



St. Mawes Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER January 2014

RECENT EVENTS

RNLI Run Ashore

The annual visit of the two Falmouth lifeboats (All Weather and Inshore) on the Saturday before Christmas was a great success. As ever, the lifeboat coxswain, Mark Pollard, and crew enjoyed the hospitality of the club and a festive atmosphere. There was also a good attendance from club members, and Ann Wesley and her team of local RNLI fundraising volunteers provided coffee, mince pies and mulled wine. We even sang some carols!

PS – message from Ann: if anyone is interested in joining her team of volunteers, she would be pleased to hear from you. Contact office@stmawessailing.co.uk and we will put you in touch with her.

Post-Christmas Dinner

This was a sell-out with around forty people attending a very successful and enjoyable dinner in the upstairs room at the Victory Inn.

JANUARY EVENTS

Coffee morning Wednesday the 8th

We hold coffee mornings every month, normally on the first Wednesday of the month but in January we thought it would be sensible to postpone this from the 1st to the 8th, starting at around 1100. Do join us if you can.

Thursday talk:

The Weather

Thursday the 16th of January

A talk by club member **Simon Rowell** on localised weather - gusts, squalls, acceleration zones and the like - to give people a better idea of how the localised weather can change and be affected by nearby land, etc.

Sailors' Suppers (Chicken, Leek and Mushroom Pie) available beforehand. £5 - Please book by e-mailing stmasc-bar@live.co.uk or phoning 07536 012935

Thursday Talk:

The Three 'Peaks' Race

Thursday the 30th of January

A talk by club member **Tim Whitaker** who will be telling us about the inaugural South West Three 'Peaks' Race which took place in 2013, and plans for a second race in 2014.

Sailors' Suppers (Lasagne & salad) available beforehand. £5 - Please book by e-mailing stmasc-bar@live.co.uk or phoning 07536 012935

LOOK OUT FOR.....

Charlie Choak, the new **Chairman of POFSA**, will be visiting the Club to talk to (and listen to) StMSC sailors about Falmouth Week 2014.

Jack Penty will also be visiting us to talk about the **COGS programme** for 2014.

Dates of both visits to be announced.

LATER SOCIAL EVENTS

Fowey Gallants SC visit to StMSC

Saturday the 8th of February

A chance to repay the hospitality that many of our members enjoy at FGSC - with which we now have reciprocal membership - during Fowey Week in particular, but at other times as well.

Lunch at the Royal Cornwall YC – Sunday the 23rd of February

(provisional date - TBC)

Those of us who went to the RCYC for Sunday lunch last February greatly enjoyed the occasion - enhanced by the fact that we were able to travel there and back on the passenger ferry – so we thought it would be worthwhile doing it again. Look out for confirmation of the date and further details regarding menu choices and booking arrangements.

Fowey Gallants SC Winter Regatta

Saturday the 8th of March

Fowey Gallants SC 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. Look out for further details.

LATER THURSDAY TALKS

February 13th: Richy Williams - The Coastguard, new organisation and interaction with sailors.

February 27th: Mike and Diana Garside - RIB Raid to Norway and back.

March 13th: Race tactics (provisional date – TBC)

March 27th: Ken Boullier –Brittany and St Mawes connections

April 10th: Charles Emmett – Singlehanded Transatlantic Race

CATERING IN JANUARY

Thursday evenings

When there is a talk taking place – see above for details.

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 or phoning 07536 012935 or at the bar with as much notice as possible.

BOAT LIST FOR YEARBOOK

Those of you on the Club’s e-mailing list will have received an e-mail asking you to check any boat(s) you may have on the Boat List. Do please contact office@stmawessailing.co.uk if there are any changes to be made as we would like the list which is printed in the Yearbook to be as accurate as possible.

LOST OPTIMIST?

At the end of November an Optimist called *Messack IV* was found, seemingly abandoned and with the hull covered in weed, on a mooring opposite the Stoneworks Quay. She had apparently been there for some time and it is presumed that someone found her floating around and moored here there. She was subsequently brought ashore to Stoneworks and she is still there now. If anyone knows who she might belong to, please contact office@stmawessailing.co.uk