



## DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

### Santa's Season's Set for Sailors!

Christmas Cheer kicked off early with a packed house for **John Bryant's** famous rum-punch-fuelled Nautical Quiz on 6 November. The close-fought competition resulted this year in a winning draw between *The Foul Weather Four* (**Colin and Heather Campbell, Roger Wood and Mark Osborn**) and *The Nauti Buoys and The Gal* (**Delia Hazell, John Howard, Glenn Litherland, Dennis Richards, Bob Morse and Nigel Sharp**.) That's the second year on the trot that Colin's team's topped the podium. Well done indeed!

At the annual RNLi Christmas Fair, held this year on 15 November, the Club was represented by a string of volunteers who manned our stand to dish out membership enquiry leaflets. This was followed by the first of new Social Secretary **Chris Durnford's** Winter Talks. On the 20th **Cherry Ferris** cooked up more than 30 Sailors' Suppers to fill a packed audience for **Martin Thomas**, who wowed it with a probably best-ever lecture. *'Rum, Sodomy and the Lash'* seemed to be just what Club members wanted to know more about!

There are two more Winter Talks before Christmas - on 4 and 11 December - both preceded by the popular and great value Sailors' Suppers. Then on the evening of Saturday 13 December we have the annual pilgrimage to St Mawes of our sister club the **Fowey Gallants**. Please do make the effort to come along and meet fellow sailors from close by at about 1900.

Then on the 20th we welcome the Falmouth lifeboat coxswain **Mark Pollard** and his crew to the Club. It's a special occasion as they don't visit any other clubs, so please come along that morning and show how much we appreciate what they do for all us matelots. They arrive by lifeboat at about 1000 when the bar will be open for mulled wine, mince pies and coffee provided by the our local RNLi fund raisers.

On Christmas Day the Club bar will be open for just an hour from 1200 to 1300. Nevertheless it's a great opportunity to get together to swap Season's Greetings with friends and neighbours. Well worth the effort if you can make it.

On the 29th we are holding the hugely popular Post-Christmas Dinner. This year it's to be at the St Mawes Hotel. It was sold out but 3 tickets have been returned. If you want 'em contact... **Chris Durnford on 01326 270446 or [fizzandmo@gmail.com](mailto:fizzandmo@gmail.com)**

And so we stagger on to the very end of the year. On Wednesday 31 December the Clubhouse bar will no doubt be packed, so why not come along and Sing Auld Lang Syne here? And if by the following morning you feel in need of a lunchtime hair of the dog the place to find one - or more - is back at the clubhouse. 'Drinks & Nibbles' with the Commodore from 1200!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Thursday 4 Dec: *The Fal, a Close Run Thing*

Jonathan Griffin's talk at 2000, after the Sailors' Supper.

#### Saturday 6 Dec: *Class Captains POFSA Meet*

Falmouth Week 2015 planning at Flushing SC. (See over)

#### Thursday 11 Dec: *Pilot Cutters*

Luke Powell at 2000. Sailors' Supper from 1830.

#### Saturday 13 Dec: *Visit of Fowey Gallants*

Buffet supper with our sister Club from 1900.

#### Saturday 20 Dec: *RNLi Run Ashore*

Bar open 1000ish. Mince pies, mulled wine and carols.

#### Thursday 25 Dec: *Christmas Day*

Bar open 1200 to 1300. Come'n'raise a quick glass - or two!

#### Monday 29 Dec: *Christmas Dinner*

At the St Mawes Hotel. 1930 for 2000.

#### Wednesday 31 Dec: *New Year's Eve*

Bar open until late. Time for Auld Lang Syne!

#### Thursday 1 Jan: *New Year's Day*

Bar open 1200. Join the Commodore for a hair of the dog!

#### Thursday 8 Jan: *The Wreck of the Darlwin*

In his inimitable style a talk by John Andrew.

#### Thursday 22 Jan: *Bees and Beekeeping*

Honeyed words from Club member Michael Somers.

#### Thursday 5 Feb: *The Club's Junior Sailors*

The JST Team have a record of successes to relate.

#### Thursday 19 Feb: *The Tall Ships' Race*

A stirring yarn from Commodore Nigel Sharp.

#### Thursday 5 Mar: *Harbour Master's Update*

News from the waterfront courtesy of Gary Cairns.

#### Saturday 14 March: *Club Race Officer Course*

Get involved and help run Club racing. (See overleaf)

#### Saturday 2 May: *Fitting Out Party*

Meet new members at the party that kicks off the season.



### Membership Update

Since the start of our new year on 1 October we have a bunch of new members. Old hands make sure you look out for **Len and Hilary Crisp, Nick and Tamsin Summer** and their son **Max**. Also new are **Robert and Julia Freeland** and their boys **Toby and Peter**, as well as **Philip Lilley** and his wife, whose first name we don't yet have. Sailing Secretary **Delia Hazell** has enrolled her nieces **Amelia and Chloe Heavyside**. We have two new Associate Members - **Martin and Marianna May**. Cadet numbers have been swelled with the addition of **Harry and Theo Hiorns, Suzanne Calow, and Nyles Thomas-Horton**. To them all we extend a warm welcome.



