

St Mawes Sailing Club

April 2023 newsletter

It's the time of year when we all hope for decent fitting out weather so the boats that have been hauled out for the winter can go back on the water. Stoneworks Quay was recently treated to a spring clean by volunteers who in return were treated to Jeannie's delicious fruit loaf and coffee. Nikki was there filming: her short video is on the [Club Facebook](#) page.

During March we were delighted to welcome our friends from Fowey Gallants Sailing Club and Anna's fish and chip supper went down very well. The Upper Deck was packed for the talk by Miles Carden and Vicki Spooner from Falmouth Harbour who gave us insights to the challenges of running the Port of Falmouth as well as an overview of the research that is being undertaken on the ecology of the harbour area.

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April Thursday evening menus

6th: fish pie with spinach

13th sausage cassoulet with crusty bread

20th shepherd's pie with minted peas

27th braised meatballs with red pepper sauce and rice

There is always a veggie option available – please specify when ordering.

Thursday evening meals are £12 per head and need to be ordered by the day before any event. The best way to order is by WhatsApp on the bar phone 07485 938841

We look forward to Dina Wheatcroft's talk on **Thursday 30th March at 2000 hrs** which promises to be a light-hearted look at the highs and lows of running the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust. The supper on offer will be Mediterranean veggie lasagne with Greek salad. See above for ordering your meal.

Easter weekend opening times and food.

This Easter Anna and the team are really pushing the boat out:

Good Friday - cocktails and charcuteries.

Open from 1700 hrs 'til late. Come and make the most of our fabulous roof terrace and (hopefully) some sunshine!!

Cocktail happy hour(s) 1700 – 1900 hrs 2 for 1 on cocktails.

Charcuterie board: - baked honey and rosemary Camembert, salami, cornichons, pickled onions, onion marmalade and toasted Da Bara bread

Easter Saturday...

TACO NIGHT Open from 1700. Click [here](#) for the taco menu

Easter Sunday – Come and join us for an Easter Sunday Bloody Mary.. whether it's hair of the dog or to start of your Easter celebrations.. Open all day from 1200 hrs.

APRIL EVENTS

Thursday 6th April: Please note earlier start times – food available from 1800 and talk starts at 1930 hrs and will finish around 2100 – Alex Davis will run a session on the racing rules of sailing. Alex will be using examples of local protests and the most commonly misunderstood rules. Come along and check out your knowledge.

Tuesday 11th April 1815 hrs: book group meeting on the Upper Deck. We'll be talking about The Magic of the Swatchways by Maurice Griffiths. Do come along even if you have not read the book!

Thursday 13th April: Please note earlier start times: food available from 1800 and talk starts at 1900. An informal talk by Suzanne Allin member of RNLI water safety team, who will talk about Man Overboard procedures and review some of the latest kit available. Following the talk Clive Price will run a lifejacket clinic in the downstairs room. Bring along your lifejacket and the team will show you how to check it for yourself. Click [here](#) for more information.

Saturday 29th April: 1830 – 1930hrs new members' drinks; **1930 for 2000** Fitting out Party: join us for a buffet supper to celebrate the start of the sailing season.

From the Quay Secretary – The RYA and British Marine Federation have issued guidance for antifouling to prevent water pollution. [Antifouling – The sustainable boaters' guide - The Green Blue](#) Their leaflet on best practice is displayed on the noticeboard on Stoneworks Quay.

The main message is that all waste material must be collected, taken away and disposed of properly. There are no waste disposal facilities at Stoneworks Quay.

From Rear Commodore Sailing - Racing Season. A reminder that the Pursuits Series starts on Sunday 16 April. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are available on the Sailing/Racing page of the Club website (www.stmawessailing.co.uk/sailing/racing/). Please ensure you complete your online entry form (also on the Sailing/Racing page) and join the WhatsApp group to stay in touch with race announcements.

Minutes of General Committee meeting on 15th February: click [here](#) for link

From the General Committee: Stoneworks Quay Pontoon and formation of Sub-Committee to review the Quay.

The General Committee undertook to review and consider improvements on the quay and we are pleased to report the following.

Works on the Pontoon have commenced to strengthen the quay and form the landing connection for the pontoon with a view to the pontoon being delivered in late April. Rules for the use of the pontoon are being drafted.

The CCTV has been replaced, additional floodlighting has been installed and a large television installed in the JST office, with Wi-Fi, so that it can be used for teaching. Small steps but they do demonstrate the General Committee's intent to move forward.

To review the remainder of the quay facilities a Sub-Committee has been established to consider the facilities and make recommendations on improvements and or maintenance: this includes the toilets and showers, the clubhouse and storage, the slipways and quay area generally. This is a fantastic facility and we want to ensure it best serves the membership as a whole.

The Sub-committee members are: Mike Grice (Chair), Katie Wood, Ian Matthews, Nigel Sharp, Chris Symes, Roger Boyle, Jeannie Bown

Please feel free to contact Mike (or any other Committee Member) with any thoughts you may have. Mike's email is sailing@stmawessailing.co.uk. Please do not necessarily expect a reply but all comments will be consolidated for review by the committee.

From Powerboat Class Captain: Powerboat Class Plans for 2023

In 2021, on the Club's 100th Anniversary Parade of Sail, the newly formed Powerboat Class was told it 'saved the day.' Back then, class members and some 30+ of their powerboats of every shape, size and vintage, gathered in the bay and paraded past the Commodore's saluting base in the harbour on that blustery old day.

Unfortunately, because the class's mother ship, *Magellan Delta*, was out of action all of 2022, the year was a total washout for flotilla fun. However, we now seem to have ironed out the teething problems that beset her, so I have every intention of putting together a programme of raids and cruises to suit all our craft, from small day boats through to the high-seas adventurers, for this season.

To get the ball rolling this year **I plan to hold an informal get-together in the Clubhouse at 1730 on Saturday 8 April**. The idea, over a glass or two, is to see what you'd like boats in your section of the class to do together and when you'd like to do it.

In the past Diana and I have organised excursions for what is our most numerous type of powerboat. These were RIB Raids of up to 20 rigid inflatables, and they were noisy gatherings for runs to Charlestown and Fowey for lunch and occasionally down to the Scilly Isles. Back then, even before today's substantial increase in the number of Club members with RIBs, they were very popular.

Of course, it's not only about RIBs. There are around another 30 different types of powerboat and it is our intention to arrange events to suit almost every kind that our members have. So if you or your family still own a boat pushed along by an engine, whatever type it is, and would like to be counted in on a leisurely cruise to a nearby destination for a picnic in company, or on a fast-flying raid further abroad, please let me know. If you can make it to the clubhouse at 1730 on 8 April it will be great. If not, tell me you are up for some raiding or cruising in company and give me a shout back by phone or email.

Contact Mike Garside on 07810 124324 or email MVGarside@icloud.com

Ten years ago in August six of the Club RIBs raided Fowey for the Red Arrows display. My, have those kids grown! Time we did it again...



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