



MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

It's Party Time!

The Early Birds have been going head to head out on the water since 11 April but we know Summer's on it's way for sure when the annual Fitting Out Party comes round! It's always a good'un so make sure you're there. Saturday 2 May at 1800 is the time our new members are formally welcomed aboard by Commodore **Nigel Sharp**, the Flag Officers and the Committee Members. Then from 1900 all you old hands can join in the fun and enjoy one of Chef **Cherry Ferris's** famous feasts!

May Day Cups Race

The Warning Signal sounds off at 1400 on 3 May for this not-to-be-missed Sunday afternoon race. As always the prize giving will take place in the Clubhouse at 1830 that evening.

The Spring Series

With the last of the Early Bird Pursuit Races now over it's time to kick off the Spring Series. First race takes place on Thursday 7 May for all classes and continues on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings for 12 races right through to Sunday 14 June.

Cruising Programme Now Complete

Julian Davy tells us that plans for this year's cruisers are now complete for the 2015 season. There's to be a daytime cruise to Helford on 23 August, though the exact destination is yet to be decided. Then there's an overnigher to Mylor planned for 12/13 September. If last year's Mylor run is anything to go by this is definitely one to get in your diary!

Don't forget that details will only be sent to those who have registered an interest with either **Graham Pinkney**, **Bob Morse** or **Adrian** himself. And also don't forget you must complete a Cruising Declaration Form (unless you've already lodged a Racing Declaration). The forms are available to download from the Club website. Sad to say but form filling every year is a must. We're told it's all to do with insurance. That's life!

And finally here's a reminder that the first cruise of 2015 is to Helford overnight on 16/17 May. The next overnigher is to Fowey Gallants on 30/31 May. Huge fun. Come along and join in.

RIB Raiding in May

Despite the fact that **Mike Garside** promised to email all potential RIB Raiders by 1 May he has failed to do so. His lame excuse is that he has not yet found the time to make a clandestine reconnaissance of the target port. (*Get a grip Garside!*) The plan is still for an attack on Charlestown during the week beginning 25 May when the tide is favourable. He **will** email all RIB owners soon. Stand by!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 2 to Mon 4 May: COGS Trinity Race

135 miles from Falmouth round Eddystone and Wolf Rock.

Saturday 2 May: Fitting Out Party

New Members at 1800. Free event for old hands from 1900!

Sunday 3 May: May Day Cups Race

From 1400. The Prize Giving in the Clubhouse at 1830.

Sat 16 to Sun 17 May: Club Cruise to Helford

The first of the season's overnighers for liveboard boats!

Fri 22 to Sun 24 May: Pilot Cutters Gathering

These beauties let us know Summer's on its way.

Saturday 30 May: Sigma 33 SW Championship

A brand new race inspired by a former owner of Jambo!

Saturday 30 to Sun 31 May: Fowey Cruise

The second Club overnight cruise. Visit to Fowey Gallants.

Friday 12 June: Three Peaks Race Starts

The third running of this now-established St Mawes event.

Junior Sailing

JST Coordinator **Mark Osborn** has been in touch to tell us that the Saturday Squad (Start Racing) is now into action with **Bob Hindmarsh**, Team Feva is underway with **Mike Croft** and visiting coaches and the JST Laser Squad has swung into action with **John Burford**. All groups are now up and running each Saturday. "*At the end of last season last year's Team Feva members moved up to Laser;*" wrote Mark. "*However the new Team Feva group really did well at our Feva Open Weekend. They really were most impressive. Then the May Half Term (Week 1) will be upon us and the out-of-port members will be here in force. We very much look forward to that!*"

Foredeck Crew Needed

Your geriatric Newsletter editor **Mike Garside** now owns a little race boat with a great racing history. Since 1982 she has done 5 OSTARS, 4 AZABs and 4 Round Britain races. And in virtually every one of these events she was podium placed. Her name is *Alice's Mirror* and she's a bit of pure British maritime history.

But Mike's big problem is that he needs crew to race her, both with the COGS races up and down the Channel and round the cans in the Club's regular series. "*What I need is someone agile enough to make up for my stiff-limbed response to manoeuvring and changing sails,*" he whinged. "*The COGS races will only need one extra crew member but, for Club racing a crew of 3 would be ideal. Anyone who is willing and able to spring around a lively foredeck would be most welcome aboard Alice's Mirror,*" said Mike hopefully.

Mike Garside is on 01326 270852 or MVGarside@aol.com



Social Whirl

The last of our winter talks took place on Thursday 9 April when, on a fine spring evening, the lovely sail training ship *Hardiesse* nosed her way into St Mawes harbour. The skipper, **Chris Stone** and his crew then proceeded ashore to the Clubhouse and gave us an excellent presentation on "*The Hardiesse Story*", its current aims and plans and of course its very close links with StMSC. Chris was ably assisted by two very enthusiastic young crew members who gave a very bubbly account of what *Hardiesse* had done for them over the last few years.

