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Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club  
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A familiar FSMBC boat flying the burgee, as featured on Yachting Monthly.

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month's edition.

## Editorial

The editor is back home after 9 weeks sailing. However, the moment we got back the list of items that needed repairing, replacing cleaning or varnishing started being attended to.

The leak in the forepeak was somewhat of a priority. She who sleeps up the pointed end had been mentioning damp patches for some time (no, not the need for Tenna pants) but the skipper kept saying it was only condensation. However, waking him up in the middle of a thunderstorm to point out the drips did concentrate his mind somewhat. This means that Macavity was out of action while bits of boat get attended to. So, this means we missed the Bembridge rally which seems to have been a great success according to all those who attended.

It is good to see that so many boats turned out to the Bembridge Rally BBQ so there is obviously a desire within the club for local rallies and our Cruiser Captain is doing a grand job catering for this. However, it is also obvious that FSMBC boats travel further when given the opportunity. Our Cruiser Captain, Lizzy, together with Rob is getting ready to sail to Brittany on their boat Zircon. There are also several other club boats down that way including Mithril Aegis (Margaret & Jack Pryde), Aldebaran (Ted Middleton) and Satin (Phil & Marian Harris-Deans) who are probably in Spain as you read this. While sailing in the Netherlands we met up with Aella (John Riley & wife Gloria) and Wombat (Robin Wren). We also met Nick Simms who was in the area making arrangements to bring his beloved Vega, Constellation, back to the UK, the boat having spent several summers (and winters) over there. So, FSMBC boats do get about!

Also, FSMBC boats have been featuring in the Boating Magazines. You may have noticed the photo of Zircon on the front page of this issue. This was from a Yachting Monthly feature on the used Oceanis 36. You must admit, they make a good photo. (The owners as well as the yacht!) Also featured in the yachting press in the last few months was Peter Munt's Moody.

Sailing in the Netherlands clearly showed how expensive marina berths are in the South of England. We were frequently paying as little as €10 - €12 a night in Holland and also, along the way one could moor, sometimes for 3 consecutive nights, for nothing. Try that up the Hamble River! Dutch Sailors were frequently telling us how they loved to sail in the South of England but could not afford the mooring fees.

The search is on for good free anchorages.

Any suggestions? Where is your favourite place to drop the hook?

Share your secret with your fellow club members by letting me know on the usual email address [publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk](mailto:publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk).

I am informed that congratulations are extended to Hilary Corney and Kim Styles who tied the knot on the 22nd of July. I assume this was nothing to do with Reef Knots or Clove Hitches but rather getting hitched in a marital context. May they have happy life together.

## Forthcoming Events

### Changes to September Rallies

Lizzy Adams

Unfortunately, I have had to make changes to the published rallies to Lymington and Yarmouth in September due to problems booking in the boats and therefore the Club Rallies in September will now be as follows:

#### **Saturday 2nd September 2017:**

Island Harbour with BBQ on the grass picnic area.

This replaces the published Lymington rally, although if anyone wants to participate in the published race back from Lymington this may still take place, or maybe replaced with a race either to or back from Island Harbour, please contact Charlie Coxwell for race details.

#### **Saturday 23rd September 2017:**

Yarmouth - unable to book in rally due to 2 large rallies already booked in, therefore if you still would like to go and participate in the race back please let Charlie know and either book yourselves into a finger pontoon or take a chance on the day with the walk ashore/non walk ashore moorings but **I will not be organising this as a rally.**

#### **Saturday 30th September 2017:**

Lymington (Dan Bran Pontoon) with dinner in local pub (tbc)

Lymington require £10 deposit per boat to secure this booking (which will be only be refundable if adverse weather conditions on the day). I need to complete and return the booking form to them next week with numbers therefore I would be grateful if you would be able to let me know ASAP if you are interested in taking part.

There are lists for both rallies in the clubhouse. Please add your name and boat details, or please email/text me. I will need to book the boats into Island Harbour before we go on holiday so please can you let me know by Thursday 4th August latest, as I will have limited internet whilst we are away.

Hope to see you all in the club and on a Rally soon.

