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# The official newsletter of the Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club October 2017



How do you make a Yorkshireman smile?

Give him a free drink.

See back page for photos of Ian and others enjoying themselves in Island Harbour.

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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.

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Where was all the news for September?

OK! I know everyone was away sailing or even on holidays that do not involve boats. (I'm told there are such things.) But you must

have had some news to share with your fellow club members.

The only one to volunteer some news was our much loved Bar Manager, bless her. This is despite having to nurse a husband who was plastered. I am referring his leg being in plaster and not to his consumption of alcoholic beverage. Of course we remember that Pam herself was similarly plastered not so long ago. Still, neither of them were completely 'legless'. Sorry...! I promise that is the last of my bar jokes. I'm sure we all wish Vic a speedy recovery as we can't have the chief cellar man out of action for long.

However, to my great joy, news of our rallies and of clubs visiting our establishment have poured in for this month's issue. Thanks Lizzy! Also articles from our Sailing Secretary and Dinghy Captain have been most welcome. Wonderful! It is also good to hear about social matters from Sally. However, her contribution contains good and bad news. The bad news is that Sally will be giving up her role after the AGM in November. So, if you wish the social events at the club to continue then we need new blood on the social committee.

On the same vein, other posts may well become vacant at the AGM. Ask yourselves what you can do to help your club. Make yourselves known to the club officers and we can then make sure the club moves on in a vibrant manner.

By the time you read this the Lymington Rally will have taken place. I hope the Sunday Rain didn't dampen their spirits.

An email came in from a club member who spotted us sailing in the Netherlands. Glyn and Aidie Jones were sailing on a friend's boat and recognised us. My husband now remembers someone frantically waving but could not work out who it was or what they were waving about. He can only recognise people in their own boats! They then informed me that they '...eventually set off in mid June and made our way to Newlyn. From there we took Spindrift back to Kinsale, where we bought her, and then up the East coast of Ireland to Glenarm. We then crossed to Campbeltown on Kintyre and after cruising around in the Clyde area we have now finished up in James Watt Dock, Greenock where we intend to over-winter....'

So, as I keep saying, FSMBC members do get around. If you have been out and about sailing somewhere interesting, whether it be far afield or close to home, please share your experiences with us.

One sad story that appeared in the local press this week was that of the stranded dolphin named by local residents as 'Dennie'. On Thursday the juvenile female dolphin was stranded up in Fareham. A man in a kayak reported the sighting and despite attempts to rescue the animal by wildlife experts and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service who attended the scene a veterinary examination found the dolphin was malnourished, alone and in considerable distress. The difficult decision was made to euthanise the poor juvenile. A sad ending!

#### **Forthcoming Events**

#### F.S.M.B.C. TRFALGAR NIGHT SUPPER

SAT. 21st OCTOBER 2017



ENJOY A THREE COURSE MEAL WITH A TOT OF RUM.

TICKETS: £21.00 PER HEAD FROM THE SOCIAL GROUP.

SEE MENU ON WALL

Annual General Meeting Sunday 19th November.

Start 13.00 hrs.

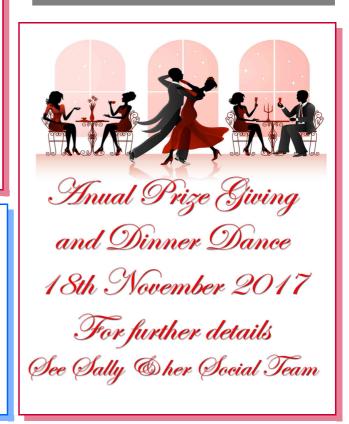
More details next month.

Watch this space.

Club Games Night
at the clubhouse
Join in the fun with board games,
card games and much more
Friday 6th October

And Friday 3rd November

For further details see John Fagot



End of season Christmas Rally December 2nd See page 5 for more details

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

#### News from the Bar

It seems like it has been quite a while since we posted in our monthly magazine but, lest you forget us, here we are again and

#### "Hello from the Bar".

You will no doubt be aware there is quite bit of work going on in the Club in order to provide disabled facilities. In the process we are to have a new beer cellar; one that will better serve the bar in many respects.

Included in this work also is the hope to get an additional real ale line which will give us greater flexibility in the choice of ales. There is also likely to be slight changes in the products offered on the other pumps. I believe the beer cellar should be up and running mid November so watch this space. (Does that mean I get a regular contribution to the newsletter from now on? Ed.) I know I'm sad but I do find it really quite exciting.

Maybe we will have to arrange an official 'opening' night (any excuse eh!).

(Sounds good to me! Ed.)

From then on the rest of the works continue and may I say a massive 'WELL DONE so far' to all involved; doing a grand job!

