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Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*  
**December 2017**



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## Editorial

December's here again and it's (rude word) cold. The stingy husband has even been persuaded to put the heating on. The stockpiled logs have been making their way inside and towards wood burning stoves. It's too cold for any outside activity. Not only that but it will soon be Christmas. Now where did I put that Scrooge 'Ba! Humbug' suit? I say it is too cold but when my son's boat needed moving from Plymouth to Portsmouth on a cold weekend in November guess who was persuaded to crew? Yes. That's right. I don't think I have worn the extra warm thermals since 1989 and very infrequently do I wear my full foul weather gear but all were needed along with three layers of socks. It was truly brass monkey weather as we sped past Portland Bill at 3 o'clock in the morning in a stiff northerly wind and I was grateful for it all. Still, it was fun.

On the subject of data security (see page 6) we, personally, have just received a letter from a Credit Reference Agency telling us that they have been the subject of a cyber-attack and data such as our telephone numbers and address had been hacked. We were totally unaware that they had this data which had been handed over to them by a bank. Is this why we get so many unsolicited phone calls? FSMBC is going to have to comply with GDPR so do look out for details. Now that November is past so are the Dinner Dance and AGM. Pictures of our members enjoying themselves at the DD are on the back page and below are images of presentations made to those leaving their posts after 3 years or more of service. Our retiring Bar Manager Pam had her bottle of grog but never fear, her husband Vic has taken over so that should be a seamless takeover. Bob Brennan's job as House Secretary is taken by Sue May. In a last minute 'Stop Press' (literally) I have just been informed by our Commodore that Corky May is to take over Sally's job as Social Administrator. Obviously husband and wife teams are very popular. In the meantime, enjoy the events already advertised and have a **Very Merry Christmas**.

### Presentations at the AGM



Flowers  
for Sally  
or she  
can share  
Bob's  
Booze



Pam & Sid  
get their  
favorite  
tipple. The  
'Beer Cellar  
team' get  
a trophy.

## Forthcoming Events

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 0-12 YEARS OF AGE

15.00-18.00 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER AT FSMBC

Food and entertainment provided but a pressie for no more than £10 wrapped and labelled please for your little person for Santa's sack. Elves to assist on the day would be great! Please let Dee know via

[dee.orme@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dee.orme@tiscali.co.uk),

List for children's names attending is in the bar Numbers required for catering.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### St Andrew's Night

Celtic Music Spectacular

Featuring

The Fareham 'Mc' Creekers  
Friday 1st December 20:00

Hoots Mon!

Bring yer ane Haggis!  
Stovies!  
Smokies!  
Deep Fried Pizza!  
Battered Mars Bar!  
(Glasgow/American Supper)



Sunday 18th December  
Lunchtime event

Grand Xmas Draw  
&

Christmas  
Carols  
with our very own  
Fareham Creekers

No need to book just come along

Club Games  
Nights  
at the Club  
have been  
discontinued.

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  
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by 20th of December.

## News from the Bar

It's a Goodbye from me, Pam, and a Hello from our new Hon Bar Manager, Victor.

So, now it is official, I am no longer Bar Manager and Vic is taking over the role. Needless to say, and those of you who know us well will realise, nothing will really change!! I hope that is ok with everyone? I will still be taking orders from Vic and he will still be ignoring my requests etc ha ha.

So in my final days 'in charge' I just wanted to say a few words about what has been happening. It has been quite exciting, well we all (bar team) think so anyway. The new beer cellar is now officially open, up and running and all appears to be going well. We have a fantastic clean, cool and efficient cellar and our sincere thanks go to the team who made it happen, in particular to the hard work of Laurie Curle, Tony Blair and Kev Simms. A MASSIVE THANK YOU xx

In addition to the new cellar we have new pumps in the bar. We have a shiny new T-Bar, chrome this time so hopefully no-one will inadvertently try to polish it and thereby scratch the surface! It just needs a wipe down. We still have four taps but you will see the Stowford Press has been changed for Kronenbourg 1664. There are reasons why this change has happened and we hope it will go down well with you all.

We also now have two real ale lines. The intention is to give a little more flexibility on choice and maybe keep more of you a little happier! We will endeavour to have two ales on as often as possible but there will obviously be times when this is either not practical or economically viable. Also it is going to be a bit of a learning curve for the team, so please bear with us.

With the addition of the second ale pump there was no room for the large Guinness surger machine. This has now been exchanged for a much smaller and practical version. It works just the same and makes just as good a Guinness as the larger version.

...and here is a view of the new beer cellar. We'll soon drink that dry!



Hang on!!  
I think our Pam already has.  
Well. It's been a very hard 3 years organising the bar. Wait 'till you see Vic in 3 years time!