The first event of the Summer is the New Members' Welcome and the Fitting Out Party which takes place on Saturday 2 May. "*It would be helpful if our new members could arrive to meet the Commodore, the Flag Officers and the Committee Members at 1800,*" requested Social Secretary **Christopher Durnford**. "*Thereafter at 1900 the evening is open to all. A super buffet supper is on offer free of charge to all Club members from about 1915 onwards.*" Can't wait. More of Cherry's to-die-for sticky sausages. Yum!

On the evening of Monday 18 May the Club will be entertaining BATS - the Blind at Sea Sailors from Mylor. (*Details of which can be found in the 2015 Yearbook on page 27 and at their website - www.blindatsea.co.uk*) This will be the second year that this remarkable group of people and their volunteer helpers have sailed across to see us and we look forward to a good turnout of members to welcome and look after them.

Stoneworks Quay

The Club's Quay Secretary **Katie Wood** specially asked us to say a **MASSIVE** (*her emphasis!*) thank-you to everyone who came along to the Quay Cleaning Party on Saturday 4 April. All those who turned up did a great job. "*A tremendous effort!*" said Katie. "*Does*



anyone know who owns this boat?" she continues. "*It arrived on the quay over the winter and has been variously moved around as quay users have taken up their spaces. Please let us know if you are able to identify its owner as it is likely it will be removed*

if no-one comes forward to claim it!" Right then; we'll watch the frenzied stampede with interest!

The Roseland Youth Sailing Trust

Dina Croft tells us the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust is up and running! The Trust has been set up to ensure that young people are not excluded from participating in sailing or advancing their sailing, because of financial constraints. Initial funding has been provided from a variety of sources including Cornwall Council and St Just in Roseland Parish Council. Supported by the Sailing Club, but independently run, the Trust has already approved bursaries for young sailors to improve kit on their competitive boats. The Trust has also helped to pay event entry fees and supported a participant in a sailing expedition.

"*We are in the process of opening a bank account,*" Dina told us, "*and will then apply for Charitable status and a Just Giving account. We would really appreciate donations from any Members who feel they would like to support what the Trust is doing.*" Further information can be obtained from...

Dina Croft on dina@tasmanhouse.co.uk

We'll keep you up to date with developments. Watch this space!

Sign Up for Edition 3 of the SW3PYR!

Tim Whitaker tells us that the 3rd running of the South West 3 Peaks Yacht Race takes place over the weekend of the 12 June. This gruelling but fun challenge is a sailing, cycling and running race which takes in St Mawes, Newlyn, Fowey and Plymouth as well as Lands End, Brown Willy and Yes Tor.

This year Tim's already got 5 entries from the Royal Navy, The Royal Navy Sailing Association and the Royal Marines. The yachts are a Hustler 35, an Oyster 485, a Starlight 39, a Contessa 38 and a Westerley 33. Teams consist of 5 or 6 members, all of whom must complete the sailing legs and 2 from each team must complete each land leg.

The weekend starts with supper at St Mawes Sailing Club on Thursday 11 June and it would be fun if any retired Matelots or Booties from the Navy or the Marines would come along that evening to meet and offer words of wisdom and encouragement to the young service crews.

The race starts at 1200 from St Mawes on the Friday 12 June and there's still time for an entry of two from StMSC. Come on guys - we really ought to be able muster a team of crack sailors and fit young runners and riders! Also if anyone would like to get involved with running the event, Tim is still looking for volunteer helpers. Send him a quick email if you can lend a hand.

Tim is on... tim@nearwaterstmawes.co.uk



Dine in Style at StMSC...

Thursday 7 May: Sailors' Supper

Chicken, Leek and Mushroom pie with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables followed by Choc Fudge Cake and Icecream

Thursday 14 May: Sailors' Supper

Westcountry Pork Casserole with New Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Veg followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding.

Thursday 21 May: Sailors' Supper

Cottage Pie with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables followed by Apple Crumble and Custard.

Thursday 28 May: Sailors' Supper

Chilli-Con-Carne and Rice or Spaghetti Bolognese followed by Treacle Pudding.

Every Friday Night...

Choice Fish & Chips or Gammon & Chips.

A must for every diary!

Every Saturday Night...

Book in for regular Sailing Season Saturday Suppers but on...

Sat 30 May: SW Sigma 33 Champs

Event Dinner and Prizegiving. No other meals. Sorry!

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

Clubhouse Refurb

Rear Commodore (House) Rob Bowden tells us that decoration of the outside of the building has started and the scaffolding is to be in place by the beginning of May. Right. That'll be dreckly then!