

OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Club's New Year Begins

As the sailing season draws to a close October marks the start of our new year. And from the first of the month five volunteers have stepped up to replace those who have given years of stalwart service to your Club. Standing down is Club Vice Commodore **Brian Wheeldon** who hands over to **Mike Garside**. Rear Commodore (Sailing) **John Andrew** hands over to **Mark Humphrey**. Rear Commodore (House) **Rupert Scott** passes the baton to **Robin Bowden** who in turn steps down from the role of Social Secretary. Rob hands over that role to **Christopher Durnford**. **Chris de Glanville** retires as Sailing Secretary and he hands over to **Delia Hazel** while **Mike Evans** is standing down as Club Treasurer. Long term Hon Sec **Bill George** is swapping roles and will take over the Treasurer's tasks and the volunteer who takes over from Bill is **Jonathan Adlington**.



Retiring Vice Commodore Brian Wheeldon with his wife Pat. In recognition of his contribution to the Club Brian has been made an Honorary Life Member.

Autumn Pursuit Series

The first of the Autumn Pursuit races took place on Sunday 28 September. The three races for October - all on Sundays - are on the 5th, 12th and 19th. First horn will be at 1015 with the first boat starting at 1025. The list of start times calculated by **Tim Pratt** will be displayed on the Clubhouse notice board.

Philleigh Pots

The Philleigh Pots held on Saturday 20 September resulted in a SMOD win for **Miles Carden** with *Ariel*. Second place was awarded to **Stephen Miles** on *Curlew* and third to **Gawain Bysouth** with *Osprey*. In the Ajax class **John Howard** with *Aeolus* was first, **Roger Wood** on *Amalthea* was second and **Richard Brown's Pintail** was third. Well done, one and all!

Dinghy Racing

The Saturday Dinghy Racing continues on the 4th, 11th and 18th October with a series of three races on each date. The first start will be at 1400 from a committee boat in St Mawes Bay. Dinghy sailors of all levels with dinghies of all kinds are very welcome to make the most of the remaining sailing season in 2014 by joining in even at this late stage.

Bart's Bash

The Club took part in Bart's Bash in memory of **Andrew Simpson** on 21 September at the same time as the Victory Cups. Forty-nine boats from the Club entered. Unfortunately we were not able to muster the required 25 boats in any one fleet to qualify for the Guinness World Record attempt, however the dinghy fleet of 16 boats all competed in the worldwide race and we have uploaded our results. We await to see how the various sailors were placed in the overall results from all those taking part around the world.

Junior Sail Training

The JST Feva sailors travelled to Rock for a Traveller event on 6 September. Out of 16 entries Club juniors were placed 1st, 2nd and 4th. A great result by our Team Feva sailors! RYA Zone and Home Country Championships were held on the weekend of 27/28 September all over the country. We had 5 junior sailors entered, 3 going to Weymouth (Laser 4.7s and windsurfer), plus 2 at Paignton SC (Topper and Optimist). For some it was for the experience of a big event, but for others it was to qualify for the RYA Squads. By the time we went to press the provisional results were these: Laser 4.7 - **Kieran Andrews** was 16th and **Charlie Ellse** was 32nd out of 51 entries. In the windsurfing **Scarlett Croft** was 7th out of 13, in the Optimists **Ollie Croft** came 8th out of 12, and in the Toppers **Ollie Holmes** was 13th out of 37. Good strong results. Well done the kids! And the team of adults that got them there.



Kieran Andrews won the Club's trophy for racing progress in 2013.

Cruising Destinations

With an overnight cruise to Mylor successfully completed on the weekend of 20/21 September the Cruising Destinations series ended for 2014. The organiser, **Julian Davy** would like to hear from members with any comments they might have and/or suggestions for next season.

Contact Julian on 01326 270591.

Adventure Training

As a direct result of the September Newsletter, Club member **Brian Roberts** succeeded in appointing another member to take over from him to act as the Club representative for the Falmouth Sail Training Ship *Hardiesse*. **Tim Lowe**, who joined the Club in 2013, will take over with immediate effect and coordinate and accept bookings for young sailors for 2015. The sailing programme has yet to be decided, but interested members can register to ensure they receive details and booking forms when available.

You can contact Tim on 01326 279009.



Tall Ships' Regatta

The StMSC entry in this classic event was *Merrilyn*, skippered by Club Commodore **Nigel Sharp** who had with him as crew



Merrilyn, flying the burgee of the Commodore of StMSC, ready for the race with her young crew.

