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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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and a 2 from Martin**



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ensure their inclusion in
the following month's
edition.

Commodore's Comments

At this year AGM I was delighted with the attendance of around a hundred members, which was more than last year and shows the club is in a healthy state.

The members filling the vacant positions were George Thomson as the vice commodore Bob Upton as the rear commodore, Charlie Coxwell as Hon Sailing Secretary, Martin Bouette and Mike Hooper are the new elected members. A full list of all the committee positions will be included in January's newsletter.

My thanks go to Ian-Saxil Neilson who obtained the monitor in the lobby and the touch screen monitor in the clubroom installed the software and commissioned them. Members can now access the Clubs website, DutyMan and other important links. Ian has also taken on the Craft Administrators role.

Regarding the social scene December is quite full with the children's party Saturday 3rd, the Christmas jolly Saturday 10th the next weeks Sunday lunch time Christmas raffle prize draw with carols and the new years eve American Supper and not forgetting the Boxing Day Stir-Up rowing event.

Editorial

The editor also wishes you all the Season's Greetings.

There are, as usual, many seasonal events arranged for you over the next month so there is no excuse for you not to be enjoying yourselves. The social committee and others who arrange these events work hard to get these off the ground and sometimes we don't appreciate them. Do make their lives easier by booking early so they know how many to cater for.

Although not a Christmas event, the first one in December is a talk and slide show by Rob Buckley. This will describe Rob's adventures when he sailed the east coast of England raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. This is a very worthy charity and one close to Rob's heart. Money raised from the hot supper of chicken curry or lasagne. Pam has even got some Tiger beer in stock at the bar to complement the curry. Do come along and support Rob.

We now have a new hand on the helm of the committee. Dee Orme, having served us so well as commodore has now had to stand down as she has done her 3 years.

Alan Labrum now takes over with George Thomson as Vice Commodore and Bob Upton as Rear Commodore. Let us make sure we give them all the support that we can.

You will, of course, know this if you were at the AGM.

What you will also have learned at the AGM is that we have, by law, to provide a disabled toilet on the premises. Robin Wren gave us a presentation of what he envisages is possible given the restrictions of the building. He is open to suggestions on this matter and urges members to contact him if they have any constructive ideas.

Your editor is currently typing out this in the confines of the boat having spent the last few days sailing in the Solent. Our idea of a summer cruise! There was ice on the decks as we set off from Yarmouth this morning and there was ice on the pontoon as we arrived in Cowes. However, it was a beautiful morning and the sun rising through the mists over Newtown Creek sent yours truly for her camera. So it was worth it.

Merry Christmas All.

Forthcoming Events

Clubhouse Talk

Sailing to Raise Money
Friday 2nd December

Rob Buckley tells of his sailing adventures raising money for Teenage Cancer Trust
Talk starts at 8 o'clock
All monies raised at this talk will be donated to this charity
Hot food—curry or lasagne will be served at a nominal price



Children's Christmas Party. Fun & Games

Saturday 3rd December
15:30 to 18:30

Food & Entertainment

email dee.orme@tiscali.co.uk for details & to book.

A wrapped gift up to the value of £10 and labelled with the child's name to be brought on the day for Santa's sack.



*Christmas
Jolly
Saturday
10th Dec
19:30hrs
Food & Music
Tickets from
Social Committee*



Sunday 18th December
Lunchtime event

Grand Xmas Draw
&
Christmas
Carols
with our very own
Fareham Creekers

No need to book just come along



*New Year's Eve
American Supper
Saturday Dec 31st
Bring some food
& enjoy the fun*



And after all that overindulgence don't forget to work it all off
at the Boxing Day Stir-up
Try out your rowing skills

Any items for inclusion in the January edition to be emailed to publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk
by 20th December

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Message sent by James Pusey (Police, Corporate Communications, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight)

We're issuing some basic crime prevention tips to boat owners in Fareham and Gosport after a recent spate of theft.

A total of 39 thefts of or from boats were reported to us between July 25 and October 31 at locations including Portchester, Fareham Creek, Hardway, Haslar Marina, and at Swanwick.

We're investigating whether any of these reports are linked, but many of them took place in September and October as the nights were getting darker. In some cases smaller boats have been stolen to access larger vessels moored offshore. Electrical equipment such as radios or GPS systems have subsequently been stolen along with specialist marine clothing.

