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Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club
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Commodore's Comments

The Commodore wishes to be excused comments this month. She was last seen on Blue Mystique in the port of Carentan eulogising about the welcome we had from our French friends muttering 'Why haven't we done this before?'. She has promised an extra good report next month.



The Art Of Jet Washing – Tony Blair (on behalf of the Bosun's Team)

'To Jet or not to Jet', that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to lay on your back in the mud and fill your upper orifices with nasties or try the alternative dreamed up by the Bosun's Team in conjunction with Mr AldiW

The Club now has a petrol powered, trolley mounted, all singing and dancing Jet Wash which is creek or mains water friendly.

When using creek water a few guidance notes might not go amiss.

If the pump unit is more than 2 metres above the water it will not draw (suck), thus the pressure at the lance quickly drops to zero and you will need to have in mind an answer to your problem.

One cunning option is making use of the umpteen litre blue barrel modified for the purpose with a large hole in the top and a rope bridle all normally to be found in the workshop. It seems it holds sufficient to wash off a 25 ft. bilge keel yacht after a rough scrape.

When intending to take the ground and Jet wash, make sure all equipment is available, in good working order and you have provided petrol for the 4 stroke engine.

Once your vessel is aground, flood the barrel in the deepest reachable position and it stand upright.

As the tide ebbs you have the option of initially drawing directly from the creek and reserving the barrel for later or using the barrel stock and press-ganging the crew into topping up with a bucket.

If you draw directly from the creek you need to ensure the pick up hose is maintained in a position clear of the mud.

Failing all else, it is down to your own ingenuity to eg, "borrow or steal" more of the wet stuff.

Known exponents in the art of Jetting include Alan Stewart, Tony Mowle, Ted Middleton & Ray McSherry-Rhoades. Any of the Bosuns team will know a man that does (know the answer to your question).

To avoid disappointment:-

- Pre-plan and decide the location of the machine
- Leave the unit full of petrol and cleaned off
- Report any faults or failures
- Check engine oil level
- Flush system with fresh water on completion
- Booking note on workshop entrance white board

If anyone with a Mechanical Bent is incline to take on the responsibility for carrying out a bi-monthly maintenance and remedial check on this and similar plant please contact the Bosun.

You can't beat a good clean bottom.

Forthcoming Events



Pewit Island Race
Sunday 5th June

Fun and games in
Luggers & Dinghies
Start 11:30 hrs

Followed by
Food on a
Caribbean Theme
In company to
Celtic Folk music from
'The Courtiers'

SAILING EVENTS

Wednesday 1st June Luger Evening Series 1 & 2
Wednesday 15th June Luger Evening Series 3 & 4
Sunday 19th June Luger Summer Series 7 & 8
& Dinghy Sailing

For more events see website and handbook

Any items for inclusion in the July edition to be emailed to publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk
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FSMBC Invades Carentan

Our Club Cruise to visit the Croiseurs Cotiers de Carentan

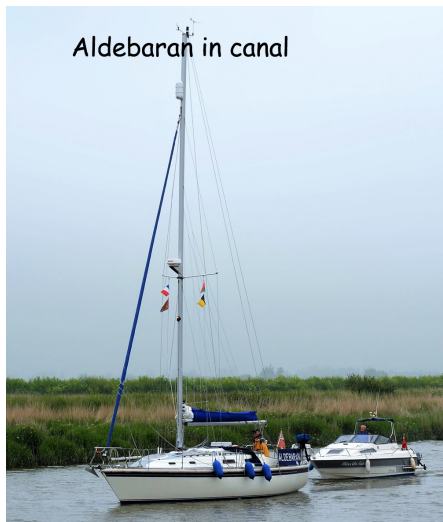
Ever since the marina at Carentan opened in,,,,,, we at FSMBC have been welcomed by the CCC. One of our members, the late Eddie Miller was one of the first cruising yachtsmen to visit the club in his boat 'Traverso' and in the years to follow he encouraged many FSMBC sailors, myself among them, to accompany him up the Carentan Canal to this lovely French town.

