

# St Mawes Sailing Club

## July 2023 newsletter



June turned out to be a great month for activity on the water and achievements by Club members in local, national and international events.

Club members took part in the Azores and Back Race: a category 1 ocean yacht race which attracts many international competitors. This year's edition started on 3<sup>rd</sup> June with the 1200 nm leg to the Azores. Craig Brown and Will Skelton took line honours on both legs of the race and set a monohull record in Superbigou (formerly Pip Hare's Medallia). Bob Warren also did well in his J-39 Jackdaw on the first leg and at the time of writing is on the return leg to Falmouth.

Club members were also involved in the huge 196 boat Falmouth Classics fleet this year with Nigel Sharp and Charlie Pridmore in Contessa 32 Songbird, and Lionel Hoare and John Andrew in gaff rigged Mermaid Mitzpah.

More recently Tim Whittaker's Team Herbie Rides Again came second in the Barmouth to Fort William Three Peaks Race and won the King of the Mountain Trophy. A great achievement all round.

The Falmouth Working Boat World Championships enjoyed 3 fantastic days of racing with some spectacular performances in the Carrick Roads and Percuil River. Moon, helmed by Donal O'Halloran put in a consistently world-class performance winning overall. St Mawes-based working boat Evelyn came in 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and won the First Wooden Working Boat trophy. It looks as though Evelyn is back on form. Well done to skipper Robert Richards and crew. Congratulations to Leila – worthy winner of C Class.

Mike Garside circumnavigated England and Scotland in Magellan Delta, an Aluventure 11000 custom, putting his prototype Cox diesel outboard engines through their paces.

As I write, International Shrimper week is taking place in local waters. The sailing calendar for July is packed with events including the Falmouth Working Boat and Sunbeam Thursday Series, the St Mawes One Design centenary, St Mawes Social Club Regatta, the Ajax Nationals, and St Mawes Town Regatta.

Nikki Clemens has produced another wonderful video covering preparations for the sailing season. It also shows Phoebe preparing a chicken tikka Sailors' Supper (recipe please!). The video is on the Club website [here](#) and on Facebook [here](#). So far it has been seen by more than 1600 people.

The Book Group met in June to talk about Eric Newby's hugely entertaining account of The Last Grain Race. We have decided to take a break during the busy sailing season and reconvene in October.

Diana Lockwood (Social Secretary)

**Catering news:** Anna is looking for part-time bar staff to join the team. Contact Anna on 07807 949291 for more information.

**Sunday BBQs:** During the Summer Sunday racing season, from 9<sup>th</sup> July onwards the bar will be open from 1200 hrs and a BBQ will be available on the terrace (weather permitting) from 1400 to 1900 hrs. During the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> July the BBQ will be on Saturday (not Sunday) from 1400 hrs to tie in with the Shrimper Treasure Hunt

**Book your Thursday Sailors' Suppers in advance** by the day before to avoid disappointment. Message the bar phone via WhatsApp on 07485 938841. Veggie options are always available. Please specify when ordering.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Thai green chicken or veg curry with coconut rice.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Beef or Mediterranean veg lasagne with Greek salad

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Spanish chicken stew or veg ratatouille with crusty bread

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July** – Beef or sweet potato chilli with rice, cheese, sour cream, shredded lettuce and tortilla chips

## July Sailing events

Please see the full programme in the Club Yearbook. Highlights include:

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** - St Mawes Social Club Regatta

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** - Tresanton Classics. Click [here](#) for further information

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Small Fleets Championships. The entry form is on the Club website and the Rustler Piper Association website. All proceeds are donated to the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** - St Mawes One Design centenary race.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Flushing Yacht Club Regatta

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** - St Mawes Town Regatta

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** Ajax National Championships. The bar will be open from 1600 hrs on Friday and Saturday

## Dates for your diary:

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Falmouth Sailing Week. For full details go to <https://falmouthweekco.uk> During FSW the bar will be open every day from 1400 hrs and BBQ food available. No need to book.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August** – Falmouth Working Boat Evelyn will be celebrating her 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She will be alongside in the harbour from 1500 hrs to 1830. If you would like to find out more about Evelyn come along and talk to syndicate members. If you are a current or past syndicate member please contact Diana Lockwood ([socialsec@stmawessailing.co.uk](mailto:socialsec@stmawessailing.co.uk)) for further information.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** Fowey Regatta Week, including the spectacular Harbour Race on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> featuring Falmouth Working Boats racing in the confined space of Fowey Harbour.

**From Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** For the first time in 9 years the Magellan-Elanco Tall Ships Race to Corunna comes to Falmouth. Tall ships will gather in Falmouth Harbour and Carrick Roads for the parade of sail prior to the start on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Find further information at [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Percuil Regatta

**Pontoon news:** The water supply is now connected however the hosepipe ban is still in place so please use sparingly. In line with current SW Water rules the hosepipe may be used to supply drinking water to boats, and to fill a bucket to use for cleaning, but you may not use it to hose down your boat.

All CCTV cameras at Stoneworks Quay are now in operation.

**From the General Committee:** The minutes of the May General Committee meeting can be found [here](#)

The St Mawes Sailing Club AGM will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1800 hrs in St Mawes Memorial Hall. Further details will be sent out in early July.

### **From the Sailing Secretary and Rear Commodore (Sailing)**

**Race Officers.** We are still seeking willing volunteers who would be interested in supporting the Club by becoming Race Officers or Assistant Race Officers. These are vital roles, without which we are unable to conduct Club racing. It is not an onerous job and anyone joining the team will be supported by an experienced Race Officer until you feel confident of going 'solo'! If you are unsure about whether its something you would be interested in doing, you would be most welcome to pop into the Race office during racing on a Thursday evening or Sunday morning to see what goes on. If you are tempted, please contact:

Glenn Torpy, Rear Commodore Sailing [rcs@stmawessailing.co.uk](mailto:rcs@stmawessailing.co.uk)

or Mike Grice, Sailing Secretary [sailing@stmawessailing.co.uk](mailto:sailing@stmawessailing.co.uk).

Or anyone involved in the Race Office you may know.'

**JST news:** Sixty four youngsters sailed with us over half term. Half were visitors doing courses and half were local children.

Amy has rekindled dinghy racing on Thursday evenings. All are welcome to join in. If you need a boat ask Amy.

The pontoon is proving to be very useful for junior sailing. Thank you to all the donors.

### **From Rear Commodore (House)**

Many thanks to Nigel and Jo Potter for their kind donation and transportation of their dinghy for use as a flower garden outside the entrance to Clock Cottage.