Dedicated patrols have been undertaken by the Marine Unit and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been speaking to boat owners and the management of marinas in the area.

Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich said: "We take marine theft very seriously and I'd urge boat owners to report any suspicious activity to us at the time to enable us to respond appropriately.

"I'm pleased to say that so far in November no incidents of marine theft in the area have been reported to us, but I'd like to remind people to keep their vessels and equipment as secure as possible".

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind boat owners of the following crime prevention advice:

- There is only one way to guarantee that your property will not be stolen from your boat and that is to take it home. We understand that this is not always possible but try to look at your boat as you leave it and consider how it looks to a potential thief. Ensure attractive items you are leaving are out of sight or locked away.
- Take a moment to consider how you would get into your boat if you were locked out. This is probably the way the thief will try, so improve your security with effective locks which will last in the marine environment.
- Look at the equipment stored on your boat such as outboard motors and dinghies and use appropriate security devices to secure them.
- There are many different types of alarm, far too many to cover here. Speak to other club members and boat users; discuss the pros and cons, what do you want it to do? If your system notifies you someone is on board your boat, will you be in a position to respond to it?
- Many items are already marked with some sort of serial number - hull identification numbers on dinghies, engine numbers on outboards, serial numbers on electronics and life rafts. Make sure that you record these details somewhere that you can find them again if we need them.
- We strongly recommend additional means of marking. We acknowledge that this will not stop your things being stolen, but it increases the chances of us being able to return them to you. Ensure that the marks are clearly visible and difficult to remove. Support this by marking them out of sight, so that there is still something to check if the obvious marks are removed. Liquid marking systems are another effective means of marking property which could be considered. The important thing is to use a marking system which will allow the finder to identify you, such as a house or club post code or phone number, but they must be current so remember to update them.

News from the Bar

Pam Carr

Merry Christmas to you all from the Bar. We have introduced a few little newbies in the lead up to Christmas. You may have noticed we now have a few cans available in the beer section, i.e. Grolsch, San Miguel & Scrumpy Jack, also bottles of Magners. We now have some Tiger beers in view of the curry(/lasagne) night, coming up at Rob's talk this Friday 2nd Dec.

If you are into trying a little something more warming we have a couple of new whiskies available so maybe that would be your tippie. All at amazingly good prices so why not try.

I may not always be able to get small bottles of bubbly but if you are celebrating we always have the full size bottles available. So why not buy the large bottle and share with a friend.

Meantime, enjoy your Christmas preparations and look forward to celebrating along with you at some time.

Social Report

Sally Brennan

The main social event last month was, of course, the Dinner Dance.

The evening was a huge success. 58 people sat down to a delicious meal and I haven't heard one word of complaint about the food!!!!

Dave Hurst gave us a great evening of dance music and he didn't stop till 12.30am. Roll on next year.

This photo shows some of the revellers but our new commodore seems to have a list to port.

Other than that the Christmas Jolly tickets are selling well and we are working hard to arrange good food and music, again by Dave Hurst.



A Merry Christmas to you all.

Les Ballard Trophy

Les Ballard's family recently made a formal presentation of a trophy in his name to the Club which the Sailing and Management Committees had previously agreed would be used for the Luggers Winter Series.

Les was a regular Lugger competitor and a close friend of Martin Duffus and it is therefore highly appropriate that the first recipient of trophy is Martin.

It was wonderful to receive this permanent reminder of Les as he was a much respected Club member who supported FSMBC in so many ways over many years and also to see his extended family in the Club House again.



Congratulations Martin on receiving this trophy, well deserved.

Boat and Personal Details

Phil and Marian Harris-Deans have had one or two comments recently from people who think that the only members' boats listed in the Yearbook are those on Club moorings/berths, which is not the case. We remind people that their boat's name will only be listed in the Yearbook if they fill in the form with the boat's details?

It is also a good time to remind members of the importance of checking the accuracy your details held by the club. Remember to inform the club if you change your address, phone number or email address.

If you need to be contacted in an emergency it is important that your details are up to date.

The flag officers of the club Alan, George & Bob wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**

Chatting & eating at the Dinner Dance



Not forgetting
the silverware