### **Cruiser Racing.**

Sunday 03/09/2017 Interclub Race from Lymington

Sunday 24/09/2017 Interclub Race from Yarmouth

For other cruiser or lugger racing events see the website calendar.

Any items for inclusion in the September edition to be emailed by 20th August to  
publicity@fsmcnet.org.uk

## Fareham Creek Regatta 2017



Over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July we joined forces with 2<sup>nd</sup> Fareham Sea Scouts for the annual Creek Regatta which was attended by Fareham Mayor & Mayoress Geoff and Tina Fazackarley.

Across the 2 days, events included Scouts races for under 12's and under 14's, Explorers Gig racing, Ladies and Mens Gig races, fun racing, Mayor's Regatta Cup, Lugger racing, dinghy racing and the Scouts Gig race between Fareham and Portchester for the Oar of Fareham.

The Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Geoff Fazackarley, kindly presented prizes to the winners on Saturday and his wife Tina joined in with some gig racing too.

They are such good sports! It was great to have them on board for the Regatta.

As always the excellent race commentary by Nick How kept everyone amused and the George Formby music was a wonderful background for this fab event!

Other teams that joined in were the Hamble River Rowing Club and Seafarers Sailing Club and it was lovely to have them compete.

The Scouts did a splendid BBQ both days serving burgers & sausages with some fiery relish – very hot but well worth the pain! The home made Welsh Cakes were delicious! (Who made the Welsh Cakes & how come I didn't get any? Oh yes! I remember. I was in Holland. Ed)

Corky, with his glamorous assistants Sue and Annie, made sure we were all well fed on Saturday night whilst listening to Brigands Brew in the Club workshop – splendid music just right for the late afternoon early evening slot. After a short break, Sounds Alive lead by our very own Barry Fordham kept the crowd dancing and singing until late; fantastic singing of You'll never walk alone!

Following finals and presentations on Sunday, our resident band, The Creekers, played a good set to an eager crowd finishing off a wonderfully competitive and entertaining weekend of fun on and off the water.

Thank you to all who contributed in making the Regatta such a success both behind the scenes and front of house and, finally, a huge thank you and congratulations to all the competitors who made all the preparations and hard work so worthwhile!

A few piccies from the weekend on page 5 – see you there next year!



# Images of the Regatta



## Bembridge Rally 2017

Twenty boats were booked in for the Bembridge Rally on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, with most boats arriving on Friday and the remaining boats joining the rally Saturday afternoon. The BBQ's and marquee were booked for 5:30pm onwards, in the meantime George & Liz decided it was "Pimms O'Clock " and invited everybody on board. It was the talk of the pontoon as the bow of Big Teau was out of the water as there were so many people aboard it looked in danger of sinking!!

We were glad of the marquee in the evening as the weather turned a bit chilly, but we made full use of the two BBQ's with T bone steaks, leg of lamb, sausages, kebabs etc, which seemed to be demolished within minutes, all washed down with plenty of beer and wine and a very enjoyable evening. We even managed a game of boules outside the marquee.

Sunday was a lovely morning and, due to the afternoon tide, we could relax on board or take a walk along the beach for an ice cream and paddling in the warm sea. Catadi (accidentally on purpose?) ran out of gas so joined Takira-M for a full English Breakfast...lucky them!!

*(Must remember that ruse for the future. Ed)*

Once the tide started rising, we were all watching the tide gauge on the pontoon and discussing when to leave...Blythe Spirit were one of the first to leave but then suffered a delayed departure due to touching the bottom in the harbour.

The last few boats left Bembridge together and we had a great sail back to Fareham.

Great weekend with great company, lots of fun and laughter ... looking forward to the next rally, Island Harbour 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

Lizzy Adams, Cruiser Captain.

*(Wish I'd been there. Ed)*

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We were all surprised how many members fitted onto George and Liz's boat 'Big Teau'. Well done George! The amount of drinks handed out must have been biblical - talk about feeding the five thousand! We had the use of both barbies so not much waiting around for food.

Ian Saxil-Nielsen

*(That was you well fed and watered then. Ed)*

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A great weekend!

