



FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Days Are Getting Longer!

There's no doubt about it, they are. The rain may be lashing down, the wind may be blowin' ol'boots and we are even coming up to the anniversary of that storm-to-be-remembered on 3 Feb. Nonetheless, the days are noticeably drawing out and there's a spirit of optimism in the air. It's not yet Valentine's Day but the Sailing Calendar for 2015 has already been fine tuned and is up on the Club website for you to plan your upcoming year. And it won't be long now before the St Mawes Sailing Club Yearbook 2015 goes to press in time to be with you for Easter. Stand by!

Scuttlebutt?

Rumour or not, here's something new. On 11/12 July there's to be a **St Mawes One Design 12-hour Sponsored Charity Race**. The boats will race between 1800 or 2000 on 11 July to the finish at



Sir Ben. Will he be racing head to head with our SMOD champ Callum Ferris on 11 July 2015?

0600 on the 12th. Sponsors of the event will be Club member **David Richards** and **The St Mawes Hotel** and it will somehow be linked to a 24 Hour Formula One racing event. Rumour has it 'big racing names' will be in St Mawes for the event and there's even some talk of **Sir Ben Ainslie** making an appearance, and possibly even starting the event and then racing in it! As yet some of this could be dodgy scuttlebutt.

Nevertheless, as soon as we get a scoop on our hands you'll be the first to be told. And **Callum Ferris** for one will soon be polishing the bottom of **Cheerio**. That's for sure. Watch this space!

Cruiser Class Handicap Update

Following the new 'A' Class Handicap System details we gave you in the January Newsletter there's a further modification that Cruiser Class racers need to be aware of for 2015. It could mean that if you have previously raced under the 'A' class flag you might need to go shopping! During the next Summer Thursday Series the 'A' class will race under an 'E' flag for the faster boats or a 'U' flag for the slower ones. The pros and cons of splitting the 'A' class for racing purposes have been discussed at length and opinion is divided, so for 2015 there will be a trial on Summer Thursdays. The plan is for 'E' and 'U' classed cruisers to start at the same time but the Race Officer has the option to set a shorter race for the slower 'U' flagged boats. The faster 'E' flagged cruiser class craft will have the opportunity to do longer courses. "We

hope this compromise during 2015 will provide data and valuable feedback for 2016," said Sailing

Secretary **Delia Hazell**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 5 Feb: The Club's Junior Sailors

The JST Team have a record of successes to relate.

Saturday 5 Feb: Tiptop Burger Night

Your chance to dine on classy, juicy things at the Club.

Thursday 19 Feb: The Tall Ships' Race

A stirring yarn from Commodore Nigel Sharp.

Saturday 28 Feb: Club Visit to Fowey Gallants

Join the squad of StMSC Members for this return match.

Thursday 5 Mar: Harbour Master's Update

News from the waterfront courtesy of Gary Cairns.

Saturday 14 Mar: Club Race Officer Course

Get involved. Help run Club racing. (See December News)

Saturday 4 Apr: Annual Quay Cleaning Party

Join other volunteers for the Stoneworks Quay spring clean.

Saturday 2 May: Fitting Out Party

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

Sat 25/Sun 26 Jul: St Mawes Boatshow

The first true rival for the London and Southampton shows!

Fri 7/Sun 16 Aug: Falmouth Week

Again the Carrick Roads host the best regatta in the West!

Clash of the Sigmas

Now here's something totally new. The Club is set to host an inaugural **Sigma 33 Regatta** this spring after a long-standing member of the Club and great enthusiast of the class threw down the gauntlet and offered a trophy.

Glenn Litherland, a former owner of the legendary **Jambo!**, has put up a silver salver by way of a prize, and the Club quickly got behind the idea with offers of race officers and support. So far five local boats have promised to take part, and it is hoped some from further afield will be attracted in the next few months. The Race Committee have kindly offered to host up to four races, with a committee boat start. The last race will feature a regatta course so that boats will be able to take the final horn on the Club line for the benefit of spectators. The day will be followed by a social hosted at the Sailing Club. The regatta is scheduled for 30 May.



The Jambo! boys will be going head to head with the Afrita team in their very own one-design contest.



For more info call Andrew Laming on 07737 536010.



JST Online Goes Live

The brand new **Online Booking System for Junior Sailing** is now up and running. On the first day it went live the rush by hundreds of parents to sign up their offspring for training almost crashed the computer server. (*ed's note: Forgive, please. I have an occasional tendency to exaggerate!*) If you haven't



Ruth Ellse joins the JST Team

made your bookings yet you do need to get your skates on. Places are going fast. And adult courses are also soon going to be going live as well, so if you want to hone your dinghy skills check out the web site for what training's on offer. If for any reason, though, the online booking system baffles you, and you are too embarrassed to ask for help from an 8-year old, get in touch with the new member of the JST Team, Ruth Ellse. Ruth is Mum to Charlie, one of our up-and-coming Junior Laser Squad. She'll be your course booking contact.

