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Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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Commodore's Comments

Nights are drawing in and summer time will soon be over, ah, but what a time we've had! So many good events have occurred and been enjoyed by so many Club members. I think it's fair to say, all be it a tad biased, that FSMBC is vibrant with new initiatives, members and a sound future ahead - a great space to be in.

This year's Regatta was by far the best attended in terms of participation and support for all matters ashore. Well done to Nick How and Alan Labrum who, along with a hands on Committee, provided a spectacular weekend and Mayoress Connie Booth was delighted to attend with her husband to observe and give out prizes. Connie commented 'This is a terrific joint event for FSMBC & 2nd Fareham Sea Scouts and friends of both - unique for Fareham'. Such kind words that capture the friendly essence of the weekend.

Mark Edey of the Scouts and now a new Club member was excellent in keeping the communication going between the 2 main parties - a very positive way forward for the Club.

Many photos were taken by Alan Stewart's son, soon to be posted on Facebook and a selection will be published later in this newsletter as well as the local press.

A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets to raise funds for Ocean Youth Trust, my chosen charity. £650.00! Awesome. I was delighted to present a cheque to Mark Todd, CEO for the Trust, at the Southampton Boat Show and he was bowled over by the donation which is much appreciated for the new boat boat Prolific - look out for her in the Solent next year.

On a slightly different note, you may have noticed the Club House has been adorned with wonderful blooms all summer and this has been down to Debbie Plumbley and Terry Godfrey who have toiled for many hours to ensure the Club looks at its best with flowers. A recent competition held by Fareham Borough Council for best in bloom in the borough saw Debbie & Terry achieve bronze in the category Business - fantastic and heartiest congratulations to them both. They received the honour at a formal function held at Ferneham Hall recently which was attended by Mayoress Connie Booth who presented the certificates. If that was just for starters, can't wait for next year's input - Go for it guys!

The rally to Yarmouth was another success despite harsh weather doing its utmost to keep the fleet at Bay. I'm sure Lizzie Adams will be commenting later in this publication - keep her busy with suggestions of where to hold rallies in the new year!

I met up with fellow members of the Vannes Committee at Warsash Sailing Club and am happy to give the heads up that the Vannes exchange will more than likely be the first week of July next year. Along with Warsash, Portchester and Hill Head, we all need to raise funds to support the visit in 2017 and I'm delighted to say that Gaynor Parker, Margaret Pryde and I will be getting together soon to determine ways to raise monies so watch this space!

Our AGM is getting closer. Please note that vacancies are available on the Committee. If you would like to represent Club Members and have an input on Club matters at grass roots, now is the time to come forward and be counted!!!

Please let Terry Flinn - Club Secretary know of your interest in supporting our Club Management and join in decision making of moving the Club forward - go on, you know you want to!

See you in the bar soon

Regards
Dee

Forthcoming Events

Back by Popular Demand Club Games Night at the Clubhouse

Join in the fun with board games,
card games and much more

Friday 7th October
Further details from John Fagot

Club A G M
Sunday November 20th
See page 6 for details

Prize giving & Dinner Dance
Saturday November 19th
Details from social team

HALLOWEEN FIREWORK AUTUMN EXTRAVAGANZA



At F S M B C Saturday the 29th October 2016
From 8 'til late - Tickets £7 to include buffet,
Halloween Punch, raffle and Firework Display

A Birthday Party

with free buffet
& live music

Saturday at 8pm

8th October

Margaret
Pryde
is 80!



from 'the MAIL'

TRAFALGAR NIGHT



Saturday 22nd Oct 2016 at 7:30
Enjoy a three course meal, with wine
and a tot of rum - Tickets £18.

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

Editorial

There have been so many things happening these last few weeks that I don't know where to start my rant this month. Hooray do I hear you say?

When we tried to find a date for our usual 'end of season' cruise & meal we could not find a date on a weekend that was free. However, if you are of a mind to do a short winter cruise to Cowes followed by a meal at the Island Sailing Club have a word with Les Knowles. We might get something together.

Also, 'Anyone for tennis?' as they say. Lyse Limeaux is eager to find someone to play with - play tennis that is. If you are after some extra exercise get in touch with her. Also, remember the cycling group advertising for participants last month. Carry on at this rate and we will be the fittest sailors around.

Did you go to the Boat show? We did. We hardly spent a penny. A friend of himself gave us free tickets. We drove to the nearest bus stop where we could park for free and use our OAP bus passes for free. Cheapskate or not? Once inside we kept being offered free cups of coffee (thanks Dee) or samples of wine (thanks Chris). The only thing David bought was 3m of string then gave it to me to carry. It was then I realised that the problem of my jeans falling down was now solved as I could use it doubled up as a belt and tie some fancy knot. It was only at the pub later that evening that I realised I was having funny looks. Bright yellow string holding up my trousers is obviously not considered the height of fashion 'round these parts.

