

Welcome to Felpham Sailing Club – run by the members, for the members

SAILING REPORT – Guy Mayger, Vice Commodore

- Well, what a fantastic start to the sailing season at FSC!
- So far, each Sunday has had excellent fleet numbers with competitive racing that would be the envy of many other clubs. On Easter Monday I was particularly impressed to have 32 boats on the startline. Of course, we were blessed with perfect weather, but it only goes to show we must be doing something right at our little club.
- Now May (both the month and the man!) is here the premier series of the season, Wednesday nights Capstan Trophy, is underway with a healthy 16 boats taking on the first race. If you're around on a Wednesday evening please come to the club to enjoy the bar and the spectacle out on the water!
- One of the hallmarks of racing at Felpham are the great conditions we have right on our doorstep. These, in my humble opinion, help to develop very good sailing skills and this is borne out by our racers (young and old) who have ventured to competitions at other venues, achieving some great results as well as helping promote the name of Felpham Sailing Club. Many sailors I meet refer fondly to their experiences of sailing at Felpham when we're held championship or open meeting events. Something we should be very proud of.

Here's to the rest of the sailing season. Happy sailing,

DEVELOPMENT AT THE CLUB – Catherine Hemsley, Rear Commodore Development

- What a great few sessions we've had so far this season at the club to upskill and introduce people to Team Duties and Volunteering. Over 30 people over two nights turned up to find out more how they could get involved or what was happening at the club, and they took away a booklet outlining the roles. We also had an additional morning session with a further 6 attendees to practice beach duty, and another evening with 10 members finding out how to support Safety Duty. This Saturday we had RYA Powerboat Level 2 training for 6 members to give them more confidence to support the racing and other activities.
- It's great to see so many youth and adult full sailing members, alongside parents and supporters club wanting to be involved in what goes on at the club.
- We've also had two very successful RYA Adult Development evenings for MoB and WoW with over 40 (30/10) people signing up to learn how to sail or develop their skills, and over 40 youth signing up for the Friday nights.
- Watch out for our next big event **PUSH THE BOAT OUT - Saturday 25 May from 10:00 – 13:00** where any member – sailing or supporters club can have a go sailing, or try beach, safety duty or serving tea and cakes from the canteen. We're very keen to get all members involved in some way or another as we open our club to the community. Offers of help will be gratefully received.



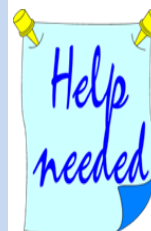
** Bar News **

Date for your Diary:

French Café evening - Cheese & Wine night postponed to October

Summer Ball – Saturday, 22nd June – Please ensure payment is made and menu choices have been given to Casey. Raffle prizes of the 'Bottled' kind would be very welcome.

Dress Code: Gentlemen: Smart /Casual - Jacket & Tie; Ladies: Stylish – long dress or elegant top/trousers.



Kitchen Duties

Sundays please sign on Sailing Club Noticeboard; MOB & WOW. Contact Bea direct: beamysterious@gmail.com