Ruth is on... jst@stmawessailing.co.uk

25 foot Mooring Up For Grabs

Quay Secretary **Katie Wood** has just contacted us to say that one of the Club's own moorings has become unexpectedly available. It would suit a 25 foot boat and is situated roughly opposite Stoneworks Quay. If interested please get in touch with Katie via her email... quaysec@stmawessailing.co.uk

Katie also asks us to remind you to join the team of volunteers for the annual Stoneworks Quay clean up on 4 April - Easter Saturday. As we said last month, this is a truly unmissable opportunity to spend the morning filling your lungs with good clean Spring air as we get the quay ready for the season ahead!

The Social Whirl

The 2015 Club Night Programme began with two well attended talks. On 8 Jan **John Andrew** stirred us out of our post Christmas lethargy with a dramatic account of the dreadful events leading up to the loss, with all hands, of the passenger boat **Darwin** off the Dodman in July 1966 and on 22 Jan **Michael Somers** gave us a fascinating insight into the world of bees, including extraordinary footage of a poor young drone bee's last exquisite airborne moment with a Queen, before tumbling to earth in a post-coital seizure! Eat your heart out David Attenborough! Upcoming February's talks have a Youth Training theme. On the 5 Feb the **JST Team** will give us a presentation on all the brilliant work that they do, to be followed on 19 Feb by **Nigel Sharp** telling us all about his Tall Ships' adventure with **Merrilyn**, during which he took a young St Mawes crew from Falmouth to Greenwich. The month of February will end with a team from the Club going across to Fowey to visit the Fowey Gallants Sailing Club for a return match on Saturday 28 Feb. And here's another date for your tightly packed social diaries. Flushing Sailing Club have invited teams from St Mawes to enter their quiz night on Tuesday 3 March. Anyone wishing to form or be part of a team please contact **Chris Durnford** on 01326 270446.

Do You Own a RIB?

If so **Mike Garside** would like to hear from you. From experience he knows that RIB owners often wished they had others with RIBs to play with. He can help. The StMSC RIB Raiders have a programme of fun short trips beyond the confines of Falmouth Bay this Summer. These have always been hugely enjoyed by Club Ribsters. It's a great way to make friends of all ages. And improve your boat handling skills.

Mike is on 01326 270852 or MVGarside@aol.com



Your chef recommends...

...booking in early for your Scrummy Supper, sweetheart!

Eating out at the Club in Feb before the Winter Talks gets ever more popular. The Talks 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. Also this month, by hugely popular demand, it's the Burger Bonanza. **Read on...!**

Thursday 5 February: Sailors' Supper
Mouthwatering Lasagne and Scrummy Salad.

Saturday 7 February: Burger Bonanza!
Meze Platter (*a blissful selection of appetisers*)

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Beef Burger with Fried Onions and Bacon (*yummy!*)

Lamb and Mint Burger (*even yummiier!!*)

Hunters Chicken (*chicken breast with bacon, cheese and bbq sauce*)

...all served with chips, salad garnish and coleslaw plus selection of dips & relishes.

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Key Lime Pie

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1 course £7.50, 2 courses £10.50, 3 courses £13.50

Thursday 19 February: Sailors' Supper
Mouth Watering West Country Pork Casserole
with New Potatoes and Vegetables.

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

Calling All Cruisers!

The Club's Cruising in Company programme got off to a good start last season with a combo of overnights organised by **Julian Davy** and one-day events run by **Bob Morse**. The latter are particularly suitable for Club members with any sort of boat as destinations are local and easy to get to. It's a great way to meet old and new friends. Nothing better than raising a cool glass in a shared cockpit, or a lunchtime picnic on a beach. Register with the Club Office...

Graham is on 01326 270686 or office@stmawessailing.co.uk

Do You Have An Eye For Detail?

Some do, some don't. Some have great spatial awareness while others can home in on spelling and typographical errors like hawks! It's the latter we are after. If you are willing to do some proof reading for the upcoming Club 2015 Yearbook between now and the end of the first week in March the editor would love to hear from you. **Call Mike Garside on 01326 270852**

Boat Show of the Year!

If you have not already got a note in your diary now's the time to make one for the **St Mawes Boat Show**. It's on the weekend of 25/26 July on the harbour and in the water at St Mawes. Latest news is that one of the on-water exhibits to look out for is the brand new P23 motor launch currently in build at Pasco's Boat Yard by Club member and master boat builder **Bob Edwards**. She's a little beaut!

