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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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Please try to get articles, pictures, adverts etc. to the editor by the 20th of the month to ensure their inclusion in the following month's edition.

Commodore's Comments

Hello folks.

The summer has gone in a blink it seems but lots of reports with pictures act as a great reminders of the wonderful sailing in 2015.

New events have really enhanced the existing Club calendar for everyone so if there is something you would like to organise and include for next year, now is the time to say. Both the Sailing and Social Committees will be putting the Club calendar together for 2016 very soon so let us know what you want to do.

Robin Wren has overseen the stair-lift installation and I'm pleased that this project was completed in record time. Ease of access to the Club House is key for all members so expect to see "old faces" in the bar again soon. Thanks Robin!

A new initiative this autumn is to have a new members welcome evening on October 2nd with nibbles and a glass of wine or beer for all so come and say hello to our 2015 newbies.

With the very sad passing of Les Ballard in May a gap was left in our trustee line up. Although Les is a hard act to follow I'm delighted to announce that Nick How is our new trustee, having been voted in unanimously by the present Management Committee. Nick's accounting knowledge together with his experience as a past Commodore gives him a true understanding of how FSMBC works. Nick will be of great benefit to us all. Welcome back to the fore!!!

On October 16th we will be hosting a reunion of this years Vannes Rally participants from Warsash, Fareham, Portchester and Hill Head with the promise of a Club talk in the New Year for FSMBC Members to attend and find out more about this fantastic event. Look out for more details soon!

The clock is ticking and names are required for nominees for election at the club AGM in November. We require these as soon as possible please as they need to be published ahead of the AGM.

Current vacancies are for Membership Sec, Social Sec and Rear Commodore and these must be filled in order for the Club to continue. Other positions are currently covered and, unless contested, the current holders will remain in situ.

Please call me on 07702 011542 if you would like details of the vacant positions and I will be happy to discuss these with you.

On a slightly different note, have you got your glad rags sorted yet for our annual dinner dance on November 14th at Lysse's? It's always a big night with wonderful food and company with a bit of unique dancing on show on the dance floor. See you there!

Hope to catch you in the bar or on the water soon

Dee

Forthcoming Events



Halloween

At the Club

Saturday 31st October
8 till late
Food, Fireworks
Punch
Raffle & Disco
£8.00



Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving



Saturday 14th November

at
Lysses Hotel Fareham

6.30 for 7 pm
£34

Forthcoming Races

Yachts

10th Oct Committee Series 3 (yachts in Harbour)
11th Oct Committee Series 4 (yachts in Harbour)

Luggers

11th Oct Luggers Captain series 3 & 4
18th Oct Luggers winter series 3 & 4

2nd October 19.30

Welcome evening
for new members

**Annual General
Meeting
Sunday
15th November**
Details to follow

Childrens Christmas Party
15.00 - 19.00 5th December,

Notices going out by end of October

**New Members
Induction Meeting
4th October**

News from the Bar

Our regular bar correspondent, the lovely Pam Carr has been on holiday and therefore has no news for us this month. Fear not, she will be back to normal next month.

Any items for inclusion in the November edition to be emailed to publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk by 20th of October by the latest.

Editorial

Having just returned from a cruiser rally to Lymington I am proud that a relatively small club like ours can turn out such a large the number of participants so late in the sailing season. This has also been the case on other rallies both, local (Bembridge) and farther afield (Vannes). To me, this is the essence of a sailing club - members joining in and having fun sailing, chatting, entertaining, eating and drinking together, meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

Also, the Lugger events can bring people together in a similar way. The club is not simply a place to park a boat but an arena for socialising with like-minded people whether it be on the water, in the bar or just in passing on a pontoon. It is up to us to make it a club that we, the members, enjoy and not just a cheap alternative to a professionally run marina.

By getting to know your fellow members you will find a wealth of knowledge that you can tap into. The chap you are talking to at the club may well have come across the problem you are now experiencing with your engine or gearbox and can offer you guidance on how to deal with it. Someone may know where to get that gadget you hanker after at a much cheaper price than you saw it for at the Boat Show. Another guy may be a mine of information on quiet anchorages in the area you aim to go cruising next season and can therefore warn you of hazards to avoid and places you must visit. You, on the other hand, may be a whiz with electronic gadgetry and can guide your uninitiated drinking chum through the intricacies of navigation programs for his i-pad. The more information we share, the better sailors we will become.

