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# The official newsletter of the Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club April 2019



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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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#### Editorial

Sorry this issue is a few days late. If I had published on April 1st you all would have been looking for the April Fool Joke. Well, Any excuse for my tardiness.

A few days ago I would have said Summer had arrived with the sun shining brightly. Just look at the good weather the Roughay Bowl race had last Sunday. (See photos below.) I was busy gardening on Monday. Today, however, temperatures plummeted and we had sleet on the pontoon this afternoon. Still, that sort of weather typifies the British Summer. Some of our members are getting ready to sail to Vannes for the Fareham Vannes twinning rally so hopefully the weather settles for them.

The fine weather brought a good turnout for the Roughay Bowl races and entertainment in the club was a great success with an open mike event and rousing Golden Oldies from Barry Fordham and his band.

Other events of note in the club have been the St. Patrick's Night event, always a success thanks to Nick How's organisation and Margaret selling the raffle tickets.

Also I'm sorry I missed the talk by International Paints. I'm told there were good freebies.

If you are sailing this season and relying on GPS sets that are over 10 years old you should know that on Aril the 6th this year there will be a GPS Week Number Rollover. This could cause older units to generate erroneous data. For information on this see the website below and check out Safety Bulletin 13.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/maritime-and-coastguard-agency-mca-safety-bulletins We don't want any panics when an old and trusted GPS unit gives you a position miles away from where you know you should be.

Remember the days of Dead Reckoning and plotting positions by compass bearings?



## **Forthcoming Events**







Lugger & Dinghy Sailing
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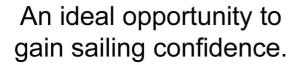
Kipps Cup Lugger Racing
Sunday 7th April
&
Sunday 21st April

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

## Lugger and Dinghy Sailing 2019



Enjoy a couple of hours sailing in company.







No great experience required

Just look at the schedule of dates, email me if you are interested and we'll get afloat.





Sat, 6th April 12.00
Sat, 4th May 11.30
Sat, 1st June 10.30
Sat, 3rd Aug 12.30
Sat, 17th Aug 12.30
Sat, 7th Sept 17.00
Sat, 5th Oct 16.00

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Golly Gosh! Another month -- Don't time fly when you are having fun. Phase 1 of Salterns car park work is just about complete (see photos on page 6) and Phase 2, including the compound screen and cleaning and painting the main gates and railings, will start as soon as possible. Pat K

will be fitting a new lock when it arrives on the personnel gate and Ronnie N will head up the remainder of the path maintenance team.

When we have broken the back of the heavy work the general maintenance of the car park and borders will be undertaken by Peter M, Sandra and any other volunteers we can encourage to help them. At this time we will have a bit of a Coffee and Doughnut picnic for our volunteers and others of a similar persuasion who have or might strike blows or paint brushes. Introduce another volunteer and you might get an extra Doughnut. Useless gate crashers will be invited to test our 21st century Ducking Stool!

#### Re. the Northern Territories

A temporary rack with one single hander has been assembled in Locks Yard purposely to generate debate and give those of you with an interest something to discuss.

### (Purposely generating debate? Isn't that just called 'stirring it'?...Ed.)

The top secret method has already been devised as to how to load this type of craft, stern first onto the upper level. This information is reserved to the practical members of the Boatswains Team who have all signed a pledge of silence (in case somebody thinks of a better one).

As previously mentioned, due to various plans and proposals we will no doubt be playing "Ring a Ring of Roses" with the craft to ensure the berth allocation is the most appropriate and beneficial to the management of the facility.

As part and parcel of the reorganisation, sailing craft with permanently rigged masts (stayed) will generally be moved away from the middle berthing area.

In the drive to maintain a 'Ship Shape & Fareham Fashion' premises only one\* trailer or trolley per allocated berth is acceptable and the span of the wheels must not exceed the bay markings when newly marked.

\*(exception - A Manufactured Combination trailer set, kept with craft in Piggy Back assembly.) Only equipment needed for the normal function of your craft should be in Locks Yard and this should be retained within the hull of the vessel or in the Oar Cage and definitely not on the ground. Please be aware, equipment will be disposed of if found to have strayed.

You are expected to keep your vessel and trailer in presentable mobile order, to constantly monitor if it is inclined to collect rain water and to maintain the berth free of weeds and any other detritus. It is not a function of the maintenance rota teams to clean your berth bay and reminding members often offends.

In a similar vein, rubbish, dog ends, other doggy doo doo etc. are not welcome in any areas of the club and bicycles of all varieties should be parked elsewhere particularly during all periods of social activity.

Please help the club run smoothly by treating the house and grounds in the same manner you and your guests would expect your own properties to be maintained.

As always your constructive comments and suggestions would be welcome.

For and on behalf of the Boatswains Team, Tony Blair

## Men At Work (Again)



Big boys'toys



And they can handle a broom



You can't get it all in the boot



'Mind the gate mate!"
"Millimetres to spare!"



Just shin up that tree girl"



Got ladders ... Not going up there! They're held up by sky hooks?



"Come and do some pruning he said!"



Who says they speak out of their flaming backsides?