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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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FSMBC members enjoy a BBQ at Bembridge

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the editor by the 20th of the
month to ensure their inclusion
in the following month's edition.

Commodore's Comments

Our glorious summer continues and it's great to see empty moorings and berths on the Creek because Members are getting out on their boats. I'm sure the Club will be buzzing soon with everyone coming back with tales of 'what we did on our holidays 2016'! As always, if you're happy to share, an informal presentation, maybe 2 on one evening, would go down very well with Members. Something to think about for the months ahead!

August was indeed a busy month with lots happening kicked off in style with the Bembridge Rally – 26 boats – awesome! A brilliant time was had by all and congratulations to the Munt family who won the boules match – well done! Great to see so many new members attend and thanks to established members for making sure everyone was included.

John and I attended the Royal Southern Yacht Club Commodores champagne reception at Cowes Week and they even had a fly past by the Red Arrows!!! Not sure FSMBC can rise to that but something to aspire to I guess!

The Interclub Weekend was a huge success. Congratulations to Chris Hare, Corks with glamorous assistants Sue and Annie, Pam and Vic and Barry for pulling together such a great event. Definitely one to remember! The Dave Brady trophy provided another excellent reason to turn out and support the Lugger fleet. Congratulations to John Herbert for winning the trophy presented by Pat Brady.

I'd like to thank Tony Cleal, our Lugger Captain for all his hard work and input with the Lugger fleet over the last few years. Having been at the helm for a while, Tony has decided to stand down and has handed over the baton to Kevin Abbot; a splendid choice for Lugger Captain. Thank you both for keeping the fleet in check, not an easy task at times. Cheers Tony and welcome Kevin!

The Management Committee thanks Lin Anderson for being Membership Secretary for the last year and acknowledges her input whilst in role. For various reasons, Lin has stood down and George Thomson will oversee the role until the AGM in November. We continue to look at ways to streamline this role and have already moved new membership duties to Lyse Lemieux which is proving very successful. The role of Membership Sec. is computer based so if you'd like to get involved with this pivotal role for the Club, please let Terry Flinn, Club Sec., know asap. Roles available in November are: Membership Sec, Sailing Sec and Craft Administrator. With many new members in the Club over the last couple of years, I'm sure these roles will easily fill so keep Terry busy with your applications! The Club needs you!

September continues at a pace for Club events. Have you signed up yet for the Yarmouth rally 10th/11th September? The list is in the bar and filling up nicely so be sure not to miss out.

FSMBC will be supporting the raft race on 3rd - last heard 16 entries - fantastic! Our own Mike Young is heading this up so go along and watch those magnificent craft in action.

The infamous Fareham Creek Regatta is 17th & 18th with loads of things happening both ashore and afloat: gig racing, bbq, live music, raffle in aid of Ocean Youth Trust South, fireworks etc. I won't give it all away. Just come on down and join in!

I shall be attending a Vannes meeting shortly with reps from Warsash, Portchester and Hill Head Sailing Clubs so will be able to give you an update next month of when the French fleet are expected in 2017 – it's all going on!

Details of Club events are available on the Club website and via our Face book page - have you looked lately?

See you in the bar or on the water soon,
Dee

Forthcoming Events

Yarmouth Rally & BBQ

Saturday 10th September

Contact Lizzy Adams for further details

Birthday Celebrations
Margaret Pryde
invites all her friends to celebrate her
80th Birthday
on Saturday 8th of October
at the FSMBC clubhouse

Fareham Raft Race Saturday 3rd September

11:00am All entrants to be signed in
and ready for inspection of their raft

12:00am Race Start

CYCLING ON A WEDNESDAY EVENING

What has that to do with
FSMBC?

Ask
Martin Duffus,
Alan Stewart
or
Lyse Lemieux

Fareham Creek Regatta

Sat 17th & Sun 18th Sept 2016

See pages 5 - 6 for details

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



“ Have you been Pudgied Lately? ”

The Club is considering planned replacements for its fibreglass “ferry” dinghies with the demonstration PORTLAND PUDGY distributed locally (see www.soundlessmarine.com). It will be available to cruiser owner members for trial at the club during suitable tide and weather conditions on Saturday 3rd September 2016.

The craft has many attributes, not the least of which being its ability to self drain while afloat and unloaded.

The club will be considering only the Basic Rowing Tender and your trial and feedback would be appreciated.

It is proposed to schedule 4 x 10 min slots per hour with a 5 min turn around (pit stop) and the schedule list will be posted on a notice board for your first come selection of a slot.

