



# St. Mawes Sailing Club

## NEWSLETTER December 2013

### RECENT EVENTS

#### John Bryant's Nautical Quiz

This was another great success with six teams competing. Congratulations to the winning team which was The Bounty Hunters, captained by Colin Campbell and including his wife Heather, Roger and Claire Wood, and Mark Osborn.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Thursday Talk

December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2000

Club member Bill Handley on the Racing Rules of Sailing or, more specifically, "Racing Rules I see broken every week and what to do about it"

Sailors' Suppers (Lasagne and Salad) available beforehand. £5 - Please book by e-mailing [stmsc-bar@live.co.uk](mailto:stmsc-bar@live.co.uk) or phoning 07536 012935

#### RNLI Run ashore

Saturday December 21st

Every year, on a Saturday morning just before Christmas, we welcome the Falmouth lifeboat coxswain and crew to the club. It is a special occasion for us and for them – they don't visit any other clubs – and it would be great if we had a good number of members at the club to welcome them.

They should arrive at about 1000, naturally by means of their own very distinctive form of transport! The bar will be open, the local

fund-raising branch of the RNLI will be providing mulled wine, mince pies and coffee, and we hope to be singing some Christmas Carols.

#### Christmas Day

Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> – obviously!

On Christmas Day the bar is open for just one hour – 1200 til 1300 – and there is always a suitably festive atmosphere, so do drop in if your other traditional family commitments allow you too.

#### Post-Christmas Dinner

Saturday December 28th

This will take place in the upstairs room at the Victory Inn which we have booked exclusively for the club. A separate e-mail has already been sent out about this with the menu and other information but brief details are as follows: Three course dinner for £16.50 per person and wine at a discounted price; reservations must be made to the club office by 10th December but earlier if you want to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

#### New Year's Eve

Tuesday December 31st – evidently!

Although we don't put anything specific on at the club on New Year's Eve, we always find that we get a good turnout of people throughout the evening and into the small hours, so all members will be most welcome whether it is for a quick drink or for the duration.

## New Year's Day

Wednesday January 1st – clearly!

In the unlikely event that you are feeling the worse for wear on New Year's Day, come to the club at lunchtime for restorative “drinks and nibbles” with the Commodore (the Commodore isn't paying, by the way!)

## MARK LAYING COURSE

Friday December 20th

With Neil Andrew who was a mark layer at the 2012 Olympic Games in Weymouth.

This will be a theory-only course (just the morning, starting at 0900) with the practical part taking place in the spring. This has proved to be a very interesting and worthwhile course in the past and it is really important to the Club that we have more people qualified in this way. Furthermore, the qualification will offer opportunities to help at major National Championships in Falmouth Bay in the future. The course is free to club members and the date will hopefully coincide with the time that some of our younger RIB drivers might be in the area for the Christmas holidays.

## CATERING IN DECEMBER

Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes

A special menu (see Club website – facilities/clubhouse – catering) from Chandlers will be available (as long as Chandlers remains open). Meals will be delivered to the Club bar.

Please book all meals by e-mailing [stmisc-bar@live.co.uk](mailto:stmisc-bar@live.co.uk) or phoning 07536 012935 or at the bar with as much notice as possible.

## STMAWES WEATHER STATION

Members might like to know that Roger and Claire Wood have a personal weather station which anyone can access by going to the club website (Sailing – Weather & Tides – St Mawes Weather Station) but please note that it is not necessarily on all the time, and the wind speed tends to under-read compared to what you might expect out at sea.

## THURSDAY TALKS IN 2014

**January 16<sup>th</sup>:** Simon Rowell – Meteorology and weather systems

**January 30<sup>th</sup>:** Tim Whitaker – the South-West Three Peaks Race

**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Richy Williams - The Coastguard, new organisation and interaction with sailors.

**February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Mike and Diana Garside - RIB Raid to Norway.

**March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Race tactics

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Ken Boullier –Brittany and St Mawes connections

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Charles Emmett – Singlehanded Transatlantic Race

## TALL SHIPS REGATTA 2014

This will start from Falmouth on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August next year and one of the boats taking part will have a crew comprised mainly of St Mawes SC members. The boat in question is an Ocean 62 schooner called *Merrilyn* which belongs to the Rona Sailing Project (RSP). There should be sixteen people on board which will include six members of 'the afterguard', all of whom have experience of sailing with the RSP, and it is hoped that the other ten will all be members of the club. At the moment eight have signed up for it (all of whom will be between 16-ish and 19-ish) so there are still a couple of places left. Nigel Sharp will be the skipper – not because he is the Commodore of StMSC but because he is an established skipper with the RSP, but the fact that he is also Commodore is a happy coincidence! The race itself is from Falmouth to the Isle of Wight, and *Merrilyn* will then cruise to the official finish at Greenwich, stopping on the way as time and weather permit. The cost will be just £200 per person 'all found' but excluding the cost of getting back from London. If you are interested please e-mail [nigelsharp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigelsharp@hotmail.co.uk). See [www.ronasailingproject.com](http://www.ronasailingproject.com) for more information.