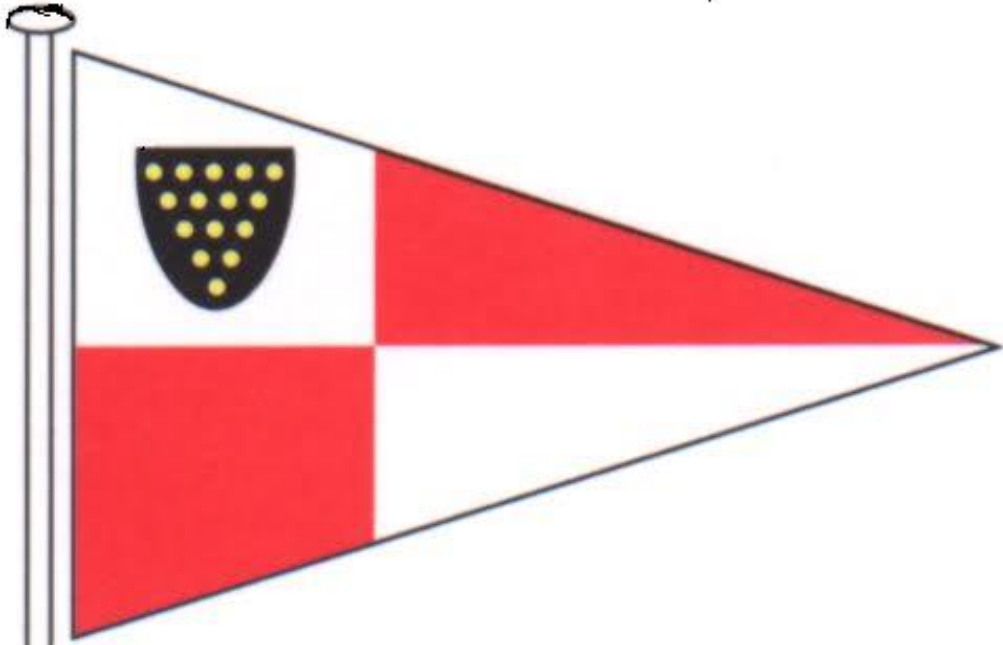


St Mawes Sailing Club

October 2023 newsletter



We are sorry to report the recent deaths of Club members Joy Matthews and Dougie Clode.

Joy was the Club's longest standing member. **Brian Matthews writes:** *Joy Matthews (nee Teasdale) first visited St Mawes as a teenager on holiday. She was thirteen in 1938, when she was photographed sitting eating a pasty among the boats on Polvarth beach. She joined the Sailing Club in the same year. After the war her parents returned from India and built Penbraken on Penruan Lane as a retirement home shared with Joy and 'Ricky' – a mongoose, who was infamous around the town.*

Joy's father bought her a Sunbeam, Phantasy V23, to learn to sail in. She excelled sufficiently on occasion to beat even Frankie Peters (Verony V19) and her future brother-in-law Alec Matthews (Harmony V11).

Joy won a competition to design a new Club burgee in 1952. This is the design of the current burgee. Click [here](#) for her letter about the competition

In her twenties, Joy managed The Tresanton when it was more of a gentleman's private yacht club than a hotel. Joy remained closely connected with St Mawes and interested in the Club's developments over the following decades. She was an enthusiastic supporter of junior sail training initiatives and she contributed to the new pontoon on the Stone Quay. At her death in August 2023 she had been a continuous member of the Club for an astonishing 85 years.

Charlie Pridmore writes: *Dougie Clode passed away last month. A long-time member of St Mawes Sailing Club.*

Sailing played a big part in his life. He served on the St Mawes Town Regatta Committee for many years. Also volunteering for the St Mawes Sailing Club in the early 70s.

He assisted with firing the cannons on the quay until they were de-commissioned and when not sailing he became a race officer, pressing the hooter if any boat was over the line whilst keeping a firm control of any unruly race competitors.

It was in 1990 that he hatched a plan to sail and race a working boat called 'Harriet Ann'. Dougie found a competent crew and thus began the resurgence of the Working Boat Class in St Mawes. He raced her for the next four years before taking on 'Helen Mary' owned by Hammer Laity in 1995. This was only going to be for two years. Although he skipped her until handing over the helm in 2010 to Kevin Andrew

Always competitive, he celebrated many wins during this time. Never phased even after a broken mast and a couple of near sinkings. With Dougie as skipper I raced many boats over the years and always felt privileged to sail with him. It was down to Dougie that our Working Boat Fleet came about and he has left us in good stead.

As you may have heard there was a well-attended evening held in the sailing club a couple of weeks ago following a race in Dougie's honour. It was a pleasure to see Marilyn and family members watching the racing and his son Adrian and grandsons Thomas and Rowan all sailing on Helen Mary. I am sure he would have been thrilled at this and maybe this will become an annual evening memorial race.

God bless you Doug

Charlie Pridmore

From the General Committee:

There was no meeting in August. The next General Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th October in the Millennium Rooms.

Dogs in the Clubhouse: The Club welcomes well-behaved dogs, however there have been a number of occasions during the summer when dogs have not been controlled with consideration for other Club users. We wish to remind members and visitors of the Club's bye-law 14: ***Dogs are to be kept on short leads under the control of their keepers and must not be allowed to roam the bar area. They are to be kept away from areas where food is served and or eaten.***

IT/AV system volunteers sought: We are looking for people with a good understanding of information technology and audio visual systems. We would particularly welcome anyone who lives locally and is willing to help set up the AV systems in the Clubhouse for talks during the winter and spring. Please contact Diana Lockwood on 07967 711120 for more information.

From the Rear Commodore (Sailing):

Thursday 19th October 1830 hrs: Sailing Season Wash Up meeting

In recent years the Sailing Committee has held a wash up meeting at the end of the sailing season to review the season's activities and seek members' views on any improvements that could be considered for next year.

We intend doing the same this year – at a meeting on 19 Oct in the Clubhouse at 1830 hrs – and would encourage as many people as possible to attend. We are keen to receive views from across the spectrum of our sailors, whether you are a keen racer, an occasional fun sailor or are thinking about getting on the water – please come along!

Catering news: From October onwards the Club will be open at lunch times on the first Sunday each month for the Sunday Roast (see below) but not on the other Sundays unless there is an event on. The Club will be open from 1800 hrs each day as usual.

October Events

The Autumn Pursuit Series will be held on Sundays from 1st October to Sunday 22nd

Sunday 1st October: 1230 hrs to 1500 hrs Anna and her team will serve a Sunday roast. Roast beef and all the trimmings or veggie option of roasted butternut squash with sage butter. Peach cobbler and custard for desert. £16 for 1 course, £20 for 2. Please order in advance by WhatsApp on the bar phone 07485 938841 and specify number of courses and which main course option you would like.

Saturday 28th October: 1900 hrs Prize Giving, 2000 hrs Laying Up Supper buffet for members. No need to book

The Book Group will meet again during October. Those who have attended previous meetings will be contacted by email. For further information please contact Diana Lockwood at socialsec@stmawessailing.co.uk

Dates for your diary

Sunday 5th November: Due to lack of village fireworks there will be no evening fish and chips in the club. Anna will be serving a roast Sunday lunch instead. Details will be in the November newsletter.

Sunday 12th November. 1300 hrs. Remembrance Day curry lunch in the Clubhouse.

Thursday 23rd November: our favourite way to start the winter season: Nigel's Nautical Quiz. Supper from 1800 hrs. Quiz starts at 2000 hrs. Teams of up to 6 people. £5 entry per team.