



SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

September in the Rain?

After weather swept across the two weeks that covered The Falmouth, Fowey, Dinghy and JST Race Weeks last month it's tempting fate to hope that it will be anything else but a case of September In The Rain. So with plenty of racing to come, including a special hosting of the The Sunbeam Championships at the very start of the month, plus Bart's Bash, The Philleigh Pot and Victory Cups together with a reschedule of the postponed Frankie Peters' Race, those well-used oilskins are likely to get plenty of use again!

Clouds clear just in time

Rear Commodore(House) **Robin Bowden** was glued to his computer screen anxiously scrolling through a host of weather web sites as Falmouth Week rolled along. After one of the wettest ever racing days on the 13th, at the very last minute the clouds rolled away and the sun shone down on St Mawes Harbour on Friday 14 August for the StMSC Regatta Day. As a result all the hard work and preparations didn't go to waste.



"I'd personally like to thank all our volunteers who helped make the day such a success," said Rob. "In particular I want to single out **Sally Evans** who led the BBQ Team and **Mo Durnford** whose team produced the most spectacular array of cakes and sandwiches. Last but not least I'd like to make sure I say thanks to **Maria Bysouth** who led her team of volunteer bar staff, all pulling pints with such gusto in the beer tent." Hear, hear, Rob. We all second that. And a huge vote of thanks to you, too for pulling it all together with such seemly effortless panache!



Final cruise in company this year

It's scheduled for the weekend of 12/13 September! "After the debacles of August's abandoned Helford BBQ and Fowey Week's losses we pray for a September Indian Summer for the final cruise of the season to Mylor" **Julian Davy** told us. "Supper will be at Castaways and there'll be plenty of pontoon berths by then." **Call Julian on 01326 270591**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Fri 4 to Sun 6 Sep: Sunbeam Champs in St Mawes**
Special to have 'em back here. Prize giving Sunday in the Club.
- Sat 5/Sun 6 Sep: COGS Back to Back**
Racing Falmouth to Fowey followed by Fowey to Helford!
- Sat 12 Sep: Working Boat Harbour Race**
Topsail colours galore in the annual clash of the titans.
- Sat 12 to Sun 13 Sep: The Mylor Cruise**
Final cruise-in-company of the year. Join in. It's a good'un!
- Sun 13 Sep: Frankie Peters' Race**
Rescheduled as part of Summer Sundays Series.
- Mon 14 Sep: Blind at Sea Pays Us a Visit**
Postponed visit by BATS from the Belfry. Come along too!
- Sun 20 Sep: Bart's Bash**
Second running of charity event in memory of 'Bart' Simpson.
- Sat 26 Sep: COGS Mylor Race**
Last race of the year for the the Cornwall Offshore Group.
- Sat 26 Sep: The Philleigh Pot**
Major Ajax/SMOD date with partying after at the Roseland Inn.
- Sun 27 Sep: The Victory Cups**
A crowded race day sponsored by the Victory Inn.

Bart's Bash at month's end for dinghies

August was a busy month for the StMSC dinghy fleet. Highlights were the Interclub Challenge with Restronguet Sailing Club on the 8th and Gul Falmouth Dinghy Week between the 17th and the 21st. "This year the Interclub Challenge was tied, with RSC winning the Asymmetric Fleet and StMSC winning with Handicap Fleet," writes Class Captain **Jim Wood**. "StMSC get to hold the cup for the year," he added. "Gul Falmouth Dinghy Week provided a real mix of conditions across the week's racing, with light and variable conditions on Monday and Tuesday, giving way to more robust and challenging conditions later in the week," he concluded.

Notable results included **Jim Wood** (RS100) who was second in the series racing in Fleet E and **Charlie Ellse** (Laser 4.7) who was third in the Pursuit Race. In the Spinlock Harbour Race **David Liddington** (K1) was second in Fleet D, with third places for **Elliot Wilkinson** and **Josh Croft** (29er), **Jim Wood** and **Charlie Ellse** in Fleets A, E and F respectively.

Racing's not over for the dinghy fleet as September brings the resumption of the Saturday Afternoon Dinghy Series, with the first event on 5 Sep. Then on 20 Sep we have the second Bart's Bash. "It would be great to see a full turnout for this event, and we'll be sending out more details shortly," said Jim.

Check out... www.bartsbash.com
...and sign up to sail at StMSC!



September Thursday Menus

3 Sep - Chicken Leek & Mushroom Pie, Fresh Seasonal Veg
Lemon Bread & Butter Pudding

10 Sep - West Country Pork Casserole, New Potatoes and
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables + Treacle Pudding

17 Sep - Lasagne & Salad + Sticky Toffee Pudding

...and then that's it for Thursdays until
the new season of Winter talks begins.

