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Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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The FSMBC flag flying in Crouesty Marina yet again at the start of the rally to Vannes, our twin town in the Morbihan, South Brittany. Four sailing clubs in the borough of Fareham are taking part.

Photo by Dee Orme off Blue Mistique who is enjoying the sun down there.

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Editorial

We kept being nagged by Peter, on the berth next to ours, to sail in company to Cowes for lunch at the Basque Tapas Bar at Shepards Wharf. He who skippers our boat decided that last Friday/Saturday was a good date to accede to this suggestion. He had not checked what other events were planned around Cowes that weekend. That's right: The Round The Island Race! Friday saw a brisk Easterly taking us towards Cowes but there was no chance of a short stay as berths were all pre-booked for them that race. Anyway, up to Newport we went, stopping off at the Folly to wait for the tide. There was a still a stiff breeze. Overnight in Newport there was still a cooling breeze which kept going all day Saturday. It was therefore a surprise to find out that, due to lack of wind, only about 20% of the 'Round the Island' fleet completed the course in time. Still, that's sailing for you, especially in the Solent where the wind can be so unpredictable.

If it is any consolation even in the Mediterranean the winds can be very contrary. The aforementioned Peter emailed me from a friend's boat in the Balearics. '.... wind coming from Ibiza when we wanna' go there, wind coming from here when we wanna' come back oh dear...'. I'm not feeling smug but....

The winds got Blue Mistique down to Vannes despite a few storms at the start of the trip. Mythrill Aegis, the other FSMBC boat participating in this event had made an early start as usual. The FSMBC flag was flying in the breeze as you can see on the front page. Let's hope for favourable winds for their return journey.

Let's also hope for decent winds when several FSMBC boats (8 currently on the list) are invading the Normandy coast and descending on Carentan for the weekend festivities there on 20th and 21st of July. Also, more locally, a few Solent rallies and BBQs are planned so hopefully it will be good weather for them too.

It was good to have a humorous report on the Fareham Regatta. This was put together by Nick How using some of the many fantastic photos taken by Jo Curle.



A big 'Thank You' to both and also a special thanks to Nick for organising another memorable regatta.

I had to include one of my own photos here to show Nick in the swing of things in his trademark straw boater encouraging Kevin to squeeze a melodious tune from the bagpipes.

Well done all those who helped

Forthcoming Events

FAREHAM RAFT RACE

In aid of The Rainbow Centre and
Headway Portsmouth

Saturday 20th July 1.30pm
Lower Quay Fareham

Hog Roast at the Castle in the Air

Open Day at the FSMBC
clubhouse

Face painting organised by
the Fagot Family'

Further details
www.farehamrafttrace.co.uk

Common Target Cruise
to

Carentan
on the Normandy Coast
to partake in the
Fête de l'eau
20th -21st July
Aim to be at CI buoy
Friday morning 19th July

Further details
publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk

Solent Rallies

Saturday 13th July

**Newtown Creek –
planned beach BBQ**

Saturday 27th July

Bembridge BBQ

For further details

cruiser@fsmbcnet.org.uk

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



Fareham Creek Regatta preparations got off to a great start earlier in the year with new members of the Regatta Committee coming on board. That was brilliant, and helped inject new ideas into the event, such as a new program helped prepared by Nick Hunter, with a fab poster from Lyneth (above). Great improvements in the Workshop decoration with new side sheets decorated with nautical motifs – really a step up. RYA/FSMBC recruitment tent also from Richard and Clare. And we had a new Bar Team on board – great work from Natalie and Bob and all bar staff over the weekend. And all these lovely photos from Jo Curle...



The Regatta got off to a bit of a cloudy start at 10am on Saturday with the usual fantastic opening ceremony with Mike Young doing the honours on the canon. Rowing races proceeded with the usual military precision, with Nick How MC-Nico-teen mixing it up on the Mic! The Scouts did great rowing on the Saturday morning with difficult wind conditions, but great determination and rivalry made it very exciting.



As you can see Laurie, as well as George, Wes and Alan Stewart all tried to control things on the pontoon, with varying degrees of success. Below you can see two scouts gig rowing teams over by the viaduct!



The adult Gig Rowing started then with all teams putting in a great effort. For the first time for a long time we had the full eight men and eight ladies' teams, which was wonderful. The men started....



..... then the Ladies.



All went well until the Ladies Blue Gig Team (Natalie Close on cox) decided to go the opposite way around the course much to the delight of the viewing crowds on the patio and the balcony.

This was even after clear instructions from Laurie...



Presentation were made on the Saturday by the Mayor, Pam Bryant and the Scouts District Commissioner, Mike McHugh. Many thanks to Alan and Bob Upton for helping run things.



The scouts made a great contribution and Portchester Scouts won the Oar of Fareham...again...for the third year running BOO!!!

On Saturday Night the Creekers and the Fret Knots joined forces as the Creek Knots in a fairly hilarious way, with little room for manoeuvre and Kev bringing his pipes out for Marie's Wedding.



The weather did not improve on Sunday, but the Luggers were out in force, although unfortunately the scouts could not take part in their dinghies, due to high winds, which was a shame although Mike Edey and his so did take part and won the gold for the best

dinghy – strangely enough. The Luggers ploughed on for five laps with there being some confusion on the finishing line, with Alan blowing the horn to indicate shortened course, which I thought meant the race had finished with Tony Cleal first over the line, so I dropped my flag down, which caused Mike to fire the cannon. Any way Tony Cleal won with Paul Limburn second and Chris Hare third. Hilarious!



After that the Gig Rowing resumed with the usual loss of some members of the lower order teams on the Sunday morning, mainly due to overly imbibing on the Saturday Night. Any way we progressed through the morning with some great races. The Fagot Family Ladies Team did really well and came third overall. Here they are showing their prowess with the oars

You're meant to stick them in the water!!



There were some intense races, Orange Men versus Grey Men



The Mens Gig Rowing results were: Bronze went to Yellow, Silver went to the Explorers Black team, and for the third year running Gold went to the Red Team.



The Mayors Regatta Cup was won by the following lovely team:



Another Fab Regatta and thanks to all who helped and came and participated – over 100 people took part over the weekend!!!
And, of course great bar staff:



and particularly Blue Men verses Red men in the first men's semi-final.



The Ladies Gig



Rowing results were: Bronze went to Red, Silver to the Fagot Family and the Gold winners were the Hamble River Rowing Club – well done.

