. Cheers!

## News from the Bar

### Bar Refurbishment.

At last the work has begun. Please bear with us while we rejuvenate the bar. There is inevitably going to be a little disruption but, hopefully, you will like the new-look when it is complete and don't forget,

**we are still open for all normal sessions.**

We continue with our great events in the club, latterly with the fantastic Regatta. If you somehow missed it this year, put it in your diary (when dates are available!) for next year. It was a totally fab. weekend!

Hope you are all enjoying your summer,

Regards

Vic, Pam, Pat, Dave & Mike



Images of Bar Refurbishment.

It may not look much but your pint will taste just as good.



It will all be worth it in the end.  
You wait and see.

An occasional rant by Tony Blair on behalf of the Bosun's Team



### Where Are They Now?

With lots of time and some expense the patio wooden tables and chairs were repaired and treated last season.

The time has come for their annual refit and blow me; one has gone walkabout! They are all similar and distinctive so please keep an eye open on your travels and point the stray back to it's rightful mooring.

Secondly, about £100.00 pounds worth of spares for the Pontoon lights (mini tubes and chokes). They were kept in the filing cabinet in the Race Hut at Salterns and must have had some outside assistance to help them escape through the lockable door. They would probably look well in a display cabinet or as under cupboard lighting in a kitchen.

It would be good to have them, or their replacements, reappear before the nights draw in. It is a shame but perhaps "Big Brother" needs to tighten up on security!

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Well Tony, I have searched the ports of Treguier, L'Aber Wrac'h & Cameret but our chair was not found. Neither was it in St. Peter Port and I'm sure if it was in Carteret your friends in Sandrine would have let you know.

We did not see it in Bembridge at the week-end either! Ed.

### The French Boat Sandrine.

I was at the club weeding and a few other antics and saw Sandrine milling about in the creek. She soon came alongside and Marie (exceptional English) came up the ramp to ask if they could stay overnight. I told them I was sure they could but as the Club was not going to be open that evening, I would lend them my key and see them off in the morning on the tide.

I rang Alan Labrum for approval. No problem! Before I left they invited Pat and myself to join them for an evening on board with newly baked bread, some Bordeaux Chesnel and Champagne.

It was their first visit to the 'Wilds of Fareham'.

The evening was a great success apart from me spilling my Champagne in my lap, thankfully, narrowly avoiding the Chart Table! We followed my dear old Mum's advice - 'Don't outstay our welcome boy' - and left in good but not too excessive order.



See email from Sandrine's crew on page 7



## *Letter to Tony Blair & Pat from the crew of the French Yacht 'Sandrine'.*

*Good morning to both of you,*

*We are all back home sound & safe & back to work (at least for me).*

*Now, I can try to make a short account of our voyage.*

*It has been twenty years now that our June cruise has been leading us to the Channel Islands & the south coast of England. Dominique & I met Jean-Michel, the owner-skipper, 25 years ago in a swimming-pool, training as divers. J.M. 's first boat was an ETAP, 20 feet. With such a small boat & less time than now we could only cruise the Channel Islands. We still keep visiting & loving them. Each cruise begins & ends with them. We were already four on board but Michel left a few years ago & Alain was only too pleased to join us. As Michel was our cook we were relieved to know that Alain was more than a cook : a chef! ( He doesn't know anything about sailing but nobody objects.) He is a oenologue, preserves- maker ( pâtés, rillettes...), jam-maker & a tiny bit very generous with spices & olive oil (father & mother are Spanish). It takes two months to get back my figure, ruined in one! The only thing he doesn't make is BREAD. J.M. the baker does.*

*After the ETAP came the CHALLENGER HORIZON, 23 feet. We felt like "big boys": we went to the Scillies & the year after to Devon. It was love at first sight. J.M. bought the KELT, 29 feet, lifting keel and everybody agreed that a four-week cruise was a must. At the same time D. discovered the "bible"- Tom Cunliffe 's cruise guide (Imray). When it's not on board it's on his bed-stand. So, with the bible, a lot of free time & much pondering over the charts, D has become our plotter. The rest of us follows religiously as long as it's South & British.....But D is very democratic & sometimes we're asked to make a suggestion. 2 years ago I said "London ? ". London it was! Great! Now we can say (boast?) that, from London to Penzance, we are quite familiar with that coast.*

*But with the years suggestions came to "what is left ? " So this year was dedicated to the "left-overs". Our itinary : Aldernay, Studland bay (lovely anchorage), Poole : the Frome river up to Wareham (so many reeds), Porthmouth because of the submarines), Brighton for the Royal Pavilion (impressive). Then the wind was not too favorable, the tides not too helpful & the weather not so cheerful so we turned back to CHICHESTER HARBOUR, Birdham (lovely marina), Bosham Quay (nice drinks at the yacht club ), Emsworth (tiny baby-swans), Bembridge ( surprising boat-houses), Ryde (nice shopping), Fareham, ah! lovely "private" pontoon, lovely club a bit like home & you Tony & Pat. You did make this stop a special one. Nice meeting you just before Prince Philip in Hamble marina, - I am joking, he was there inaugurating a new marina but we didn't meet. Last but not the least : Lymington, pleasant as always. Then Guernsey & Portbail.*

*Portbail is Sandrine's home port, in Cotentin. Quiet, small village ( 1633 souls ), 4 NM from Carteret, 14 NM from Jersey (we can see the island when the visibility is good ) Portbail is situated in the schorres, les "prés salés", the land dries out at low tides allowing the sheep to graze and this salted diet gives to their meat a wonderful taste. There are some medieval houses, a roman church (xii), very old font (vii ).*

*The port dries out (muddy ground), most of the boats moor on buoys but there is accomodation for 30 visitors along a pontoon with water & electricity. The access is 2h30 before & after HT. Night access is not advisable at least for a first time.*

*Well, I am talkative but this is the end.*