



St. Mawes Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER January 2013

Welcome to the first of what is intended to be a monthly newsletter which will be sent out to club members by e-mail, posted on club notice boards and distributed around the clubhouse. We plan to publish this as close as possible to the first of each month, although this one has been delayed as some contributors have been away over the Christmas and New Year period. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable. Any constructive comments on its format and content will be welcome.

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Forthcoming Thursday Talks etc

Thursday the 24th of January

NAUTICAL QUIZ with **John Bryant**.

All members welcome. £3 per head to include a glass of Bryant's special RUM cocktail. A maximum of 5 people to a team and teams can be made up on the night. Just come along for some winter cheer and perhaps even learn something new!

Thursday the 7th of February

The Olympics with club member **Neil Andrew** who was part of the race management team at the Olympic sailing event last year in Weymouth.

Thursday the 21st of February

Club member **Philip Marsden** on his proposals to raise awareness of environmental issues in St Mawes Harbour

Thursday the 7th of March

Andy Mullins and Geoff on their 2012 "Adventure of Kayaking Around Great Britain"

Thursday the 21st of March

A talk by St Mawes Harbourmaster **Gary Cairns**.

Thursday the 4th of April

A Mystery Speaker

Thursday the 18th of April

Tony Head and James Stock on Single Handed Racing to the Azores.

Thursday the 2nd of May

Club member **Bill Handley** on the changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing which come into effect this year.

This talk will take place after that evening's race.

All talks start at 8 pm and there is no need to make any sort of booking if you want to attend these.

On the same evenings, Sailors' Suppers are available at £5.00 (but not on the evening of John Bryant's quiz). You do need to book these, however, by e-mailing stmsc-bar@live.co.uk or phoning 07536 012935 by lunchtime on the day of the talk (but preferably earlier!).

Lunch at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club – Sunday the 3rd of February

RCYC welcome members of other local clubs who would like to enjoy Sunday lunch at their clubhouse, and we thought it would be a good idea for members of St Mawes Sailing Club to go there one Sunday as a group. We have arranged to do this on February the 3rd. If you are interested, please e-mail office@stmawessailing.co.uk for a copy of the menu, and if you would like to go, e-mail the same address with your menu choices by Tuesday the 29th of January, or preferably earlier as numbers might be limited.

Let's hope the weather on the day will be good enough to travel there and back by passenger ferry.

The menu includes a choice of three starters (ranging in price from £4.50 to £5.95), three main courses (£7.95 to £9.95) and four sweets (£4.50 to £5.75).

If anyone is interested in going to the RCYC individually on any other Sunday, they say that you can just turn up but it might be safer to ring them beforehand on 01326 311105.

Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

Winter regatta

Saturday the 9th of February

Fowey Gallants SC, with which we now have reciprocal membership, has invited us to attend their annual winter "regatta". Those of us who have been in previous years can tell you that it will be a very enjoyable social occasion. Last year we arranged for the community bus to take us there and back and we may be able to do so again. Please e-mail office@stmawessailing.co.uk if you are interested in this.

Ann Long Dinner –

Friday the 15th of February

Back by popular demand we are delighted to announce the return of the Ann Long and Sharon Walker Dinner. This event is always a sell out so please e-mail office@stmawessailing.co.uk ASAP if you would like to attend. The price is £25 per person which includes a delicious three course meal.

Dress – smart/casual. 7 for 7.30.

Club Race Officer Course

Saturday 23rd February

This will be held at Mylor Yacht Club and the course tutor will be Neil Andrew who is an Honorary Life Member of StMSC and who has been the Race Officer for most of our Championship racing in recent years.

If you are interested in attending this, please contact Chris de Glanville - chris@amadeusporcelain.com

Stoneworks Quay Clean-up

Saturday the 30th of March

The annual quay clean-up will take place on Easter Saturday at 10:00 and we would welcome as many members as possible for this. Coffee and cakes will be provided!

Incorporation/CASC

Many thanks to those of you who took the trouble to take part in the e-mail vote to approve the change of rules to allow the Club to become a Limited Liability Company and a CASC. We are delighted that a vastly overwhelming majority voted in favour of the changes, which means that we can now go ahead and put them into action.

Earlier start to the 2013 sailing season

This year the club's race programme will start a little earlier than in previous seasons: there will be a four-race Sunday/Thursday Pursuit Series starting on Sunday the 21st of April. This will then lead into the "normal" start to the season – i.e. the **Fitting Out party** on Saturday the 4th of May, the May Day Cup races on Sunday the 5th and then the start of the Spring Series. We very much hope that lots of you will start to think about getting your boats ready in time for this new series.

CCTV at Stoneworks Quay

In the light of the recent spate of thefts of engines on the river we have recently completed the installation of a CCTV system at Stoneworks Quay. We hope this will provide further security for the boats and engines stored there. We would however ask that all those using the quay remain vigilant, and that where possible boats and engines are removed during the winter months to avoid the possibility of theft.