This year a few club members showed interest in a cross-channel cruise so Carentan on the Spring Bank Holiday weekend was suggested and publicised. I soon had about a dozen names on the list. After a meeting of willing participants at the clubhouse a plan was consolidated over a jar or two. An exchange of emails between myself and the President of their club, all written in 'Franglaise' with the aid of 'Google Translate', we knew we had a welcome there and the date of Saturday the 28th of May was decided upon. Unfortunately, closer to the date a few names dropped off the list due to clashes of dates etc. You lot will have to ban family birthdays, weddings, golf, working for a living and anything else that interferes with summer cruises.

Come the time 9 boats and a camper van set forth. Bob and Sally got to Carentan and moored in campsite opposite the marina. Macavitay was the next to set off at daybreak on Tuesday but, by the time they got to the bottom of the harbour, it was discovered that our domestic batteries were dead. After domestic discussions of divorce or worse Macavity returned to Fareham, the skipper set off to buy a pair of batteries thus depleting the joint bank account by over £200 and yours truly set off for some retail therapy in town attempting to deplete the account some more. Next day saw us on our way again, this time accompanied by Ted Middleton in Aldebaran making amazing progress with a F5 on the beam and arriving early at St Vaast. While in St Vaast we heard that Magician with Les Knowles and Terry Meads on board had headed straight for Carentan. The following day Ian Saxil-Neilsen and Graham Cotton on Jenny Wren were heading up the canal in fog. Friday saw Macavity and Aldebaran heading for Grandcamp-Maisey just along the coast from Carentan. By this time all the other boats were on the move either heading straight for the safe water mark outside the Carentan approach or for St Vaast with those spending the night outside St Vaast heading for the safe water mark on Saturday morning. Mike Hooper with on Palomas with all his work colleagues on board realised that getting back on Monday against the predicted strong northerly winds would pose a problem. Throwing a 'sickie' was not an option as his boss was on board so he opted for Cherbourg for a night with the possibility of getting to Carentan by train. A brilliant idea which was not to be as Cherbourg was so crowded their boat had to remain on the waiting pontoon and by the time they got ashore it was too late to get the train. To add insult to injury, by the time they were off the Isle of Wight after a rough trip in northerlies they were boarded by the Border Agency. Apparently they were not smuggling illegal immigrants so they didn't even get arrested.

The other boat that did not make it was Blue Max who picked up a rope around the prop off Barfleur and was towed to St Vaast but made from stern stuff he joined us in Carentan courtesy of Bob Brennan and the camper van. I always said that having a set of wheels out there would be of use. Thanks Bob!

Aldebaran in canal



Saturday saw a flotilla of boats traversing the canal up to Carentan. Blue Mistique (John & Dee) and Waveney Harrier (Peter Martin with Tony & Sandra crewing) has joined us. We were escorted by CCC boats who had come to greet us, See photos.

Macavity & Blue Mistique in canal



The lock had so many boats we compared ourselves to sardines in a box but there were so many hugs, kisses and handshakes that we felt so very welcome.

Boats crammed into the lock



Now safely in our allocated berths we were told that there was a reception and food arranged for us at 7 o'clock that night.

In a specially erected marquee we were warmly welcomed and wined and dined to such an extent that the urge to sing came upon us.

We enjoyed ourselves so much that some of us have only very dim memories of the end of the evening and do not wish to be reminded. Just don't mention anything about 'Old Macdonald'.

The President of the CCC was presented with a carved and painted plaque to honour the occasion.

FSMBC Commodore and CCC President lead the singing



The person whose arm was twisted to carve this plaque was Dave Branscombe and he did such a good job that I extend to him a big 'thank you'.

The bottle of single malt under Dee's arm was also presented and was not for her own personal consumption.



The following day we were treated to an early cup of coffee then taken by car on a tour of the surrounding countryside. Storks nesting in the walls of a derelict manor had us all spellbound.

We were also amazed by the preserved flat bottomed boat that was an example of what had been used to traverse the waterways in days gone by. This was not a vessel we would put our trust in nowadays.

Later in the day we were driven to the nature reserve which allowed us to take a very peaceful walk as well as enjoying the sightings of birds and animals including a



pair of coypu hiding in the reeds.

By this time the last boat in our rally had arrived namely Zircon with Rob & Lizzie & their crew Roger & Richard. They had spent the night in St Vaast having had a delayed start due to work commitments. Ah the joys of being retired. Although they had missed out on the organised vents they claim to have really enjoyed

the trip.