Keep a close eye on the notice board or contact Tony Blair,

Tony Blair. pp The Bosuns Team

Editorial

While tidying the boat at Salterns Pontoon after our Bank Holiday Cruise I was slightly dismayed but also cheered up by the sight of a flock of geese arriving on the creek. I was cheered by the site of these splendid birds on the wing but dismayed that this sight signifies the end of summer since they are over-wintering visitors to our shores. However, they should arrive in September and this was only August the 31st. Has anyone not told them that they are early? Don't they know how upsetting it is for the likes of me to be reminded that summer is drawing to it's close? This is exacerbated by the sun which insists on setting earlier and earlier each night.

The sight of these over-wintering avian visitors made me question whether my choice of collective noun. I had thought of them as a flock but then remembered my English teacher attempting to educate me. Wasn't it a 'gaggle of geese'? Time to ask Mr Google! This is what came up:

geese (on land. Greater than 5 in number) - a gaggle of geese
geese (flying in V formation) - a wedge of geese
geese (flying) - a skein of geese
geese (on water or on land) - a plump of geese
geese - a nide of geese

Confused? I was. I still am. So, it depends whether these creatures are flying, walking or swimming as to how I should refer to them. Anyway, I saw large number of geese.

But looking back at all the rallies that FSMBC boats have participated in this summer I think it has a really good season even if it is coming to an end.

FCR PROGRAM OF EVENTS - 2016

Sat 17 September

HW: 12:30 AM

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| 11:00 AM | Opening Ceremony |
| 11:10 AM | Scouts Race 1 (Under 12) |
| 11:20 AM | Scouts Race 2 (Under 14) |
| 11:30 AM | Explorers Gig 1 & 2 |
| 11:40 AM | Ladies Gig Teams 1 (Red) & 2 (Orange) |
| 11:50 AM | Mens Gig Teams 1 (Blue) & 2 (Grey) |
| 12:00 PM | Scouts Race 3 (Under 12) |
| 12:10 PM | Ladies Gig Teams 3 (Yellow) & 4 (Blue) |
| 12:20 PM | Mens Gig Teams 3 (Orange) & 4 (Red) |
| 12:30 PM | Scouts Race 4 (Under 14) |
| 12:40 PM | Explorers Gig 1 & 2 |
| 12:50 PM | Mens Gig Teams 5 (Yellow) & 6 (Green) |
| 1:00 PM | Ladies Gig Teams 5 (Green) & 6 (Pink) |
| 1:10 PM | Mens Gig Teams 7 (Light Blue) & 8 (Lime Green) |
| 1:20 PM | Scouts Under 12 Final |
| 1:30 PM | Scouts Under 14 Final |
| 1:40 PM | Oar of Fareham Scouts Gig Race (Fareham v Portch) |
| 1:50 PM | Men/Ladies Gig Knockout - Mayor's Reggata Cup |
| 2:00 PM | Saturday Prize Giving |
| 2:10 PM | Saturday Fun Races |

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM BBQ

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Brigands Brew Band

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hog Roast

8:30 PM - 11:30 PM Saga Louts Band

10:30 PM Fireworks

12:30 PM - 11:00 PM Club House Bar open

5:00 PM - 11:00 PM Club Workshop Bar open

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE ABOVE TELL THE REGATTA COMMITTEE

FCR PROGRAM OF EVENTS - 2016

Sun 18 September

HW: 1.10 PM

11.00 AM	Lugger/Dinghy Cup Race 1/Lugger Winter Series
11.45 AM	Lugger/Dinghy Cup Race 1/Lugger Winter Series
1:00 AM	Mens Gig 7th & 8th Play Off
1:10 AM	Mens Gig 5th & 6th Play Off
1:20 AM	Ladies Gig 5th & 6th Play Off
1:30 AM	Ladies Gig 3rd and 4th Play Off
1:40 AM	Mens Gig 3rd and 4th Play Off
1:50 AM	Ladies Gig Semi - Final
2:00 AM	Mens Gig Semi - Final
2:10 AM	Ladies Gig Final
2:20 AM	Mens Gig Final
2:30 AM	Prize giving
3:00 PM	Fareham Creekers

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM BBQ

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Club House Bar open

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE ABOVE TELL THE REGATTA COMMITTEE

**Lots to do!
Lots to see!
Come along and join the fun!**

Cruises & BBQs

The annual BBQ at Bembridge has become somewhat of a tradition at our club. This year's BBQ was organised by Lizzy Adams even though she could not be present to enjoy the fun as she and Rob were away on holiday. Such dedication! However, I am told that all went swimmingly and that great fun was had by all.

