



AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

El Niño's back!

It's back with a vengeance. And according to the Daily Mail - check out the link in our emailed version of the Newsletter - the consequences will be severe in St Mawes. (Tip: Get along to Fudge & Moore's and stock up soon!) Apart from that serious shortage it seems there's likely to be no shortage of foul weather right through to next April. But chin up, stiff upper lip - we're Brits! Last month, despite what the heavens managed to throw at us, we had two spectacularly successful new events. Read on...

SMOD crews raise buckets for charity

The forecast was diabolical for the 12-Hour Race and so with reluctance our sailing supremo **Mark Humphrey** cut back the planned over-nighter to a 4-hour contest. Seven St Mawes One Designs crossed the line with a bang at 1800ish and at 2200 **Avocet** crewed by **Chris Cooper** and twin brother **Mike** and their hastily drafted third man, **Paddy Fox**, after 18 laps of the triangular course, ran home a clear winner. "Racing hard in the pitch dark was more than a little testing," said Chris, "but it was great experience and a lot of fun." It seems the SMOD crews have raised more than £3,000 for their chosen charities. A great result! Shame that Sir Ben didn't make his rumoured appearance. Our much reported story turned out to be pure scuttlebutt after all!



Avocet's skipper Chris Cooper (centre) with Paddy Fox and twin brother Mike took home the trophy after a tough match.

Boat Show's a spectacular success

Lashed by a wind-driven deluge on Day 2 of the inaugural St Mawes Boat Show we struggled down to the Club's stand. Was this going to be a disaster? "The show goes on!" said both **John Andrew** and **Bill Whitton**. And so it did. Far from a disaster the event turned out to be a spectacular success. At 1030 on Saturday 25 July the Show was opened by the Kernow Pipes and Drums with Club member **Alex McColl** proudly marching in the front rank. Soon the stands on the quay were solidly packed with a host of visitors and villagers. The Club's mini-marquee was besieged with punters eager to buy our merchandise and to join the Club. And thanks to our volunteers they did both. A huge round of



Paula Brown and Shannon Frier in our rain-lashed tent on Day 2 helped to sell loads of stuff!

applause, please, for Club members **Mike** and **Linda Burgess**, **John Aston**, **Maria Bysouth**, **Janet Axeworthy**, **Jeannie Bown**, **Shannon Frier**, **Paula Brown**, **Sue** and **Mick Fleetwood** and **Simon** and **Ruth Ellse** who turned up to man the stand through the long hours of sun, wind and rain.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 1 August: St Mawes Town Regatta

Always an occasion for much rivalry and ribaldry!

Mon 3 to Fri 7 August: JST Week 4

Yet more action for the junior members in this packed week.

Wed 5 August: The Ladies' Race

Girls grab the helm. Time for some head-to-head racing.

Thu 6 August: Absent Friends' Race

Your chance to remember someone special while racing.

Fri 7 August: StMSC Annual General Meeting

Held in the Memorial Hall at 1930. Come along and vote!

Fri 7 to Sun 16 Aug: Falmouth Week

Don't forget the Red Arrows display on Wednesday the 12th.

Fri 14 August: St Mawes Sailing Club Regatta

As always, the best of the week is saved 'til last!

Mon 17 to Fri 21 Aug: Junior Race Week

Fast and furious as ever and finishing with the Friday BBQ.

Mon 17 to Fri 21 Aug: Falmouth Dinghy Week

Got a dinghy? Join our racers at Restronguet SC.

Sat 29 August: The Portscatho Regatta

Turn left at St Anthony's Head for fun on and off the water.

Sun 30 August: The Percuil Regatta

Close quarter combat between the classes on the river.

Bad weather postpones not cancels!

The flags were out early to cancel racing on Sunday 26 July and that put paid to the Frankie Peters' Race. But the good news is that the race is only postponed. "We'll hold it on another Sunday Series event later this season. Date yet to be confirmed," Sailing Secretary **Delia Hazell** told us. "A date that is fixed is Wednesday 5 August for the Ladies' Race," she went on. "There will be 2 classes: keel boats and dinghies. Warning Signal is at 1755 and the keel boats start at 1805. The dinghies start 10 minutes later at 1815. And don't forget to be out on the water on the 6th for The Absent Friends' Race," she added. Got that Delia, we look forward to these special races.



Flags N over A mean racing's off today.

Next date for cruising in company

The next Cruise in Company is to Helford River Sailing Club for a BBQ lunch on Sunday 23 August. It will be led by **Peter Louth**. Contact Helford as below with your numbers. Please also touch base with **Graham Pinkney** at StMSC. Make sure you have lodged a cruising/racing consent form with Graham.

Contact at Helford is... chrisconboye@gmail.com
or phone 01326 231256

August Thursday Menus

6 Aug - Chilli con Carne and Rice or Spaghetti Bolognese
+ Lemon Bread and Butter Pudding

20 Aug - Bangers & Mash with Onion Gravy + Apple Crumble

27 Aug - Beef Casserole with New Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables
+ Sticky Toffee Pudding.

Friday menu on 7, 21, 28 Aug - NOT on StMSC Regatta Day

Sat menu on 15, 22, 29 Aug - NOT on St Mawes Town Regatta Day (1 Aug)
or St Mawes Carnival day (8 Aug)

Also we will be open on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of Falmouth week and will be serving Fish and Chips, Gammon and Chips (both at £7.50 per main course) or 8oz Ribeye Steaks with all the trimmings for £10 per main course. If you would like to upgrade to fillet steaks please let us know when booking your table and we will get them in for you. There will be a £4 surcharge for fillet steaks.

btw...our hugely successful Lobster Nights held on Fri 24 July and Sat 25 July involved nearly 100 meals. We served 28 on Friday and 64 on Saturday. Wow!