# End of Seasons Cruiser race wash-up

Many thanks to all who turned up and contributed to the evening. Items discussed included: -

**1. Solent Cruiser racing.** This year has seen a disappointing turn out of participants, various ideas were discussed on how to increase turnout. Suggestions included emailing membership a week prior to race and greater use of Facebook. Some thought that a lack of racing rule knowledge was a major contributory factor. Mike Ogle suggested a winter Friday evening, at the Clubhouse, could be used to run an informal slideshow on basic racing rules. Date TBA.

**a. Key Solent cruiser race dates:**

- i. Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Race back from Hamble – Solent R1
- ii. Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Race back from Yarmouth – Solent R2
- iii. Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Sep** – Race back from Cowes – Solent R3 & Ladies helm Cup.

**b. Solent racing Handicap** – Byron ratings to be used.

**2. Harbour Cruiser racing.** Turn out this year has been steady, with up to 7 participants. Changes to race courses, implemented at the start of the year, were discussed and approved.

**a. Key Harbour cruiser race dates:**

- i. Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Harbour R1 Rylard & Combined series
- ii. Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Harbour R2 Rylard & Combined series
- iii. Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Harbour R3 Rylard & Combined series
- iv. Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Harbour R4 Rylard & Combined series
- v. Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Harbour R5 Combined Series
- vi. Sat 11<sup>th</sup> August** – Harbour R6 Combined series
- vii. Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sep** – Harbour R7 Committee & Combined series
- viii. Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sep** – Harbour R8 Committee & Combined series
- ix. Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Harbour R9 Committee & Combined series
- x. Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Harbour R10 (Commodore's race) Committee & Combined series

**3. Harbour Handicaps.** This year we have been trialing a new system that amends handicaps to reflect yachts racing historical performance. The new Handicaps (PBH) reduced the average time gap between contestants from around 8 min to 4 min on corrected time. This has resulted in much closer racing, with a different competitor winning each of the three series in 2017. It was agreed that the club should continue with this system, for harbour races only, with the following recommendation:

- a. Handicaps should only change after the season's races, rather than at the end of each series.
- b. New contestants, who have never previously entered club races, should be encouraged to do so by a 20-points handicap bonus, to be applied for their first race series.
- c. It was noted and approved, that the greater the number of races a yacht has entered, the greater emphasis is placed on their average race handicap, when calculating contestants new PBH.

**4. Inter-Club.** 2018 fixture list sees the following events.

**a. Key Inter-Club cruiser race dates:**

- a i. Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Harbour evening race. Start @ 1900hrs on HSC race line.
- a ii. Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Combined Harbour Regatta. HSC host club. Start @ 13.45hrs
- a iii. Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Nab Tower race. Start @ 11.00hrs.
- a iv. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Race back from Yarmouth via back of Wight. Details TBA
- a v. Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Sep** – Solent 'Round the Cans' Details TBA

## General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

**The General Data Protection Regulation, which will become law in May 2018 is designed to protect your information from abuse by any organisation, company or other entity.**

The secretariat is currently drafting up protocols to ensure that our club will comply with these regulations so do look out for communications informing you of any changes needed to comply and keep all your data safe.

It is vitally important that you carefully read and reply to these communications.

## Pontoon Replacement on Salterns

Walcom still has not given us a date but say December. So this is heads up.

The first three old Pontoons will be made ready for removal, Electrics and the Water from 'Macavity' northwards will be turned off.

We will be changing the Electric Card Meters as many are now defunct, either giving free electric or not accepting cards. These meters will be changed when SureLine re-install the Electric Columns after the new Pontoons placed. Do not buy a quantity of new cards as these cards will not suit the new meters. When this is being done, of course all Electrics will be turned off.

I will advise when we have a date, but they may turn up without much notice.

Ian  
FS&MBC Craft Admin

## Annual Presentation Dinner Dance 2017

Sally Brennan

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 62 people sat down to a fantastic meal at the annual Presentation Dinner Dance. This, of course, was thanks to Clive and his team at the Lycess House Hotel.

Charlie Coxwell then presented the cups and other prizes to the sailors. A separate report is being sent by Charlie.

Then of course came the highlight of the evening; dancing to Barry Fordham's group "Sounds Alive". This went on until way after midnight.

I must give a mention to Bob Upton and his partner Jan who really showed us what Strictly come Dancing is all about! As for Jo and Laurie Curle - where did they find all that energy? Anyway the rest of us gave the dance floor a good pounding too!!

I think this was yet another successful event so thank you to everyone who bought tickets. (See back page for photos. - Ed.)

Indecently next year's Dinner Dance is booked for November 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Looking forward, the Christmas Jolly is on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are now being sold. A list of names is up in the club house.

This is the end of my reign but we have a new Social Administrator.

So please support him and his team and come along to whatever social events they organise.

# Fun and Frivolity at the Dinner Dance



The Commodore's got a friend



Eating  
Drinking  
&  
Dancing



Let them  
back in boys.  
They promise  
not to be rude  
about the  
band again.

