

St Mawes Sailing Club

December 2022 newsletter

Social

Thursday 1st December: 1900 hrs - The inside story on Ukraine. A last minute opportunity has arisen to hear Julia, who is working as an interpreter with Ukrainian troops training in the UK before returning to the front line. Julia has the inside track on what is happening in Ukraine. There will be a collection in aid of the Ukrainian Refugee Women's Choir.

Thursday 8th December: supper from 1800 hrs, talk begins at 2000 hrs
Ian Woodford will talk about an exciting new project to build and sail a replica Falmouth Packet Ship. Ian will talk about what a packet ship is and the reason for his choice of vessel, his plans, ideas and hopes for the project.

Please book your supper in advance with Anna on stmsc-bar@live.co.uk

Saturday 17th December 1000 hrs. Falmouth Lifeboat Run Ashore. Up to 30 of the Falmouth Lifeboat crew will bring both lifeboats over to St Mawes. We are hoping for calm weather so that they can come alongside in the harbour. Join us for hot drinks and light refreshments in the clubhouse while we celebrate the work that they do, along with music from Rhos Keur.

Sunday 25th December 1200 to 1300 Christmas drinks in the clubhouse.

Thursday 29th December: Festive dinner at St Mawes Hotel 1900 hrs for 1945. Places in the courtyard room are all taken, but I'm hoping to arrange for a large table in the upstairs restaurant and will email all those who have expressed an interest. Let me know on socialsec@stmawessailing.co.uk if you have not yet heard from me and would still like to attend.

Diana Lockwood, Social Secretary

Plans for 2023

Book Group. Nikki Clemens has very kindly offered to help organise a book group at the Sailing Club. Plans are in the early stages and more information will be in the January newsletter. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me on socialsec@stmawessailing.co.uk

Film nights. We are planning to show films on Thursday evenings when there is not a talk or other event. Dates and more information will be in the January newsletter.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 12th January. Tracey Boyne will talk about the Mylor Sailability project - accessible sailing and powerboating for everyone: the journey over the last 8 years and getting to the national tourism double gold awards.

JST

Winter sailing continues on Saturdays throughout the winter. All members welcome. Bookings for 2023 JST courses will open on January 1st.

Blind Week 2023

Next summer (between 8th and 15th July) an annual event called Blind Week will be coming to Falmouth (this is not to be confused with BATS – or Blind At Sea – which has been run in the past by Mylor YC and regularly paid a visit to St Mawes SC).

During Blind Week, around 50 blind and partially sighted people will have the opportunity to sail on and live aboard regular cruising yachts whose skipper/owners and their sighted crew will provide the participants with an amazing sense of empowerment.

But to make this happen, they are looking for skippers and their boats. If you think you might be interested in this, please don't be daunted as you will receive briefings and visually impaired (VI) awareness training, and many volunteer sighted crew with plenty of sailing and VI experience will be there to help.

The week will consist of a daily programme of manageable coastal passages and sociable evening gatherings.

There is a RYA 5 minute YouTube video about the event here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRCuegEsGdw>

If you are interested, please contact Malcolm Forrest, POFSA Secretary - secretary@pofsa.co.uk