## Clubhouse Maintenance and Clean Up

**Rob Bowden**, our Rear Commodore (House), together with the Club's Administrator **Graham Pinkney** spent a recent dusty



morning burrowing through the junk and treasure stowed up in the clubhouse attic. The aim has been to get at the inside of the mouldy roof which, as can be seen from the pic alongside is in need of maintenance. **Bob Hindmarsh**, Club Bosun and Training Manager, using his handyman skills, is shortly to renew the interior insulation. Meanwhile, the rotten fire door behind the bar has been replaced, the tatty bar stools recovered, and the widely admired new carpeting has been laid - just in



time for the Christmas revelries. Let's hope its stain resistant qualities prove to be well up to the manufacturer's claims!

## 6 December POFSA Meeting

Sailing Secretary **Delia Hazell** tells us that the call has gone out for commodores, class captains, sailing secretaries and race officers to gather at Flushing Sailing Club at 1000 on Saturday 6 December. The aim of the meeting is bring everyone up to date on plans for Falmouth Week 2015. It will also give attendees the chance to make final comments so that POFSA can proceed to a Notice of Race for issue early in the New Year. It's important we have a strong presence at the meeting so if you are one of the above please contact Delia and let her know whether or not you can or cannot attend.

**Delia Hazell is on 01326 270707 or [delia@hazell-uk.com](mailto:delia@hazell-uk.com)**

## New JST Booking System Soon Ready

Both for the parents who have printed out and posted off JST booking forms, and for the JST volunteers who have struggled with the piles of incoming paper, help is at hand. A brand new online booking system for courses is very soon to be up and running. Access will be through the usual link on the Club website, but instead of delivering your forms and cheques by snail mail, bookings for your offspring will soon be done by keyboard and card. "We hope to go live early in the New Year," said JST's **Mark Osborn**. Stand by. Watch this space!

## ON THE MENU THIS MONTH

There's a couple of Sailors' Suppers and a buffet cooked up by John Howard's catering team to look forward to in December. As the former precede the very popular Winter Talks which begin at 2000, not only is it important to book early to avoid disappointment, it is vital not to arrive late for your meal and clash with the start of the talk.

Do please collect your scoff before 1900.

### 4 Dec: Sailors' Supper

Beef Casserole with New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.

### 11 Dec: Sailors' Supper

Lasagne and Salad.

### 13 Dec: Fowey Gallants Buffet Supper

Mingle with our guests and enjoy a tasty feast for only a fiver! Booking by 11 Dec essential if you would like to eat.

**Call or text 07536 012935**  
**[email@stmsc-bar@live.co.uk](mailto:email@stmsc-bar@live.co.uk)**

## RYA Intro to Race Management

Ever thought of being part of the team of volunteers who make all that keenly-fought racing at the Club possible? Well, here's your chance. Club member and Olympic Games Race Officer **Neil Andrew** is running an introductory course for newbies on Saturday 14 March at Mylor Yacht Club. It kicks off at 0900 and finishes at 1630. There is no charge for the day's training. If you want to put something back into your Club why not give it a go? Book up through Sailing Secretary **Delia Hazell**.

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## Junior Laser Squad on the Cards

At least nine local youngsters are queuing up to join the recently announced new JST Laser Squad. And the plan is to raise our game by employing an outside coach during term time so that we can enter a credible contingent for the Laser Nationals at Mounts Bay in August. Such is the gathering momentum that Restronguet Sailing Club have already invited our juniors to join them for chilly training in Jan, Feb and March. Brrrr!

## Found on Facebook

Club member **Chris 'Tigger' Thomas** has a link from his Team Kernow Facebook page to the British Sailing Team's website that shows he has successfully been selected, with his class 49er partner **Jack Hawkins**, for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Podium Potential Squad. Chris learnt to sail with JST on a Pico in the Percuil River. In answer to the question "What made you decide to become a full time sailor?" he replied "To become the best in the world." Right. No shortage of ambition there then. Congrats on that well-earned selection, Chris. Keep going!



Also found this month on the Club's Facebook page was this... "Wonderful news for Kieran, and the new JST Laser Squad. Following Kieran Andrews's (14) excellent results at the RYA Zone and Home Country Championships at Weymouth at the beginning September, Kieran has been successful in his application for an RYA OnBoard John Merricks Sailing Trust boat. Kieran has been selected to receive a new Laser. Cat Ferguson, the OnBoard Operations Officer for the Royal Yachting Association said "The selection panel received a large number of high grade applications which made selecting the final 14 extremely difficult so massive congratulations to everyone involved in applying for this boat!" Kieran will be loaned the boat for two years and thereafter it will become a club boat." This posting on the Club's Facebook page has now reached 547 people.



Kieran gets an early Christmas present. Flanked by Team Feva Coordinator Mike Croft and Training Manager Bob Hindmarsh he can't wait to unwrap his new Laser.

And while we're on the subject of Facebook, the Club's total page 'likes' have now hit 439. Only 67 short of our 500 target. If you've already given it a 'like' of your own why not help us hit that goal by inviting your own Facebook friends to like it as well? As they say... 'Every little helps!'