George Thompson was upset when my daughter and I finished the wine we had on board. However he made up lots of Pimms and ended up with all of us on his boat so that was great.

Lyse Limaux

# FSMBC members pigging out at the Bembridge BBQ



## Report on the Vannes Exchange visit 2017

Dee Orme



On June 24<sup>th</sup> the French flotilla of 10 boats arrived in Warsash to be welcomed ashore by the Vannes Committee and friends of the Fareham Vannes twinning Association.

A splendid reception was laid on by Warsash Sailing Club with old and new friendships being forged in the 9<sup>th</sup> exchange visit for the sailing fraternity. George Pickburn the 'Vannes Driver' from Warsash greeted everyone in both French and English and also greeted Mayor and Mayoress Geoff and Tina Fazackarley who attended the reception too. Expectations for the week long event were discussed in great detail as everyday was planned to maximise potential.

On Sunday, the guests were entertained at Warsash Sailing Club playing skittles, model boat racing, river walk and Jazz to accompany a fork supper. A busy day to get the ball rolling!

Monday was FSMBC day which started at the Mayors Parlour for light refreshments and a tour of the Mayor's Floor in the Civic Offices; very grand with fantastic views across the Fareham area. After a short visit to Westbury Manor gardens to see the sculpture set there last September to acknowledge the towns twinning 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary we walked to the Club enjoying views of the Creek in sunshine. Our guests were greeted at the Club House which had been turned into a tea room for a wonderful picnic lunch created by Margaret Pryde and her fine team of volunteers. Simply stunning! The Gateaux baked by Club members were very well received and set the afternoon up nicely for Luggers, Gigs and learning new tricks with the Knotters Guild. The Creekers played to the captive audience and afterwards Gabby and Noelle retaliated with a few French songs. This was great fun.

The BBQ was next, cooked by David Ardron. Lovely! Then Cuff Billett's band entertained us until 22.30 when the coach arrived to take our guests back to their boats in Warsash. Another busy but very successful day. Thank you everyone who supported us, both leading up to and on the day. We couldn't have done it without you.

Tuesday and Wednesday were both Portchester & Hillhead's days with visits to Portchester Castle, the Bird Haven, Coast Guard presentation and, due to heavy rain, a game of darts! Hog roasts and a curry buffet went down very well along with more cakes from both Clubs.....!

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Thursday was 'host day' so that our visitors could get a true flavour of life in the South of England. One group went to Stonehenge, other trips included a trip up the Hamble for lunch in the Jolly Sailor, local walks and general sightseeing. John and I had Gilda and Gabby, our hosts in Vannes, who wanted to go to the Spinnaker Tower. After lunch in the Still & West we got there only to find the lift was broken so 578 steps later we reached the top!!! Not for the faint hearted – check before you go! A visit to Port Solent, a drive across Portsdown Hill and then home for dinner and drive them back to Warsash – a lovely day with wonderful people. The big lesson of the day was that although words are spelt the same in both French and English they don't always have the same meaning. Check out 'verge' and 'seal' (animal) translations. 'Beware soft verges' on Portsdown Hill will never read the same again!

Friday was a free day ending with a sumptuous meal again at Warsash Sailing Club in the evening. The sun shone, lots of fizz was drunk with everyone talking about the week. Final speeches with gifts being exchanged all rounded off a fantastic visit and more music was played and the singing grew louder – wonderful.

It was a marvellous week and the goodbyes were quite emotional with promises to reunite in 2 years when our collective fleet from the 4 Clubs sail to Vannes again. The friendship and camaraderie will long remain. It's a wonderful thing to be a part of.

I will arrange a Club talk over the winter months to explain how to get involved with the exchange, perhaps we could persuade Gaynor to do some food.....?!, (Oh yeah?! Ed) and also there is a video to watch of the 2015 trip which gives a flavour of what happens in Vannes.

Adieu mes amis.



Presentations  
during the visit of our  
friends from  
Vannes.  
Left: George Pickburn  
from Warsash SC &  
Monique from Vannes  
Right: Councillor  
Geoff Fazackarley,  
Mayor of Fareham



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# Images of the Vannes Visit