A bugbear of mine is the 'Nanny State' dictating to us what we can or can't do to ourselves or our own property. There is growing concern over proposed legal restrictions covering the application of antifoul paint ensuring that only commercial companies will be allowed to carry this out thus banning DIY application. The British Coating Federation (BCF), the national trade association for paint and ink manufacturers in the UK, is asking boat owners to tell them how they use antifouling on their boats enabling them to build a better picture of this routine maintenance task. Let's ensure that the powers that be do not make it illegal to sell antifoul paints to the general public thus making it too expensive for most of us to maintain our own boats.

Please take a few minutes to fill in the survey on line. Just go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPNB6NW>

and ensure that your views are taken into account. Please pass this message onto others that you think may be concerned about this. There have been articles on this topic in PBO and Yachting Monthly.

Obviously we have to take care when applying toxic substances but surely we, as sailors, are capable of reading the instructions and data sheets issued by the manufacturers and then taking care of ourselves. Let's call for more information and less restrictions then we can make our own decisions.

My husband once gave me a brand new paper overall as a Christmas gift in order to ensure that I was well protected when next applying the antifoul paint to our boat.

Who says he is not a caring romantic husband?

Next Christmas I will probably get a new pair of industrial rubber gloves and a face mask!

FSMBC Plays Host

It seems that our modest little club at the top of the creek is seen by some as a popular stopping off point for folks holidaying aboard in the area or even as a target for a rally as was the case with the Silhouettes earlier this month. See below excerpt from their report.

SOLENT CRUISE 2015

SATURDAY 5 September: Having spent the previous night on-board Jemma, the author departed Lower Quay, Fareham at 0600 in order to catch the ebb tide, recording a 6.5 Kt SOG through the entrance to Portsmouth Hbr; Cowes here we come! A bright sunny start to the day, but not a breath of wind and the harbour like a mill pond. A gentle breeze eventually built (on the nose naturally!) and so we tried some of that “Tacking malarkey”; not to be recommended and something I normally try and avoid if at all possible!.

Arrived @ Cowes at 1030, time for a leisurely shower, a spot of last minute shopping and to “Dress Ship” with Fete bunting prior to the remaining boats arriving from Marchwood YC mid-afternoon. Shephards Wharf marina was particularly busy, with no less than 4 separate Rally’s booked in and by teatime the Silhouettes were all safely berthed. Let the Cruise begin!

The evening followed the usual pattern of “1st night @ Cowes” – Fish & Chips @ the top of the High Street, followed by several beers @ The Anchor, until the Band started to play, at which point it was time to return on-board!!.

SUNDAY 6 September (Cowes to Lower Quay, Fareham) A gloriously sunny day, albeit with little if any wind. Departed Cowes at 1100 in order to catch the East going Flood tide..... All but the most hardy reverted to using their engines to make the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour, the consolation being that Jim Manning caught the first mackerel of the Cruise, more of which later!

Thankfully the westerly breeze freshened by early afternoon and the 5 mile leg from the Portsmouth entrance to our berths @ Fareham Sailing & Motorboat Club (FSMBC) provided a cracking good sail that was enjoyed by all.

Arrived @ Lower Quay at 3pm, where we were made most welcome by members of one of the oldest Sailing Clubs @ Solent; the bar was still open and remained so through to the evening, a fact much appreciated by Club members who feared it would close at 4pm!. FSMBC was formed in 1850 and the Clubhouse building itself, was formerly used as a Hospital during the Napoleonic Wars. Sitting in a Clubhouse that oozes charm and then moving to the balcony with a glass of beer in hand, to admire the view of the boats, Fareham Creek and my Golf Course beyond, is an arduous task – but someone has to do it!.

Particular thanks are due to the Galvin family, who not only arranged our visit, but also manned the bar for our exclusive benefit during the evening; they were impeccable hosts, for which the SOIA team were most grateful.