11 young Club members - **Phoebe Heveron** (Watch Leader), **Shannon Frier**, **Callum Ferris**, **Tommy Whiles**, **Ana Navarro-Fisher**, **Lawrence Bysouth**, **Abi Little**, **Toby Freeland**, **Ben Huaraka**, **Kerry Holbrook** and **Fleur Stamford**. *Merrilyn*

was placed 3rd in class and 19th overall. They finished (off St Catherine's Point, IOW) at 0511 on Tuesday morning (so about 36 hours for the race) and then stopped on Tuesday night in Brighton and Wednesday night in Ramsgate, arriving at West India Docks on Thursday evening. A satisfying result and great experience for all of them.

Laying Up Supper and Prize Giving

The last entry in the Yearbook Calendar is the end-of-season Laying Up Party which is to be held on Saturday 25 October. The event begins at 1900 and once the Clubhouse is well-packed the Prizegiving will take place at 1930. **Nigel Sharp** will be dishing out the trophies to the winners under the supervision of **Mark Humphrey** and **Delia Hazell**. And as soon as that star-studded event is over the sumptuous spread laid on by **Cherry Ferris** and her team will be open to one and all. It is free for members who may also bring non-members as their guests at a cost of £10 a head. (It would be useful if any members who plan to bring guests could let **Graham Pinkney** in the office know in advance.) This is one event not to be missed. Hopefully we'll see as many members as possible on the 25th.

Winter Talks

These will start in November with the following:

Thursday 6 Nov: Club Quiz Night

John Bryant's famously difficult Nautical Quiz accompanied by his infamously easy-to-drink Rum Punch.



Thursday 20 Nov: Rum, Sodomy and the Lash

The story of Medicine on board Nelson's HMS Victory. This fascinating talk will be given by **Martin Thomas**.

In December there will be a talk on the 4th, subject yet to be confirmed, and on the 18th **Luke Powell** will be telling us about Pilot Cutters. More to come - watch this space!

The Clubhouse

It is now several years since the Clubhouse had its major facelift. The building continues to be very well used and as a result is beginning to show signs of wear and tear. And so, following the redecoration of the interior, the exterior of is soon to be cleaned and painted, hopefully by the Spring. The bar stools are to be recovered and a new carpet for the two lower rooms has been ordered. New fittings for the ablutions are on order, and necessary maintenance tasks will be completed in the hopefully not-too-distant future.

Stoneworks Quay

Quay Manager and Secretary **Jim** and **Katie Wood** have made the following request: "As the evenings are beginning to draw in and the sailing season is almost at an end we strongly advise you to remove your boat from the quay during the winter months to avoid the possibility of damage from the winter storms. If you are planning to leave your boat there over the winter please unstep ALL masts and check your boat is securely tied down to minimise damage to your boat and to those belonging to other members." That makes good sense. Quay users - a note for your diaries, please!

The Lugo Challenge

If you haven't yet had a go at the Lugo Challenge yet, it's still not too late. You can have a crack at it up to and including the last day of our sailing season which is Sunday the 19th October. The fastest time so far this year has been set by **Bill Handley** with *Thunder Child* on the 12th May. His time is certainly quite fast, but is 1 minute and 42 seconds slower than the winner's time last year. Anyway it isn't about the fastest time, it's all about taking part. So, come on, have a go!

The Club Facebook Page

Did you know the Club as a very active Facebook page? It is run by **John Howard** who keeps it up to date with plenty of pics of both Club racing and St Mawes news and trivia as well as video clips of all sorts of interesting maritime stuff. These invariable attract comments from members who also post newsy tidbits of their own. It's good to see that JST Coordinator **Mark Osborne** is using the page to keep us in the picture with news from Junior Sailing. The page has recently passed the 400 mark for visitors who have 'liked' the page and is gaining popularity by the day. So, if you've not yet visited and 'liked' go to Facebook and search on St Mawes Sailing Club and give the page a 'like' of your own. Let's see how quickly we can hit the 500 'likes' milestone!



Catering in October

No catering details were forthcoming before we went to press. However, hopefully the franchisee will soon have these available and they will be distributed by email. In the meantime, for those who plan to eat at the Club in October, please phone for info on **07536 012935** or email stmsc-bar@live.co.uk