You may have noticed in last month's edition that our bosun's team were doing a trial on a different style of club rowing dinghy, the Portland Pudgy. This shows that we do check new things out now and again. Some we may take up and others not but it is worth looking at what is around. Some members gave it a try.

Here we have Lyse modelling the latest design in this year's colour - white.

So, if you want to check out what our committees have in mind for us make sure you get down to the club and check what is going on.



Another picture that might surprise you is the one on the left. It shows Terry Godfrey and Debbie Plumbley being presented by the Mayor of Fareham with the certificate for bronze prize for 'Fareham in Bloom'.

If you haven't seen this certificate in pride and place in the clubhouse here is a photo. Well done to the green fingered duo for keeping our flower baskets up to scratch.



You never know what is going on down at the club these days.

Secretary Calling.

Currently, my thoughts are directed towards my responsibility of getting things ready for the AGM. I have just issued the Calling Notice and have also produced a worksheet to help the Management Committee make sure that nothing gets forgotten.

The AGM is the one real opportunity for Club Members to influence how the Club is to be run in the next 12 months when they elect the Flag Officers and members of the Management Committee.

Perhaps it might be useful if I remind you what the Club Rules have to say about Flag Officers, Officers of the Club and Elected Members.

First of all, the Flag Officer positions are Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore. They are elected annually and serve for one year; they are not permitted to hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.

Secondly, the Officers of the Club are the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Sailing Secretary, the Honorary House Secretary, the Honorary Boatswain, the Honorary Mooring Master and the Honorary Bar Manager. They too are elected annually and again they are not allowed to hold the same office for more than three consecutive years, with the exception of the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary who can be extended to five years.

Finally, five Elected Members are chosen at the AGM and again they serve for one year up to a maximum of three years.

So each year, every single position has to be proposed, seconded and then elected by the Club members. In theory, we could have a totally brand new Management Committee immediately after the AGM.

To be eligible for selection as a Flag Officer or Officer of the Club, you must be proposed and seconded 21 days before the AGM. Elected Members can be nominated as late as the AGM itself.

In reality, however, Flag Officers do tend to move upwards through their ranks eventually becoming Commodore, while the Officers and Elected Members, if they are willing, do tend to serve for a three-year term. Quite often Elected Members, having had the experience of being on the Management Committee, do move on to become Officers of the Club.

It's fair to say that in the run-up to the AGM, the Hon Secretary rarely receives a whole host of nominations. Indeed, the Management Committee usually has to try to find volunteers to fill the up-coming vacancies. This year is likely to be no exception!

Commodore Dee, having completed her maximum term, will leave the Committee.

Chris Hare, after three years in post, will retire as Sailing Secretary.

Sue May has already told us that she wishes to stand down as Treasurer, but she has indicated that she is prepared to mentor her successor until they are happy in their new job.

So you can see that before this year's AGM we need to identify at least three new volunteers willing to join the Management Committee: Flag Officer, Sailing Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, the positions of Membership Secretary and Craft Administrator, both very important roles, are also vacant.

It's always good to introduce new blood into any committee, to bring along fresh ideas and generally shake things up.

Can you see yourself ready to take on one of these leadership positions within the Club?

Please think about getting more involved in the running of your Club, making use of your talents and perhaps learning new skills along the way.

Hope to see you at the AGM.

Terry Flinn
Hon. Secretary



Fareham Sailing and Motor Boat Club

FSMBC CALLING NOTICE – AGM 2016

Dear Members

Your attention is drawn to Sunday 20th November 2016, when you will have an opportunity to influence how your Club is run. Our AGM will be held in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Fareham, starting at 12.30 with refreshments and the meeting commencing at 13.00.

The bar/galley will not be open at the Clubhouse on this day.

PROPOSALS

If any member wishes to propose a motion for discussion, please send your proposal - of not more than 1000 words including all background information - to me at the Clubhouse or by e-mail terryflinn@onetel.com before **Sunday 30th October 2016 so it can be published on the Agenda.**

Please head every page with the date of the meeting and, at the bottom of every page, put the name, address and telephone numbers of both the proposer and the seconder.

RULE CHANGES

If any member wishes to propose a rule change, in addition to sending me details as shown above, Rule 8.7 requires the proposal to be displayed by the proposer on the Club Notice board at least 21 days prior to the AGM, in other words by Sunday 30th October 2016.

PROXY VOTING

Would any member who wishes to nominate another member to vote on their behalf at the meeting please write or email me letting me have the name of their nominated proxy. This must be received not later than 48hours before the meeting i.e. **by 13.00 on Friday 17th November 2016.**

NOMINATIONS

Nomination proposals for Flag Officers and Officers of the Club must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary, at least 21 days before the AGM again by **Sunday 30th October 2016.**

Nominations for Flag Officers and Officers of the Club can be received at the Annual General Meeting only if insufficient nominations have been received.

Elected Members are elected at the AGM and do not have to be nominated in advance although it helps if they can be.