Call or text 07536 012935
email stmisc-bar@live.co.uk



StMSC Regatta is one not to miss

Don't forget that our Club Regatta Day during Falmouth Week takes place on Friday 14 August. From 1530 there will be live music and a bar as well as all the sizzle of a smokin' BBQ outside the Clubhouse on the Quay. This year **Mo Durnford** has taken over the production of the Regatta Day Teas from **Karen Richards** and has arranged for a very plentiful supply of scones. She's also assembled a strong team of sandwich makers but is very keen to hear from anyone who is prepared to contribute home-baked or bought cakes or biscuits for our celebrated Regatta Tea which precedes the prize giving in the Clubhouse at 1800. And as usual for those who have the energy to party the night away the music and all the action continues on the Quay until close of play at 2300. Bring it on... let's just hope the climate is kind to us!

Mo Durnford is on fizzandmo@gmail.com or 01326 270446

Turn to Starboard!

This year's official Falmouth Week Charity is Turn to Starboard, a Falmouth-based charity that provides sailing opportunities for wounded, injured and sick military veterans to help them get on the right track and qualify for careers in the marine industry. Turn to Starboard's flagships is a 92ft gaff schooner called Spirit of Falmouth which will be used as a committee boat during Falmouth Week. Furthermore, members of the POFSA club which raises the most money for Turn to Starboard between now and the end of August will have the opportunity to sail on Spirit of Falmouth in 2016 - possibly up to 5 day sails for 12 people each time, depending on the amount raised.

"It would be fantastic if POFSA's biggest fundraiser for this worthwhile charity was St Mawes Sailing Club," Club Commodore Nigel Sharp told us, "and if some of our members then had the chance to take advantage of this wonderful sailing opportunity next year. With this in mind," he added, "please give generously."

Well said, Nigel. You can all contribute either by putting money in the collection 'tin' on the club bar, or by the Virgin Giving Money site via the charity's website. *"Please make sure that in the box that says 'would you like to leave a message with your donation?' you leave a message that says you are from St Mawes Sailing Club to ensure it counts towards our total,"* added our Commodore!

For more information see www.turntostarboard.co.uk

New JST Hartleys here

The big news for JST this month is the arrival of Junior Sailing's new boats. "We are delighted that the six new Hartley boats have arrived," writes **Mark Osborn**. "They reached us late on Monday 20 July and were in use by 1000 on Tuesday. They have been well received by the sailors and you will easily identify them from the land as they have stripy sails. The Hartley 10s will replace the Oppies as they have enough room onboard for two beginners' he said before adding: "We are now approaching Training Week 4, the first week in August, and it is fully booked. If those wanting to take part in Junior Race Week have not yet entered, please do so as soon as possible using the online booking system. Also, please plan to use privately owned boats if at all possible as demand for Club boats is always high." All that's well noted, Mark!

Website bookings at... jst.stmawessailing.co.uk

Stoneworks Quay

"This bench was a very sorry sight at the end of last season," Quay Secretary **Katie Wood** pointed out. "**Bob Hindmarsh** took on the job of restoring it to its former glory over the winter and it now sits resplendently on the Quay for all to use. Thank you, Bob," she said. "There is a 4-stroke 2.5hp Suzuki outboard in the engine shed which is currently in someone else's space," she added. "There are no Quay stickers on the engine, but there is a Rob Perry Marine sticker. If you are the owner please contact me before I have it removed from the shed," she concluded.

Contact Katie at... quaysec@stmawessailing.co.uk

Urgent call from your Club Commodore

We are sorry to say that, after three years' sterling service, **Katie** and **Jim Wood** have decided to stand down as Stoneworks Quay Secretary and Manager. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in taking over these roles which are essential to allow Club members to make use of a wonderful facility and also to provide the club with significant income.

Although the posts are probably ideally suited to a couple who can divide the various tasks between them as they see fit, it could also be done by two individuals. In that case the role would probably be best divided by having one person who is able to be a frequent presence on the quay (pretty much daily in the peak of summer but much less at other times) and another who can efficiently and methodically carry out the behind-the-scenes admin. The two would, however, need to liaise with each other frequently.

If anyone is interested in taking this on, or would just like to know more about the roles without any initial commitment, do please get in touch with me.

Make contact on... nigelsharp@hotmail.co.uk

A dearth of space for dinghy news...

Dinghy Class Captain **Jim Wood** sent us a huge pile of news this month and we have run out of space to publish it in this hard copy of the Club Newsletter. But thanks to the fact we also produce an email version we will actually fit it all in, Jim. So if you are into dinghies you need to know about the StMSC versus RSC Interclub Challenge to be held on 8 August and Gul Falmouth Dighy Week between the 17th and the 21st of the month. Both news items have web links you'll need, so go now to your email copy of the August Newsletter!



Mike Croft atop the trailer-load of Hartleys checks the goods while Mark Osborn demonstrates a Hartley 10 on our stand at the Boat Show.