You may have noticed we also have a new icemaker machine. Following a number of issues with the previous one the decision was made to obtain this machine which will, hopefully, prove very useful in making more ice than the previous machine, particularly on functions nights or for events.

We have a one or two newcomers to the bar, for instance Fever Tree tonic - Light, Normal and Elderflower. (Yum! Plenty of nice gin to go with it? Ed.) These are larger bottles than the Schweppes cans (200ml vs 150ml) and of course with an appropriate price difference. I anticipate continuing both lines as long as they seem to be wanted. My problem, you may notice, is that there are no Fever Tree in the fridge. This is because there just isn't room but hopefully the addition of ice will handle any downfall there.

On a more personal note, unfortunately Vic has had a fall and broken his ankle, following in my footsteps (excuse the pun!!). Hence he is in plaster and not able to assist me (main duties for him were in the cellar). Thankfully Mike, Dave & Pat are still around and giving us great assistance. A big 'thank you' to them. I (we) really couldn't do the job without you!

Finally we understand from our Commodore (and Dutyman guru) that we have a number of bar sessions that still require cover. I believe prime concerns are around the Xmas period. If you are able to help out on any of these can you either check direct on dutyman or contact Alan to get clarification.

Hope we all enjoy the rest of the Summer, what little remains!

Pam & Vic

## End of Season Christmas Rally Haslar Marina Saturday 2nd December 2017



Optional shopping trip to Gunwharf Quays Saturday Afternoon 3 course Christmas Dinner Saturday Evening 7:30pm in The Castle Tavern, £16.95 per head

# Restaurant is limited to 20 places on first come first serve basis so please book early!!

To take part in this Rally, please add your name, boat details and menu choices to the list on the noticeboard in the club, or email details to Lizzy Adams:

cruiser@fsmbcnet.org.uk

by Thursday 23rd November 2017 Copy of the menu available on club website and in this Newsletter.

### Haslar Christmas Rally Menu



#### Crawley Mariners Yacht Club Visit

Lizzy Adams

It was great to see members of Crawley Mariners Yacht Club visit FSMBC on their Dinghy's on Saturday 23rd September 2017.

They arrived at Hardway Saturday morning, where they launched their dinghy's, sailing down to FSMBC for lunch, which they said was delicious. After enjoying our hospitality (and a few cold beers) they were then off to Portchester for afternoon coffee before returning to Hardway for dinner in Hardway Sailing Club.

Finally the dinghies would be put back on their trailers for their journey back to Crawley.

They said that they include a Rally to Fareham Sailing Club on their calendar every year and look forward to coming as it is such a friendly and welcoming club. They already have a

provisional date in their diary for their next rally to Fareham in June 2018.

Lovely to meet them all and we look forward to







**Dinghy Days** Dave Hill email; dinghy@fsmbcnet.org.uk

So far we have had five (one cancelled due to poor weather) of this years seven planned Dinghy Days and members with a whole range of sailing experience have taken part. All club boats have been put to use, together with boats from our neighbours the 2nd Fareham Sea Scouts. A typical sailing session was a two hour period which included some land instruction for absolute beginners. When more than one boat was afloat we were supported by a Patrol boat. All very enjoyable. Our Regatta saw eight dinghies afloat, quite a sight, not exactly 60s and 70's stuff but satisfying never the less. Racing rules were somewhat under strain when the main occupation of some tyro helmsmen was just survival.

Unfortunately we have to cancel the 28th Oct, session, but would encourage anyone who would like to try-out the world of dinghy sailing to put our next date on their calendar, that is Saturday 4th November at 10.00 Finally, the Committee have planned to continue this Dinghy Day experience and have set up a number of days in 2018 so please keep an eye out for these and if your dithering, stop! and put a toe in the water!

#### **Gig Days**

Although the Gig scene appears to have gone onto the back burner I have to record that the 2017 season was a huge success. There were 6 or 7 practice days prior to the Regatta in which to revel before the chance that laurel leaves might come your way.

As coxswain to a variety of crews I enjoyed my summer evenings afloat and did my best to encourage the faint hearted and applaud the Argonauts.

The newly purchased (ex Southsea Rowing Club) oars were almost a pleasure to pull especially after the pine tree experience! The old, circa 1963, Gigs stood up to the punishment and I had to do very little emergency maintenance.

Here are three winning Gig crews;



Men's Red crew,



Ladies Explorers



and the Regatta Cup crew.

An extra Gig event was, of course, in honour of the visit from our friends from Vannes.