The majority of Club Officers have indicated that they are willing to continue in post for another year, but vacancies do exist for one Flag Officer, the Sailing Secretary and the Treasurer. In addition we need to find a Membership Secretary and a Craft Administrator.

You can use the form on the next page to nominate a member for a position on the Management Committee. Having checked that your nominee is agreeable to stand, you and a seconder should then sign and print your names. This form should then be put in an envelope and addressed to me at the Clubhouse. There will be spare forms at the Clubhouse.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me terryflinn@onetel.com or **01329 238617**

Terry Flinn

Honorary Secretary



Fareham Sailing and Motor Boat Club

	NOMINATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Commodore			
Vice Commodore			
Rear Commodore			
Hon. Secretary			
Hon. Treasurer			
Hon. Sailing Sec.			
Hon. House Sec.			
Hon. Boatswain			
Hon. Bar Manager			
Hon Mooring Master			
Elected Member			
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18 boats were booked in for the Yarmouth Rally and BBQ on the beach Saturday 10th September. Unfortunately, the forecast was not good towards the end of the week with strong wind and heavy rain forecast for Saturday morning so this resulted in a few boats pulling out at the last minute.

Blue Mistique had been enjoying a week away and decided to end their holiday with the Yarmouth Rally, arriving Friday, along with Jenny Wren, Merricrew and Blue Max.

Rob & Lizzy on Zircon had to do that work thing on the Friday (it always seems to get in the way!!) but they left Fareham Friday evening, arriving at Yarmouth for 21:30. There was no sign of the other Fareham sailors, but they were soon heard returning from the pub at closing time and there were drinks on board Zircon until early hours....

Blue Max came into the harbour on Friday but had a problem getting the mainsail down, so had to wrap a halyard around the sail and rafted up alongside Merricrew. Rob on Merricrew then spent most of Saturday morning assuring passing sailors from other boats that they did know that the main sail was flapping in the breeze and explaining politely that it was **?! (ask Merricrew for more details!)

After a bit of a late start Saturday morning, breakfast in the Bugle sounded like a good plan but we missed breakfast being served by about 10 mins, so we had to improvise with ham, egg and chips from the lunch menu, washed down with a pint.

Saturday also brought the predicted wind and rain, but Fareham boats continued to turn up, with Waveney Harrier, Deux Poissons, & Palomas joining the rally. It was not looking good for a BBQ on the beach, but it was rumoured that the rain would stop at 15:00 and there would be a heat-wave...!!

Sure enough, the rain did stop and Rob, Lizzy, Chris and Ian were summoned back from the Red Lion in Freshwater to organise the promised BBQ...now to be held on Zircon and Deux Poissons.

BBQ goodies and drinks were quickly brought over from the Rally boats, and Sandra did a fantastic job of cooking endless kebabs on Zircon, with the aid of a head torch and her sunglasses....it turned into the Great Fareham BBQ Challenge between Zircon and Deux Poissons to see who had the best food....

We needed a group photo, so Rob knocked on a neighbouring boat to see if they would take our picture, and they kindly obliged. See Right.

The evening ended with drinks on Deux Poissons, with Mike from Palomas introducing Dee & John to the Fuzzy Duck game.....

Sunday morning brought glorious weather and it was a great sail back to Fareham. A fantastic weekend, great party and BBQ with good company...

From the picture they certainly look like they had fun. Editor.





So you thought that our sailing club was a dowdy affair up a muddy creek?



Well check this out! You don't get more lively and colourful than this. Flags flying, club members cheering and the men's green shirted rowing team making quite a splash. However the ladies can make a big splash too.



And how about the scenic nature of the shore-side cottages at the Lower Quay. It looks like a picture-book scene.



Even the tower of the council offices can't detract from the joyous scene of colourful sails. The RSs, Wanderer, and Enterprise show that it isn't just the tan-sailed Luggers that we sail here.



As for the age range, we had youngsters in Picos and more venerable members in more sedate boats. As for the 'salty sailors' - well, we



have a few of them as well. Not to mention the regular participants.



A fun day on the water for all ages.



Girls! Gig racing means ROWING not GIGGLING .



Lads! When I shout 'PULL' I mean the paddles, not the ladies in the bar later.



See! You can do it properly if you try. Now beat the other team!



...and if you don't get wet in a boat you can always jump in.

Yes it's your lovely bar manager holding a silver cup rather than handing you a pint of beer. Her able helper is there to nudge her.



Here's our lovely Commodore presiding over one of her last events. Right, a rose between two stripy jumpers, below, with our retiring Hon. Sailing Secretary.



Great to see local youngsters proud of their medals.



.....and more mature winners. I suppose he was young once. I'm told he was a club-member even then.



If you thought he was holding a beer mug think again. See below.



Yet another prize cup. Family groups and young children were very much in evidence enjoying the fun.



Sea Scouts. The sailors of the future.



And to round off Saturday night a hog roast and music from the 'Saga Louts'- right.