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*The official newsletter of the  
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club  
July 2017*



**Vannes Sailors Visit FSMBC**

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Please try to get your 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

Your editor is still on holiday! The delay in the publication of this edition is due to your editor's incompetence in not ensuring that reliable WiFi is available at all ports of call.

I realise that, in my absence, things have been happening in the club.

I have received photographic evidence from Fran Rees (thanks Fran!) and from the organiser of the event, Dave Branscombe, to prove that the Pirate Day went down a treat. Dave wishes to thank all club members who gave of their time to make this a memorable day for the children and their carers. The look of wonder and joy on the faces of the children (and some of the organisers) proves it was all worthwhile. See photo collage on page 4. Dave does a grand of organising this annual event so all credit goes to him and his helpers.

The other event that I regret missing was the entertaining of sailors from Fareham's twin town of Vannes. It seems that a wonderful time was had. See photos from our club representative, Dee Orme, on page 5. She informs me that:

'The Vannes Exchange was fantastic and the French have had a blast.

Our Club excelled on Monday - awesome efforts by Club members - not just all the usual crowd but newbies too - brilliant!'

She promises a full report in the August issue.

It has been good to meet fellow FSMBC members on our sailing exploits. Nick Simms visited us when he was arranging for the return of his boat to the UK. Over supper aboard our boat he was the source of many anecdotes of his sailing in the Netherlands. Later, we met up with John Riley who was about to wave goodbye to his wife and niece and was awaiting his crew to sail home. As we were about to depart Holland we spied another FSMBC boat - Wombat. Robin Wren and his wife were starting their tour of the Netherlands. It shows that our members do get around!

We had heard that a yacht owner had been fined in Nieuwpoort for having 'traces of red diesel in his tanks'. A few days later, when arriving in Oostende yesterday evening, we were greeted by a British boat owner who told us that the same thing had happened to him earlier that day and he had been fined on the spot. We decided that an early start this morning would take us out of the reach of any Belgian customs officer tempted to dip his sampling apparatus into our fuel tank. Although we had filled up with white diesel a few times since leaving the UK we did not know what dilution 'traces of' constituted an offence. Best not to tempt fate.

We note that the RYA's recommendations no longer hold. It is recommended that Belgium be avoided as cruising grounds until all this is settled. The very nice harbourmaster at Oostende was very annoyed by the customs officers' attitude. He suggested that when the customs knocked on your hull you should pretend to be asleep and not answer.

Happy sailing to all of you.

## Forthcoming Events



# FAREHAM CREEK REGATTA SAT 8<sup>TH</sup> & SUN 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

- LADIES & MENS TEAM GIG ROWING
- SCOUTS TEAMS COYPU & GIG ROWING
- LUGGER & DINGHY RACING FOR ALL
- FUN RACES ON THE WATER
- BARBECUE & HOG ROAST
- FAREHAM CREEKERS, BRIGANDS BREW, BARRY'S BAND

**BOOK IT IN YOUR DIARY!!!!**

## BEMBRIDGE RALLY & BBQ

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017



Marquee and BBQ available,  
please bring your own food.

To take part in this popular annual  
event, please add your name and boat  
details to the list on the notice board

or email Lizzy Adams:

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**By Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Any items for inclusion in  
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# Pirate Day



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