The day was fine with a light breeze and the Gigs looked splendid, decked out with flags; the Tricolour and Saint George. However the wind did not, stand fair for France and that other crew just made it over the line in first position. Watch out FSMBC, on your return visit, who knows what Vannes will cook up, possibly a baguette eating contest, so here's link that might be useful; http://www. wikihow.com/Eat-a-Baguette

Don't forget if you want to get a crew together sometime for pull on the creek email me, Dave Hill, at; dinghy@fsmbcnet.org.uk

#### **Sailing Events in October**

Charlie Coxwell

#### Weekend of 30th September / 1st October

o Lymington Rally

#### Saturday 7th October

- o **Cruiser Harbour race**, Combined R9 / Committee R9.
- o Race start @ 12.00hrs
- o If you have not yet joined in on any of our Harbour races, why not give it a go. Contact Charlie Coxwell for any help and advice on sailing@fsmbcnet.org.uk

#### Sunday 8th October

- o Lugger Captain race series R1 & R2
- o Race start @ 12.00hrs
- o Don't have a Lugger use one of the two club Luggers
- o Contact Kevin Abbott for any advice and help on lugger@fsmbcnet.org.uk

#### Saturday 21th October

- o Cruiser Harbour race, Combined R10 / Committee R10.
- o Race start @ 11.30hrs
- o If you have not yet joined in on any of our Harbour races, why not give it a go. Contact Charlie Coxwell for any help and advice on sailing@fsmbcnet.org.uk
- o It has been a tradition that the winner of this race wins a bottle of Brandy!

#### Sunday 22nd October

- o Lugger Captain race series R3 & R4
- o Race start @ 12.30hrs
- o Don't have a Lugger use one of the two club Luggers
- o Contact Kevin Abbott for any advice and help on lugger@fsmbcnet.org.uk

#### Friday 27th October

- o The Sailing Committee are holding an evening to evaluate this year's races and Handicap system used for Harbour races.
- o Please come along and air your views on how we should proceed next year.
- o Meet at Clubhouse @ 7.30pm

Hello all, long time no contact!

Hope you had a good summer sailing.

Well it is that time of year again so all systems go!

See the poster on page 3 for Trafalgar night which is on Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> October. Tickets are now ready for members to buy @£21.00.

We are catering for 42 people, so could I please have names and money a.s.a.p. (List in clubhouse.)

Also here is advanced notice for the Dinner Dance booked for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

After the A.G.M. I will be standing down as social administrator.

Although I have put everything in place up to and including Burns Night it would be useful if we could have a new person ready to take over as quite a few of the social committee are also standing down. We need a new and committed team so you newer members come and give it a whirl. I will still be on hand to help the new team if required.

#### Island Harbour Rally Saturday 2nd September 2017

16 boats were booked into Island Harbour for the Rally on Saturday 2nd September 2017, with a planned BBQ on the grass area opposite the marina.

We had spent a month sailing around the Channel Islands and Brittany Coast, on Zircon, planning on making the Island Harbour Rally our last port of call on our way home.

We sailed across the Channel from Cherbourg Thursday 31st August, with 19 knot westerly wind, making good time, and spent the night at anchor in Newtown Creek before making our way to Island Harbour Friday morning. There were already a few FSBMC boats there and it was fantastic to see everyone, we felt like we were being met by a welcome home committee!! Thistledown & Marillon had spent an energetic 2 days cycling round the island, whilst we got the fold up bikes out and headed for the nearest pub in town...

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning saw the arrival of the rest of the boats. Deux Poissons arrived in the harbour, but luckily their ice machine had packed up, so less chance of a hangover for everyone...

Saturday was a glorious sunny day, and was spent either walking into Newport, having coffee in The Breeze, or relaxing on boats. The BBQ was planned for 4pm to make the most of the late afternoon sunshine.

It was a fantastic sociable evening and everyone was having a great time. We had lots of picnic benches, two charcoal BBQs cooking a variety of culinary delights in an idyllic spot overlooking the marina.

George & Liz came to the rally on their new boat, Bluebell, and the evening ended up with a celebration on Bluebell until the early hours...thank you George & Liz for your hospitality.

Early locks were booked for Sunday morning, but a lot of boats were able to go out on free flow, and we all had a great sail back to Fareham, making good time as there was quite a strong breeze. The swell off of Gilkicker point kept everyone on their toes and made for good conversation the following Thursday evening in the club.

Thank you to everyone that took part in making this rally a great success and looking forward to seeing you all on future rallies.

Lizzy Adams

Cruiser Captain

# Images of Island Harbour Rally

See if you can spot an FSMBC burgee?

Socialising on the green with the odd plate of this and the occasional glass of that.

More socialising.

....and now they are completely chilled out!! Still the odd can of Speckled Hen and, I dare say, other thirst quenching items are still in circulation. So, if you feel the stresses of life are getting you down, unwind by participating in future rallies.