



St. Mawes Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER November 2013

RECENT EVENTS

Autumn Pursuit Series

This came to an end in dramatic style when the five boats competing in the last race were hit by a very strong squall. Two St Mawes One Designs (Gawain & Maria Bysouth in *Cheerio* and Mark Humphrey & Lawrence Bysouth in *Vesper*) managed to finish but the other three boats retired. The turnout for the series had been really good with twelve and thirteen boats competing in the second and third races. *Cheerio* was the overall winner.

Saturday Dinghy Series

The most recent series has taken place over the course of seven Saturdays (none lost to the weather) in September and October, with (typically) ten to fifteen boats competing in three short races each day. Although primarily intended for juniors, a handful of adults has also very much enjoyed this series.

Laying-up supper and prizegiving

Despite the appalling weather a great many people managed to get to the club that evening – in fact a total of 99 meals were served which was a considerable increase on last year. The winner of the Penrose Trophy – awarded for the “best performance or achievement in racing, cruising or any other club activity” - was Charles Emmett in recognition of his superb performance in the OSTAR (the Original Singlehanded Transatlantic Race) this year. However, Charles couldn't make it that evening so the opportunity was taken to present the trophy temporarily to Robin Bowden (our new Social Secretary) who won it in 1990 but was never made aware that he had done so!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

John Bryant's Nautical Quiz

Thursday Nov 14th at 1930

Max 5 in a team

John's secret recipe Rum Punch is bound to help with the answers!

Racing across the Pacific –badly!

Thursday Nov 28th at 2000

A talk by club member **Simon Rowell** who was Assistant Race Director for the 2005/6 Clipper Round the World Race (having skippered one of the boats in the previous race)

Sailor's suppers will be available before this talk – see Catering section.

Other Thursday talks

These will take place at fortnightly intervals (subject to interruptions at Christmas etc) and the following are currently planned:

December 12th: Bill Handley – “Racing Rules I see broken every week and what to do about it”

January 16th: Simon Rowell – Meteorology and weather systems

January 30th: Tim Whitaker – the South-West Three Peaks Race

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

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

Christmas meal

We are in the process of organising a three course dinner at a local hostelry, and this will take place either just before or just after Christmas Day. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

CATERING IN NOVEMBER

Saturday November 2nd – Steak night

8oz ribeye steak, mushrooms, tomatoes fried onion rings chips etc and a choice of Mango and brie or cranberry and stilton sauces.

1 course £9.50, 2 courses £12.50, 3 courses £15.50

Saturday nights (9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th)

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

Thursday 28th Sailors' supper

before Simon Rowell's talk.

Fish Pie + fresh seasonal vegetables

£5 for one course

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.

JUNIOR SAIL TRAINING

The Junior Sail Training course dates for 2014 are now on-line. We are very pleased to welcome our new JST Administrator Lowri Story – bookings for courses in the holidays and half term should be made with her by e-mailing jst@stmawessailing.co.uk. Term time courses (i.e. Saturday/Sundays) should be booked with Dina/Mike Croft by e-mailing teamfeva@stmawessailing.co.uk.

STONERWORKS QUAY

A message from Jim and Katie Wood: One storm has arrived and there are certain to be a few more causing wind and waves to batter Stoneworks. If you haven't already done so, please can you remove your boats and engines from the Quay for the winter. If this is not possible, please ensure that masts are taken down and your boats are securely tied down so that that damage is not caused to it or other boats/equipment.

A reminder - the deadline for applications for Quay spaces for 2014 is the 30th of November! Application

forms can be downloaded from the StMSC website if you have mislaid the hard copy sent in the post.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Although we have reached the official deadline to submit completed Members' Questionnaires, we would still welcome them up to the 15th of November. If you have lost the form you can download one from <http://www.stmawessailing.co.uk/downloads/questionnaire.pdf>

POFSA AGM

This will take place on **Saturday the 9th of November** at 1000 at Flushing SC. StMSC will be officially represented but any club members who would like to attend will be welcome.

RNLI CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, Nov 16th 1000-1500

Memorial Hall, St Mawes

On sale: RNLI Christmas Cards, tombola, superb raffle, bacon sandwiches, games and more.....

We encourage members to come and support this annual event. A chance to get going with your Christmas shopping.

Anyone who would like to have a stall, please contact Amelia Whitaker on 01326 279278 or amelia@nearwaterstmawes.co.uk.

Price of stalls £10 (or FREE to under 14s) all proceeds to the RNLI.

To all JST Members: "The Christmas Toys stall", a chance to clear out your room and bring along any games, books, videos, toys you no longer want, make room for new ones and earn a bit of pocket money before Christmas.

STOP PRESSNEWS JUST IN FROM THE NORTH POLE**Father Christmas**, himself, will be arriving in St Mawes by boat at 11am (watch the spectacular arrival from the harbour wall) and will be available for Christmas present consultations until 2pm. Get your Christmas wish lists written now and come and see the wonderful old man yourself!