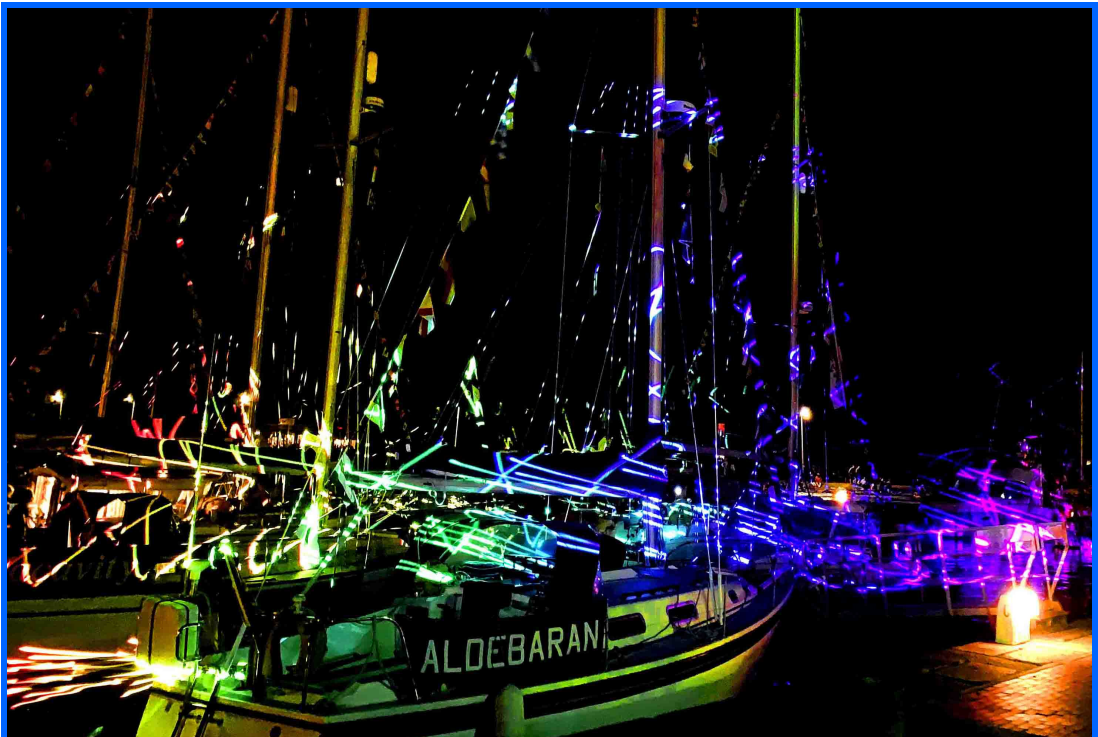


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etc. to the editor by the
20th of the month to
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edition.

Editorial

Just a short editorial this month! 'Thank goodness' did I hear you say? Well I have been spending my time co-ordinating the Carentan Common Target Cruise. See pages 5 & 6 for my report on that. The photos have rather dominated this issue. Hopefully, we will have some photos and anecdotes from Dee and John now that I have heard that Blue Mistique has returned from two months away visiting Vannes. Also, I await reports of the Bembridge BBQ. Some boats (John Gunn's Kashiya and George Thomson's Blue Bell) went direct from Normandy to Bembridge.

While in Carentan, I noticed a boat, Jack Tar, that had belonged to a lovely couple I had known. Eric had passed away on the deck of that yacht almost two years ago. I spoke to the new owners and acquired the phone number of Eric's widow Michele. I phoned her and she came and joined us. We caught up with old times - memories of when they visited us in Fareham and when we visited Carentan. It reminded me what good and lasting friendships we make through sailing.

Forthcoming Events

August 10th - 17th.

Cowes Week

August 24th - 25th. Seal Rally at the Clubhouse
Please do give them a good welcome and also keep the pontoons clear for the boats

August 24th. Rally to Bursledon Regatta and meal.
Interested? contact our Cruiser Captain by email
on jon.gun@btinternet.com or telephone 07736 333431
asap with your boat details and number wanting
to eat together.

*******Please note the change of date from that**
advertised in Year Book and on Website*****

Sept 14th. Rally to Island Harbour Marina and
Lunchtime BBQ. Details from Cruiser Captain.