MONDAY 7 September ((Lower Quay to Bembridge)).....Departed FSMBC at 1030 to catch the ebb and an opportunity to try and catch some mackerel for supper, the challenge being to exceed Jim Manning’s tally of x 2 fish caught the previous day – which Doug & Jude managed to do, the irony being, on the feathers that I had lent them!.

The breeze picked up a little as we cleared the Hbr entrance and a chance encounter with RFA ARGUS (returning from Deployment to Sierra Leone, where her embarked Medical teams had set up Field Hospitals and very successfully contained the Ebola virus outbreak). She was entering harbour in what is known as “Procedure Alpha”; with personnel lined up on deck and with a full RM Band marching on the Flight Deck – a splendid sight as we sailed past.

Moons, Moons & More Moons. 12 FSMBC Boats & a Mobile Home Visit Lymington

The autumn end of season cruise to Lymington has become somewhat of a tradition amongst the cruising fraternity at FSMBC. This year was our largest turnout yet. It may have been the promise of good weather, the thought of that large moon due to make an appearance on the Sunday or it might just have been the promise of a good sail and genial company in the pleasant surroundings of Lymington.

Macavity set forth from Salterns pontoon on Friday 24th at the early hour of 7a.m. and was rewarded for this effort with the sight of the stunning sunrise. (See right.) This was a prelude to the beautiful weather we were to enjoy for the remainder of the weekend. Jenny Wren also left on Friday morning with Tony Blair crewing for Ian. When we arrived on Lymington Town Quay Many Moons had just got there, having spent the previous night in Cowes.



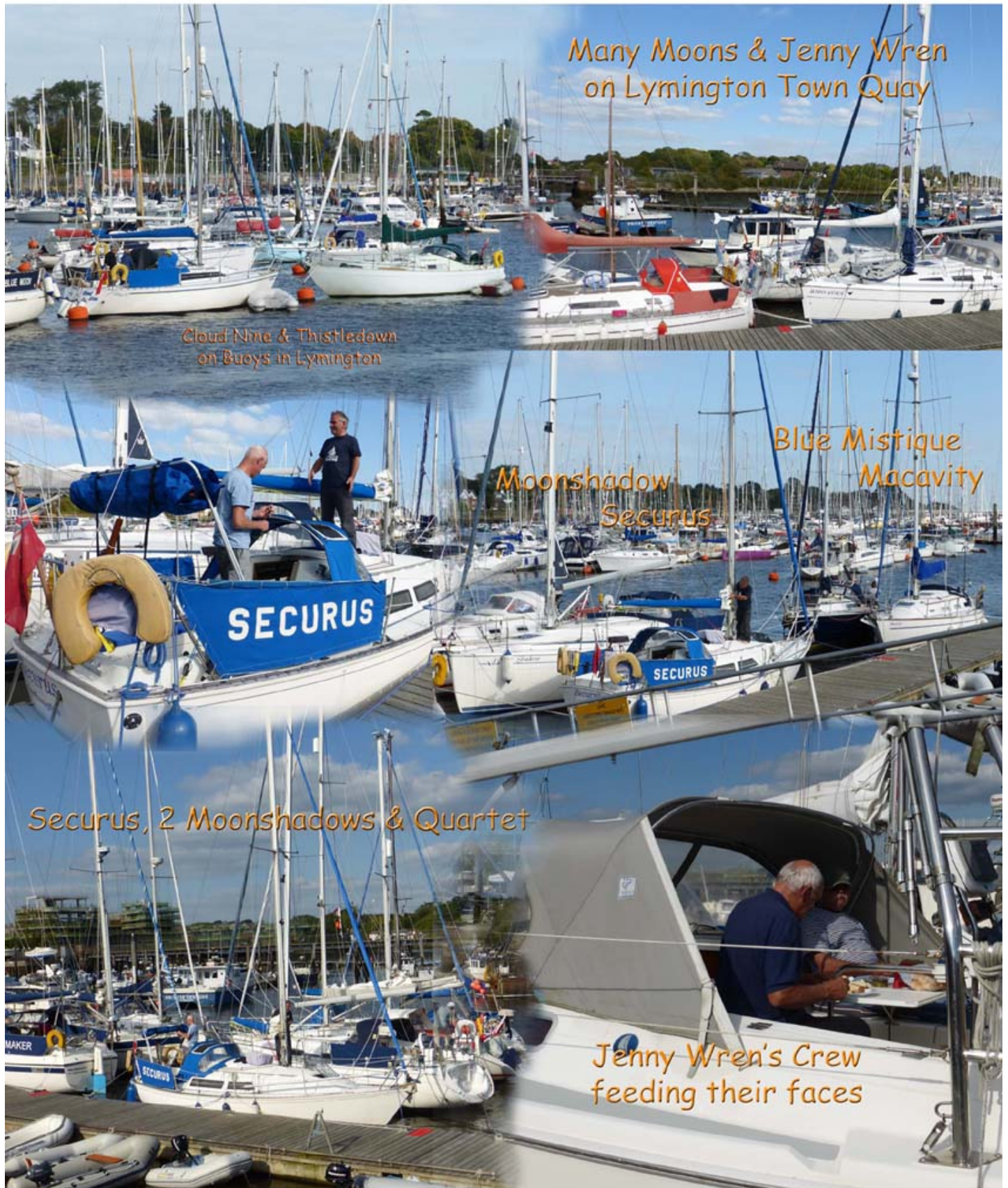
'Moons' were to be somewhat of a theme for this weekend. We all knew Mark Jones was due to arrive in Moonshadow but we were surprised to see another Moonshadow with Mike and Sally on board. This fact confused the Harbourmaster no end as he tried to convince Mike that he was really Mr Jones from Fareham. With that, along comes Mr Jones in the other Moonshadow and parked up against his namesake. We soon had 9 FSMBC boats on the Town Quay and two on the Buoys. Les Knowles and his crew on Magician wanted the benefit of luxury showers and paid the extra for a marina berth. We did meet up with them in town as Karen and Gloria could not be kept away from a bit of retail therapy at the Saturday Market. Kevin Abbott, Sally, and their dog Dutchy were spotted. They had come in their camper van and joined us later at the pub.

