



Three Sheets to the Wind



Official Newsletter of Felpham Sailing Club

A Word from the Commodore – Paula Bentley

Welcome to our January 2013 Newsletter, another year has passed and my grateful thanks to those members of the outgoing Committee who have done a fantastic job in helping FSC to continue running, year on year.

I am delighted to confirm that planning permission has been granted for the ground floor alterations and first floor extension with balcony and your Committee are now seek estimates, and the task of raising the money is now taking place. If anyone wishes to assist in raising the funds that will benefit each and every member, please let me know.

Committee

A reminder of this year's Committee and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join the Committee. Please speak to any committee member to discuss this further.

Commodore – Paula Bentley

Rear Commodore – sailing – Keith Hopper

Rear Commodore – development – Paul Miller

Hon Secretary – Paula Bramley

Hon Treasurer – Andy Riley

Hon Membership Secretary – Karen Pearce

Cadet Captain – Toby Schofield – fresh Cadet vote will take place once the Friday nights have started

Committee Member – Ross Fisher

Committee Member – Pat Cullen

Committee Member – James Gerwat

Committee Member/Social – Steve Pearce

Committee Member – Kathryn Seal

Committee member/bosun – Paul Hemsley

A Word from our Rear Commodore Sailing – Keith Hopper.

It is with great trepidation that I try to take over from and carry on the good work that Guy Mayger has done over his many years as Rear Commodore Sailing. So the first thing that I must do is say a very big thank you to Guy for all the hard work that he has put in and is continuing to do by helping me in the transition period and beyond.

Please bare with me as I try to get to grips with the role. In an effort to ease the burden of the work involved in the task, it is proposed to set up a Sailing Committee (SC) that will report to the Management Committee (MC).

There will be a few changes, some of which Guy has been planning and some that will hopefully ease the burden of the duty teams and/or race office processes.

The Winter Series was reasonably well attended and although we lost a couple of Sundays to the weather was very enjoyable with thirteen boats taking part. I'm sure that there would have been more if some of our number had not been participating in the Frozen Toe at Chichester Yacht Club.

The Mayger's Mug was raced on New Year's day with five boats taking part. Unfortunately due to the shore dump there was a little damage to some of the boats on recovery. It was nice to see one of our home bred youngsters take the win.

Blaze fleet beware!! It is rumoured that there will be two more in your number this season as well as a few carbon fibre masts appearing.

Training Matters – What's new for 2013. Roger Belton – FSC Training Principal.

Planning is well underway for the forthcoming training season with some new ideas being added to the calendar. The significant change for 2013 is that we are planning on developing Saturdays into a stronger part of the sailing experience at FSC. So the concept of "Skill Saturday" is born. These weekly afternoon events will give everyone from beginner to skilled racer an opportunity to develop their skills in a structured and supported environment and help create a bridge between Beginner courses and Sunday Racing. There will be a variety of activities from which to choose:

- Beginner improvers will have on hand skilled instruction and a safe environment to practise and develop their skills (no charge)
- Racer improvers will be offered specific Class coaching for Laser & Asymmetric dinghies led by a professional coach (like last year - charged)
- Ad-hoc coaching sessions based on demand on the day (no charge)
- Informal sailing within a defined, supervised sailing area (no charge)
- Specific coaching sessions eg sailing with spinnakers (no charge)
- Specific RYA sailing courses eg Dinghy level 1, 2 etc, Start Racing (charged)
- Specific RYA powerboat courses (practical only) leading to Level 1 & 2 (charged)
- Sailing safaris (no charge)
- Power training in the River Arun (may be charged)
- Dinghy Assistant Instructor training (subsidised & charged)
- Novice race practice (no charge)
- Novice Series racing (no charge)
- Family sailing (no charge)

This range of activity will be led by John Breach supported by the Training Team and the Duty Team. It is likely that on any given Saturday there will be several activities going on in parallel. There should be something that will appeal to a broad community of learner/improvers within the club. On some Skill Saturdays the club owned training boats will be allocated to specific courses and will not be available for general hire. On other Skill Saturdays they will be available for general hire for the afternoon and will be charged on the basis of sole private use for the period. It is possible that during the warmer summer afternoons the event will roll over into a BBQ & social (difficult to visualise this on a snowy January day!).