On Monday Aldebaran left for St Vaast taking Chris to rejoin Blue Max. Waveney Harrier also left at the same time but phoned in to report that he was returning under sail due to engine problems and so the lock keeper was hailed to ensure the lock gates were open for him to sail straight in. Luckily his problem was easily solved but his return to the UK was delayed due to persistent Northerly winds.

The remainder of the fleet left early on Wednesday, with Zircon and Macavity extending their holiday with another visit to St Vaast.

It is a rally we will all remember mainly due to the extremely warm and friendly hospitality extended to us by the members of the CCC. As well as the organised events we found ourselves being entertained to coffee on Sylvie and Jean's lovely motor cruiser. Our Commodore, in search of the out of town supermarket was spotted by Christian, a CCC member who has visited Fareham and is therefore known to some of us. He immediately drove her to the supermarket and returned her to the port.

So, all I can say is Brexit or no Brexit LONG LIVE THE 'ENTENT CORDIALLE'.

We will look forward to welcoming them at our clubhouse when they sail over here.



International Guild of Knot Tyers

A report by Dick Kipps

You may have wondered why some strange banners were flying outside the clubhouse and the entrance was decked out as in this photograph.

Earlier this month (May) the International Guild of Knot Tyers had their Annual General Meeting in Fernham Hall with displays of Knot Craft ranging from simple knots and spinning to complicated and decorative work. The precursor to this event was 3 days of workshops, demonstrations, and talks in the Club House.

These included the use and drawbacks of the new DYNEEMA (spectracus) rope that is stronger than steel and lighter than anything else with a working life span 5 times longer than polyester but is prone to damage by chafe.

Rope-making and net-making and canvas work along with decorative work was demonstrated by Knotters from Alasca Australia USA and many from the continent. A successful AGM was had by all.

It is unfortunate that only a few FS&MBC members were able to attend as most have to work.



MAY 2016 SOCIAL REPORT - Sally Brennan

We had a very lively 60th Birthday party for Denise Lee on Saturday 14th May.

This was an American Supper and Denise had booked a jazz band who were extremely good (if a tad loud). Most of us "oldies" had trouble keeping up with the pace of the tempo. Nevertheless Denise and her friends kept us entertained with some groovy moves.

When the band went home we were all up on the floor dancing to CD music. Many of Denise's friends remarked on the lovely situation of the sailing club and how warm and friendly we are. Some, who arrived by boat, said they would like to come again!

Next up was the BISTO night (sorry Gaynor I couldn't resist that one) - I mean BISTRO night, which was fully booked.

June 4th is Pirates day. We hope that all the skippers and crews make it back from Carantan to fulfil their promise of taking the children and carers out on the water. Otherwise, for the rest of us, it's dressing up as pirates and being good hosts. Should be fun as usual!

Sunday June 5th is the Pewit Island Lugger race. Carol Walden will be providing food with a Caribbean theme. (Sorry Carol I wasn't made aware of this theme before I had booked "The Courtiers" who play Celtic Folk Music) !!!!!



Images of the Bistro Evening

I am not sure who came up with the idea of cooking 4 courses of French Cuisine for 20 people at the club but I think it was me. Slap me if I do so again.



Thanks go to our very smart waiter, John, signed up for the job by Dee. Not sure his pronunciation was perfect but we all enjoyed his performance.



The diners all seemed to enter into the spirit of the evening as can be seen in these photos.



At £10 per head I think it was a bargain but we cleared a profit of about £90 which will go towards entertaining foreign friends when they visit our club.



The kitchen was manned by myself and my able assistant Linda, both of us getting hotter as the evening continued as you can see in the photo. Linda must have regretted her suggestion to volunteer however she did a sterling job and I say a big 'Thank you' to her as I could not have survived without her. Also a big thanks to all who helped get the tables laid and get the clubhouse looking so 'French'.

The evening was a sellout and I think that other events could be run in a similar way so all we need is a few volunteers, Do I hear you all shouting 'I have a brilliant idea' or 'Me, I'll do it'? Come on! It's a great feeling when you see people enjoying themselves even if it was exhausting on the evening. If I can do it so can you,