Having done the market, Macavity's skipper and crew issued an invitation to all and sundry to an aperitif or two on board before the trek to the pub. The very genial conversation on board soon degenerated to the telling of jokes. Should you have the opportunity, do ask the Commodore for her recipe for pancakes and whether they have the desired effect.

Then, off we all went to the Traveller's Rest, a trek of just under a mile - enough to walk off the effects of the aperitifs and to build up a thirst. Your editor was wearing a rather fetching red rugby shirt featuring the Welsh 'Fleur de Lys', much to the disgust of those supporting the England rugby team. After a while she removed this garment. This was due to the ambient temperature in the pub and not because, by this time, Wales were losing by four points. By the end of the meal she was informed that she should put her shirt back on as Wales had won. This was really the icing on the cake - not that the rest of the diners at the pub seemed think the same way. Then the walk back to the boats. It was still a very fine evening so it was a pleasant walk.

Next morning was an early start as most wanted to be back at Fareham on the mid-day tide. Macavity was not pushed for time and so, when we discovered that the wind was Easterly we settled down for a brisk beat up the Solent. What do you mean 'put the engine on'? Then on Macavity are much too mean to pay for diesel when there is wind out there. Having got back to Portsmouth Harbour early afternoon we picked up our son's mooring had a cook-up and chilled out until 20.00hrs when we set off for home to the rise of the huge full moon. Being at its closest point to the Earth it gave out the most beautiful moonlight as we approached Fareham. So, a weekend of Many Moons, 2 Moonshadows and brilliant moonlight in Fareham Creek.

Many Moons, 2 Moonshadows, Jenny Wren, Securus, Quartet,
Big Teau, Blue Mistique, & Macavity on Town Quay.
CloudNine & Thistledown on buoys.
Magician went 'posh' in marina.



Many Moons & Jenny Wren
on Lymington Town Quay

Cloud Nine & Thistledown
on Buoys in Lymington

Moonshadow
Securus

Blue Mistique
Macavity

Securus, 2 Moonshadows & Quartet

Jenny Wren's Crew
feeding their faces