

St Mawes Sailing Club

May 2023 newsletter



Just waiting for the Pontoon

April brought us sunshine, showers and short intervals of fitting out weather. The number of boats out on the moorings increases every day. The Club pontoon is well on its way and the quay has been modified to support the landward end. CCTV on Stoneworks Quay has been upgraded and we can now monitor activity on the quay and surrounds. Further information will be sent to members once we have a firm date for commissioning it.

As I write this, South African skipper Kirsten Neuschafer is less than 50nm away from Les Sables d'Olonne and the finishing line of the 22/23 edition of the Golden Globe Race. She will be the first woman ever to have won this race and was also the first woman skipper to have led the fleet. The last few weeks have made exciting watching, with a real chance that Indian skipper Abhilash Tomy in his Rustler 36 would overtake her, but he now looks set for second place.

Meanwhile, back in St Mawes we enjoyed a very absorbing session on racing rules by Alex Davis (with requests for further sessions) and a visit from our local RNLi water safety team during which Suzanne Allin gave some very useful information on man overboard procedures and equipment, followed by a lifejacket clinic.

In all 27 lifejackets were checked and of those 18 failed, including my own which is less than 2 years old. With a 67% fail rate, if you think your lifejacket is OK and it has not been checked lately, the chances are that it won't reliably inflate. There is a lot of information on YouTube about how to check your lifejacket but they are all different, and you will need to follow the manufacturer's instructions. The RNLi recommend doing so regularly during the sailing season.

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The minutes of the March General Committee meeting can be found [here](#)

Thursday evening sailors' suppers

Now that the racing season has started, sailors' suppers will be available on Thursday evenings from 1900 hrs. Meals are £12 per head, and need to be ordered by WhatsApp on the bar phone (07485 938841) by the day before any event. If you prefer a veggie option please specify when ordering.

Thursday 4th May – creamy chicken and leek puff pie with mash

Thursday 11th May – Mexican beef and black bean chilli

Thursday 18th – fish pie with spinach

Thursday 25th - traditional lasagne with Greek salad

Coronation weekend events

There will be a lot of activities in the village during the coronation weekend. Information on these has already been sent out to members but you can click [here](#) for the programme.

On **Sunday 7th May** the Sailing Club will be running the May Day Cups incorporating the 1st and 2nd Spring Sunday Series races. Further information is on the Club website.

On **Monday 8th May** the Club is running a Coronation Regatta with 2 back-to-back races aiming to finish around 1600 hrs. Anna will be providing a BBQ from 1600 hrs on the newly extended terrace with burger or sausage baps with cheese and fried onions at £6 per head. Veggie versions will be available.

The full Club racing calendar is on the website. Click [here](#) for the link

News from JST

It is all change for JST. Chris Symes resigned his post as Chief Instructor and his last day will be 30th April 2023. This has required a major rethink as we progress into the new season.

Amy Boyle, our seasoned senior instructor, has agreed to take on the teaching commitments for five months in the first instance to see us through the Summer. She will be reporting to Billy Billington our RYA Club Principal. This is an arduous task for anyone but particularly tough for a 20 year old. So thank you Amy.

The bosun duties will be kept separate so please do not ask her to take these on. A full description of how this will be covered will follow next month but we are aiming to have the major tasks completed before Chris leaves on 30th April.

The RYA RS Feva Regional Training Group visited us recently and had a great weekend to complete their training programme.

Roger Boyle

A request from Rear Commodore House

Does anyone know of an old 6 ft punt that is no longer puntable and could be given to the club to use as a garden on the terrace outside the front door to Clock Cottage. Please contact John at: housebombardier@gmail.com

From Powerboat Class Captain: Plans for 2023

Fifteen of us got together in the clubhouse on Easter Saturday to hold the inaugural meeting of the Power Boat Class and a couple of weeks later we have a group of some 40 boats of the type pushed along by engines all raring to go adventuring together.

The craft are as good and as motley a bunch as you could find anywhere, ranging from dories to Orkney Pilotheuses, Merry Fishers, Fairlines, assorted RIBs, off-shore cruisers and a few venerable, gentleman's motor yachts.

Better still, we now have plenty of ideas for fun together on the water varying from one-day excursions to 7-day expeditions across the High Seas. See the list below.

So, if you've got a motor boat of any kind and you'd like to be able to join us if and when the dates work for you simply send me a one-liner by email and include your mobile number and I'll enrol you in the group. Comms for this group are by WhatsApp, which we know works well.

Your Contact is Mike Garside on 07810 124324 or mvgarside@icloud.com

Click [here](#) for proposed Powerboat outings