



St. Mawes Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER April 2013

THE 2013 SAILING SEASON

First race – Sunday 21st April

A final newsletter reminder that our first race is earlier than in previous seasons and is the first of a four-race Sunday morning/Thursday evening Pursuit Series. It's open to any boats (apart from dinghies) with a PY of 1305 or less, so the first boats to start will be Shrimpers, and it will be up to everyone else to try to catch them!

Please fill in your entry form (available from the office or download from the website) soon and starting times will be published during the week before the first race.

A new turning mark

This year we will be using a new turning mark for club races. It will be located about half way between the inner and outer distance marks and it will fly flag T. The main reason for this is to give a better view of any signals displayed from the race office, and to avoid sailing into the mooring area on the far side of the harbour immediately after rounding it. Also, it will be rounded on the same side as the other marks of the course of the day –i.e. port hand course, leave it to port; starboard hand course, leave it to starboard.

The Lugo Challenge

This is a new competition – intended just to be a bit of fun - which will run throughout the club's racing season. At any time any boat may sail from the club line, around the St Mawes South cardinal buoy (aka the Lugo) leaving it to port or starboard, and back to the club line. The elapsed time to be taken by a crew member on board and then submitted by filling in a Lugo Declaration Form (available from the office, the

bar or to download from the website). A leader board will be displayed in the club and prizes awarded at the end of the season. See the Lugo Challenge page in the 'Sailing' section of the website for the rules.

Cruising

Following various recent discussions and meetings, we have expanded the cruising page in the 'Sailing' section of the club's website with information on local cruises, RIB Raids and overseas cruising.

Water taxi

Last year we made an arrangement with Cornwall Ferries for a water taxi service to be available for club members and we are pleased to say that this will be repeated this year. The cost for members will be a much more realistic £10 per person but this still represents astonishingly good value for the whole season. Full details of the service will be published elsewhere, including on the 'Sailing' section of the club's website in the next week or so.

Gipsy Moth IV

We are very excited about a planned visit of this legendary boat – in which, as many of you will know, Francis Chichester sailed solo round the world, stopping just once, in 1966-67 – in August. The Trust which now owns the boat is very keen to show her off to as many people as possible (and she will moor alongside the harbour when tide allows) and to take people sailing in her. They have to charge for the latter as their main aim is to ensure they raise enough funds to preserve her 'for ever'. The current plan is for her to arrive on or around August the 19th (so she would be here for most of Junior Race Week) and stay in the area for about a fortnight. Details to follow.

Club boats available

The club owns a number of sailing dinghies, including three Picos, three Qubas and three Fevas. Whilst Junior Sail Training events have first call on them, club members are welcome to use them at other times. Please see page 214 of the 2013 Yearbook or look on the 'Facilities' section of the website for more information.

THURSDAY TALKS - APRIL AND MAY

Thursday the 4th of April

Lawyer Martin Pearse on the public inquiry into the sinking of the Titanic: who and what was responsible, what factors influenced the decision and was it fair? An exposure of the conflicts of interest and financial intrigues among prominent people of the time
Sailors' suppers – Spaghetti Bolognaise and garlic bread - £5

Thursday the 18th of April

The Jester Challenge Race to the Azores by visiting yachtsmen and Twister sailors James Stock and Anthony Head who both have a wealth of experience of crossing the Atlantic singlehanded.
Sailors' suppers - Beef casserole, new potatoes and fresh veg - £5

The above talks start at 8 pm. If you would like a Sailors' Supper before the talks, please book by e-mailing stmisc-bar@live.co.uk or phoning 07536 012935 with as much notice as possible.

Thursday 2nd of May

Club member Bill Handley will tell us about the changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing which come into effect this year.
This talk will take place after that evening's race.

OTHER CATERING AND SOCIAL NEWS

Thursday meals at the club

The first Thursday evening race is on April the 25th, and from then on Sailors' Suppers will be served after racing each week at £5 for one course or £8 for two.

The menu on Thursday the 25th is:

Chicken Curry, basmati rice, poppadom, home made chutney followed by treacle pudding

Weekend meals at the club

Evening meals will be available on Good Friday, Easter Saturday, and on all Saturdays in April. There will always be starters and puddings, and a choice of meat and fish dishes for main courses.

Costs are as follows:

One course £7.50

Two courses £10.50

Three courses £13.50

with a small supplement for steaks (when available)

Please book by e-mailing stmisc-bar@live.co.uk or phoning 07536 012935 with as much notice as possible.

Chef on the Roseland dinner

This Easter Monday event has been sold out.

Fitting out party – Sat 4th May

Make a note in your diaries to make sure you don't miss this traditional season-opening social event.

MISCELLANEOUS

Club clothing

A reminder that we have a great range of club clothing in stock. There is a page showing what is available and prices in the 'Other Pages' section of the website. If you would like to buy any, please call in at the club during office hours (normally Tues-Fri, 1000-1200) but if you are unable to do so, please phone (01326 270686 during the same hours) or e-mail (office@stmawessailing.co.uk) and we can make arrangements to put something in the post.