At Pims o'clock the girls take to their straw hats and the gents take to photo-bombing.



Other boats seem to have been taking in washing.

Obviously those on Merricrew have to make money any way they can.



Barbequing took place in the dunes this year and they all thought it was great. However, things did tend to get heated and had the look of things going up in smoke. But then, that's what cooking

out of doors is all about. It obviously saves setting fire to the boat.

The other established tradition on these Bembridge events is the boules competition. This event has to be taken extremely seriously and, occasionally, a 'head to head' discussion is necessary.



Cruises & BBQs (continued)



The prize is of the alcoholic kind so when the winner this year was young Joseph, the youngest crew on the boat Whisper, bids were made by the older members of the Whisper crew to take possession of this bottle of fizz which had been ceremoniously presented by Dee, FSMBC's Commodore. I do hope that good



recompense was made to this young hero. His father, Nigel, will obviously have to keep him in Coca-Cola for the next 12 months.

Obviously, not everyone was adequately fed on this event. Our Bar Manager, Pam, could not have provided sufficient nutrition for her husband Vic and he had to resort to scavenging in black bin bags. Let's hope that our diners had been generous with their binned leftovers.



You will have to bring your own food next time Vic!

It is amazing that a grand total of 26 boats attended this event. It is also amazing that the



weather was good and sunny throughout this event. Long may this trend carry on.



It seemed that nothing was arranged for the August Bank Holiday until, with not much more than a week to go, Ian Saxil-Nielsen and a few others decided that the weather looked good for Weymouth. I was called upon to rush out a few posters to quickly advertise the event and we ended up with 5 FSMBC boats and one non member's boat from PME berthed at Weymouth Quay over the Bank Holiday.

Cruises & BBQs (continued)



Ian must have realised his mistake of being the first to arrive. His boat, apart from being the biggest boat, was the inside boat attached to the pontoon. Therefore the crews of the other participating craft all called in for coffee or helped to relieve him of some red wine that had been cluttering up his boat since he returned from the French port of Carentan in May. They even tucked into his lunch of mini eggs and cherry tomatoes. These were the crews of Macavity, Thistledown and Paloma as well as

the crew of Whisper who were berthed in the adjacent raft.

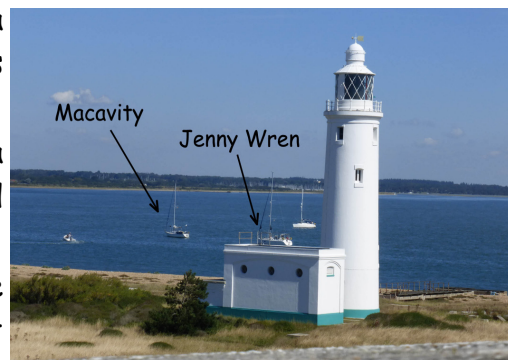
There was ample entertainment on the quayside in the form of live music and even fireworks on the beach. Mike on Palomas with Robin as crew with Nigel, who had jumped ship from Whisper, went in search of adventure by setting out to see the tip of Portland Bill. I'm glad to say they returned safe and happy.

Thistledown had returned via Lymington, Palomas and Whisper were staying longer so Jenny Wren and Macavity set off on their return trip on Monday afternoon. After a very leisurely sail we anchored, at Ian's suggestion, off Hurst. This was a very peaceful anchorage in the westerly breeze. It was also good holding ground in mud.

We took a stroll ashore the following morning and took a walk around the fort. This was well worth the effort and they had many interesting exhibitions.

This anchorage was a good suggestion by Ian and I'm sure Macavity will be using this anchorage again if only to wait for the tide through Hurst Narrows.

Ian also managed to arrange good weather; Easterlies to get there and Westerlies to get home. What better could we hope for?



This rally to Weymouth was very much a last minute affair. The advertising posters did not appear in the Clubhouse and the pier-head notice board until a week before the event. Do keep your eyes peeled for information about these events.

The next one on the agenda is the Yarmouth cruise and barbeque. This is organised by Lizzy so get in touch with her or look in at the clubhouse for information.

And finally.....if you saw these photos in a posh pilot book you might think that this scenic place was to be next on your list of places to visit. Where is it?



Fareham Creek of course!
Makes you think, doesn't it.