But don't forget that... Friday and Saturday night
catering continues until 19 Sep.
After that it will just be
Saturdays until 26 September

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



JST & Junior Race Week round up

"We even ended a Junior Race Week of changeable weather by barbecuing in the drizzle," writes **Mark Osborn**. "Even so it didn't spoil the fun enjoyed by all the competitors. And thanks to the online booking system, this year we were able to send out daily briefings by email. This worked particularly well on the last day when we were able to discourage the least experienced from coming out onto the water in the forecasted 18 knot gusting 28 knot winds," he concluded. Thanks for that, Mark. We'd like to join him in sending congrats to all the winners. That's **Charlie Ellse** and **Ollie Croft** in the Feva Class. In the Handicap Class **Ollie Holmes** in a Topper was first and in the Double-handed Pico Class brothers **Cameron and Finlay Cooper** topped the podium. As for the Hartley 10s/Oppies Class it is generally agreed everyone was a winner for making such great progress.

btw...the Club still has Oppies and Q'bas for sale and the date has now passed for Club members to get first shout. So if you are interested you need to get your skates on. Contact Mark Osborn.

Mark Osborn is on... markosborn245@btinternet.com

To finish off, here are a couple of reminders...

First, JST Autumn courses start on 5 Sep with the usual training courses along with our Race Squads.

Book online at... jst.stmawessailing.co.uk

Second, Adult courses will start on 10 Sep and will run for 5 weeks. If you want to book up...

Contact Dina Croft on... jst@stmawessailing.co.uk

Postponed COGS dates now back

The Club's COGS rep **Chris de Glanville** emailed us with an update. "We have rescheduled the postponed Falmouth to Fowey race to Saturday 5 September with the originally scheduled Fowey to Helford taking place on Sunday 6 September," wrote Chris. "So," he added, "you get two races for the price of one that weekend - and yet another chance to sample the joys of the Chinese restaurant in Fowey!"

And for all you COGS folk here's a reminder that the Mylor end of season race is on 26 Sep as planned.

Oh, and while we're writing up information from Chris it gives us the opportunity to mention that his StMSC boat **Pasco's Jaguar** won Class 1 in the South West IRC Championships during Fowey Week. The boat took 7 first places in all 7 seven races! Skipper **Craig Brown** and his crew - eleven of them in all - are reported to have much enjoyed the racing and they were all delighted with the result. Hardly surprising. Well done all of you!

Light fingers at work on Stoneworks Quay

For Quay Secretary **Katie Wood** there always seems to be at least one tiresome conundrum to unravel. Here's another couple that are/were on her plate this month. "A sturdy GRP rowing boat was left on Stoneworks Quay over the winter and has not been seen since," she reports. "It has solid copper rowlocks, and OSPREY etched onto the transom. The oars, which were left in the engine shed, are also missing - they have O'Shea etched onto them. If anyone has seen a boat on any foreshore or in any of the creeks and covets that matches the above description please contact me." Katie's email address is at the end of this piece.

Then there was this: "There is a boat on the Quay with no sticker and no form of identification," she asked in an email to members. "It has been there for three weeks or so and, as it is Junior Race Week and Gul Falmouth Dinghy Week, it is massively in the way and annoying everybody. We have asked around but no-one seems to know who it belongs to." We called her before going to press to ask if she'd tracked down the miscreant. "Yes," she replied, "he revealed himself to me!" Ahem...we get your drift, Katie.

One more thing; if you want a Quay space allocated to you for 2016 you will get an application form with your annual membership renewal information that you will receive by post during September. "This year we have added some additional notes and we request that you read them before completing the form to help us make use of the available spaces in the best way possible," said Katie. "If there are any queries please contact us ASAP."

Contact Katie at... quaysec@stmawessailing.co.uk

Claim your goodies!

And almost last but certainly not least we have a cri de cœur from Club Administrator **Graham Pinkney**. "Will people please collect their Falmouth Week prizes or any other they've won but not picked up. I'm fed up with the office being cluttered with unclaimed mugs and glasses!" he wrote. So c'mon folks, Graham's about to submerge in a sea of trophies. Give the the poor guy a break!



Commodore Nigel Sharp knew he needed a carefully planned ambush to corner one of our members a few days ago. Jonathon Leach, well known for his tendency to adopt a low profile, was likely to make a quick exit if he got even an inkling that he was to be the object of a ceremony in front of old friends and family. Nigel's ambush worked and Jon was duly presented with the special Club tie that marks 50 years of unbroken membership of St Mawes Sailing Club. Congratulations, Jon!

...signing off

Well, that's it, folks. This is my last issue as editor of the StMSC monthly Newsletter. I also edit the Club's annual Yearbook and after 12 issues of the Newsletter I have found that the time it takes me to put both publications together means that I am neglecting too many other important parts of my life. With the 2015 sailing season now into the Autumn months I shall be concentrating my publishing efforts on the next Yearbook which I'll make sure drops through your letter box in mid-March 2016. Until then...