Any items for inclusion in the September edition to be emailed to by the 20th of August

The Fareham Raft Race 2019

July was certainly a good month for the cruising fraternity in our club but also there was activity closer to home.

The raft race, run for charity is supported by FSMBC and the pub the Castle in the Air amongst others. The club opened its showers to the competitors as well as opening the bar to all. I'm told the bar staff were kept busy.

The Fagot family obviously has artistic members and they got out the brushes and set about face painting. Examples of their work is shown on the right. So, if you are badly in need of a butterfly around the eyes or an unicorn on the cheek, you had better place your order with John Fagot.



It is always good to see our club joining in and supporting other events in the town.



Thanks to Nicola Harling for sending me these photographs.



If you have any photos or articles that would be of interest to your fellow club members then do send it to me at publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk

Round the Island Race

.....from an onlooker's perspective.

Nicola Flinn



We left Salterns with the last of the tide and, once in the Solent, sailed down-wind under the head sail for about 8 hours. We knew that this weekend would be like Bethlehem at Christmas and we'd have no chance of getting into a marina, so we anchored off Hurst castle. Fortunately, the wind dropped and we had a comfortable night.

We were in prime position on Saturday morning, to watch the Round the Island Race. Approximately 1200 boats came hurtling past Hurst, their brightly coloured chutes propelling them towards the Needles. Leading the fleet was Actual Leader, a huge trimaran that looked like a monstrous preying mantis.

We only witnessed one catastrophe, a large yacht, whose genniker was wrapped around the forestay. The skipper's language was as colourful as the sail, ie blue!

Our journey home was not so comfortable, heading into 16 plus knots, but once inside the harbour, we enjoyed a gentle sail in the sunshine all the way to Salterns.

A fun weekend and good to be out on the water.



You have probably all heard of the town of Carentan even if it is only as the setting for the brilliant television series *The Band of Brothers* or, if you are into computer games, the setting for *Call of Duty WW11*. You may not know that FSMBC has had a close association with the Port of Carentan since the early 1980s when a member of our club ventured up the canal to visit the newly opened marina. He was taken under their wing and invited back free of charge from then on. Over the years he introduced the port to fellow Club-members (I first went in 1986) and we were frequently entertained by their sailing club the CCC. They have also visited Fareham. Roll on over 3 decades and we are still welcome there.

FSMBC CRUISE TO CARENTAN 2019

This year their invitation to us was for their festival of the water - the Fete de l'eau. Of the eight boats that showed interest. 6 boats actually hit French soil, all at different times. This was a Common Target Cruise so all set out at different times with the aim of getting to the Fete. One even went via the Channel Islands. On our arrival



we were allocated spaces on pontoon C, close to all the action. We were greeted by Michel the Vice President of CCC, The photo below shows the group (without yours truly who prefers to be the other side of the camera) with Michel in the navy blue t-shirt. This man worked like a Trojan all through the festival manning the beer tent. A very popular man!



One of the sights in the Port of Carentan is the reconstructed Viking ship, Drakkar, on which one can have trips down the canal.



Another attraction was the 'Flyboards', pictured left. Yes, they are floating on those two pillars of water. No, we did not manage to persuade our Vice Commodore, or any other agile member of our group to partake. Maybe next year! Perhaps they should start practicing now.



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The unexpected attraction at the festival was the singing of songs more usually heard in our clubhouse. The singing started in Ian's cockpit and was led by Terry and Nicola Flinn. With Drunken Sailor, The Wild Rover and others, sung in good voice, (well, a few ciders had been consumed so it sounded good to us) we were accosted by the official announcer and he thrust a microphone into the cockpit. We were introduced to the crowds and were asked to sing.



Surprisingly they all clapped and we were booked for a second session later on. Top left you can see Nicola singing into the mic. and left, Terry tunes his guitar.

There was no room for Ian in his own boat so he rested his posterior elsewhere on a bollard.

At sunset we were treated to a laser light display. It was SENSATIONAL. These photos taken from the cockpit of Blue Bell do not do it



justice, maybe the fact that the photographer was busy saving George's single malt from evaporating in the heat had something to do with it. Tasty stuff!

The home brew Calvados that we were given was appreciated by Ted & Chris above. So much so that Ted started wearing silly hats.

The crew of Blue Bell (right) were never without refreshment but look what pops out of the undergrowth.... Scary !!

