

## St Mawes SC April 2017 Bulletin

### Social Programme

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>: RNLI safety team talk on *Fighting Fire at Sea*.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>: Peter Rumley talking on the *History of St Mawes Harbour*.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>: Fitting Out Party at 1930, preceded at 1830 by New Members welcome drinks.

### Regatta Day 2017.

The Club's Regatta Day this year is Friday 11th of August. We are pleased to announce that the shoreside events in the Clubhouse and on the Quay are to be sponsored by Philip Martin, local estate agents.

**RNLI AGM** will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday 8th April at 10.30 am.

### Junior Sail Training.

The season is nearly with us. Over the Easter holidays our team of 25 Instructors will be undergoing final training. We will be holding two, two-day Power Boat Courses, a two-day Safety Boat course, a one-day First Aid training, a one-day training for our DIs (RYA Dinghy Instructors) and another day for all our Assistant Instructors (AIs).

Our three Race Coaching groups (The Saturday Squad, Team Feva and the JST Laser Squad) all start on Saturday 15th April. Saturday afternoon dinghy racing with three back to back races, also starts on the same day. If you have not already entered for these groups please do so ASAP.... Booking ONLINE <https://jst.stmawessailing.co.uk/sailing-course/race-coaching2>

**The Roseland Youth Sailing Trust** has been chosen for the Community Matters programme in Waitrose in Truro for the month of April. So if you are shopping in Waitrose RYST would really appreciate your little green token! Water sports are a great life skill, building confidence and teamworking skills, so please support our work. Money raised will help us fund our school sailing programme in 2017.

### Sailing

Welcome everyone to the 2017 sailing season. There have been important changes made to the Race Card for 2017 and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions have been upgraded. They are now two separate documents. These can be accessed on the Club website from Monday April 3rd and hard copies of the Race Card will also be available in the Club. An old Race Card will be of no help in 2017!

The first Early Bird Pursuit Race will take place on Sunday April 16th (Easter Sunday). Individual start times will be on the Club noticeboard.

The first COGS race of 2017 Falmouth to Fowey is on Saturday April 15th. More on COGS below  
The May Day Cups race will take place on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible on the water in April.

### Stoneworks Quay

The new season for space holders begins on 1st April. If your space has changed for this year please make sure your boat is moved to its correct space. If you have not applied for a space, and your boat is still on Stoneworks, please remove it so the new space holder can take up their position. Please remember to fix the 2017 sticker.

Quay cleaning. Please come to the yearly quay cleaning which is on Easter Saturday 15th April starting at 0930. Bring brooms, dustpans, brushes and wheelbarrows, and come to help Spring clean the Quay in preparation for the summer season - there will be supplies of tea, coffee and cake!

### COGS

With two weeks to go until the first two races it's time to get your entry in for the exciting series of races organised by the Cornwall Offshore Group Series COGS. The first weekend of racing over the Easter Bank Holiday sees the Falmouth to Fowey weekender race to Fowey on Saturday April 15 and a race back to Falmouth on the Sunday. Races organised by Royal Cornwall and POFROC respectively.

For racers looking to push themselves to the next level there are several night races, a channel race and the classic Royal Cornwall Hosted Trinity Race round the Wolf Rock and Eddystone lighthouses. Once again RORC has accepted COGS races as Fastnet qualifiers proving this series has something to test every sailor looking to build experience.

St Mawes SC is once again the host of the midsummer night race round the Eddystone. This pursuit race sees exciting racing as the fleet converges on the light before the race back towards the ever welcoming breakfast washed down with probably your earliest pint of the year at St Mawes Sailing Club. There are seven coastal races including the Penzance race organised by Penzance Sailing Club, and various races between Falmouth, the Manacles and the Dobman.

The main change for this year is the Penzance race which is now organised by Penzance Sailing Club, starting from Falmouth instead of Helford. Tides mean there is a two week gap between this race and the onward race to the Scillies for those using it as a feeder race for the PASAB weekend. PASAB starts from Penzance with a night race to St Mary's followed by a race round the islands and a race back to Penzance.

Visit the website where you can submit your entry to the whole series to receive a big discount, or individual races. There are IRC and Byron classes and prizes for two handed boats in both.

A full list of race dates and the 2017 Coastal Series Notice Of Race can also be downloaded from the site, [www.cogsracing.org.uk](http://www.cogsracing.org.uk)