There are several candidates who are undertaking training to become Senior Instructors, and also Catherine Davies is doing an Advanced Instructor Course enabling her to teach Spinnakers and High Performance boats. These individual's contributions will greatly enhance our Club and enable long term sustainability.

We also plan to buy another Pico to augment the existing Club owned Training fleet of 5 Picos, an RS Feva and Bluebelle the Wanderer.

I hope you agree that we have some exciting innovations coming along for the coming year and that whether you are a top end racer practising a specific skill off the race course (eg roll tacks) or a beginner seeking to improve, there will be something for you. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturdays.

Heard Round the Boat Park – Mr C Gull

Now that the Club is maybe changing to a charity the Committee are activity looking for a shop in the town and will be collecting bags of clothes, books and bric a brac.

Following the drugs bust at the Old Barn the fittings have been sold the hoover making the highest bid.

The New Years Day surfing competition was won by Keith Hopper riding a Finn, high marks were awarded to Tony Lord for 180 degree roll with tuck.

Just chewing through a Tesco burger, think I have eaten the saddle or are they always this tough?

Galley

The kitchen will be overseen by Kathryn Seal who is preparing rotas and menus for the season. For anyone who wants to attain their Food Hygiene certificate, Kathryn will be running a half day course on Saturday 30th March at the Sailing Club. The cost of the course is £5 for materials and certificate. Please email Kathryn directly on kathryn@felixtabitha.co.uk to book in.

Friday Night Sailing and Galley - for Friday night cadet sailing, a parent/guardian are required to do a turn in the kitchen – rota to be advised at the start of Friday nights – usually end of April. Check our website for more details. If there are any volunteers to work in our kitchen on Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, Friday evening, occasional Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime , please email Kathryn, email as above.

Dates for your Diary – Social – Steve Pearce

FSC Youth Regatta – 28th to 31st August 2013

Sat 26th Jan – Prize Giving – bring a savoury/sweet dish
Sat 9th Feb – Quiz Night – for RNLI SOS Day £1 per person max 6 per team - families.
Sat 23rd March – Supper night – Adult only.
Sat 13th April – Guess the Intro – all years catered for from 1960 onwards - families.
18/19th May – Push the Boat out – BBQ and Band evening - Families.
Sat 22nd June - Curry Night.
Sat 6th July Tythe Barn weekend – Sat eve social BBQ & Quiz Night - Families.
Sat 27th July – FPC - Fun on the Prom.
All Saturdays in August – Bring your own BBQ's from 5pm.
Sat 14th Sept - Curry Night – Adult only.
Sat 26th Oct – Halloween Party - Disco.
Sat 16th Nov – Dinner Dance – Beachcroft Hotel.
Sun 15th Dec - AGM 2pm.

Membership Update – Karen Pearce

Membership is now due and I would like to advise that this year we will be reintroducing Membership Cards which will confirm that your membership has been received.

To reduce costs - this will be placed in the club for you to collect, rather than being posted.

On the subject of reducing and keeping costs down, we request that you please supply an email address - where quick and easy communication can be sent and received.

Just a reminder that we also have a YAHOO GROUP and a FACEBOOK GROUP and request that you join these as well to hear the latest updates for Social events at the club. Both of these are "CLOSED" groups and you have to REQUEST to join.

Website

Remember to keep checking the website www.felphamsailing.co.uk for updates.

Felpham Sailing Club is run by members for members and if you wish to help, running a social, hosting a bbq, helping on the water, or any other ideas, please speak to any of the Committee.

Happy Sailing
Paula