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WORK PARTY 4 (O to R) - Sat 18th Feb - 9.30 am

**RAF Defford Its secret war work - David Vernon
- Tue 21st Feb 7.30 pm**

Powerboat Level 2 Training - Sat & Sun 25th & 26th Feb

WORK PARTY 5 (T & Z) - Sat 25th Feb

**2017 RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace
Sat 4th & Sun 5th March**

Start of Season - Sun 5th March - 2.00 pm

Boat Repair - Pete Vincent - Wed 8th March - 7.30 pm

Laying Up Supper - Sat 25th March 7.30 pm

Start of Adult Sail Training - Sat 1st April 9.30am

Start of Wednesday evening Sailing - Wed 5th April

Sailability Open - Wed 19th April

British Moth/Topper Open - Sat 13th May

Work Party (H to Hi) - Sat 13th May 9.30am

Commodore's contribution

In my last newsletter contribution I referred to two important special meetings held in January and promised members feedback. One discussed and updated the FOSSC five year development plan (which is an important back-up document when applying for funding). In addition it identified the main priorities for the coming year. These are listed below (not in any priority order):-



- Support introduction to sailing with school and youth groups
- Publish Sailing Club news within The Stroud Life newspaper
- Train 12 Adults to Power Boat level 2
- Train 12 - 18 Adults to RYA dinghy level 2
- Train 12 - 18 Juniors to RYA dinghy level 2
- Hold Saturday afternoon as well as Friday evening Social Sailing in July and August
- Provide more Junior racing within the Sailing Programme
- Run Junior Week
- Increase Sailability Membership
- Complete easier access ramp for safety power boats
- Start Clubhouse improvements for increased changing and disabled facilities
- Review plan in Jan 2018

The other important meeting turned into three meetings and these were held to discuss and decide our building development and refurbishment plans, bearing in mind the lack of external funding to carry out the currently unaffordable scheme for which we have planning permission. The first Development Sub Group meeting looked at six possible schemes to allocate space within the existing building to larger changing rooms and a permanent disabled facility (so that the rented grey box outside can then be removed). The six schemes were narrowed down to two neither of which had 100% support. Each scheme was then developed further and the next two meetings eventually decided the preferred way forward. Following on from the excellent work done by John Jordan and his team of volunteers fitting out the new Boat Shed, the same team plus more volunteers will tackle this work step by step within the limited funds available and with professional help where needed. Club Members will be kept informed by means of special meetings which will be needed to approve the funding. Members will also be informed when the work parties are taking place.

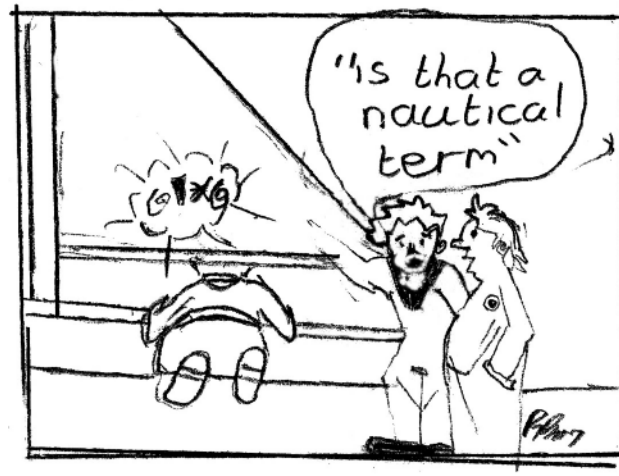
The first stage will be to convert the space of the old boat shed and sail store into new changing rooms before then refurbishing and re-planning the existing changing rooms. We are targetting to do as much of this work, if not all of it, with the money we already have available but this will rely on much time and effort from club members to achieve it. Please offer to help if you are able to spare some time to do so. It may not all be complete during 2017 but we will give it our best shot!

It may even need to be phased over two years to spread the costs involved?

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HEADHITTERS NOTES

This is a most important Newsletter. In the envelope you should find **Newsletter 2**, your **berthing sticker** and **membership card**. For those who ticked for a hard copy of the **Yearbook**, this will be in the envelope as well. The **Yearbook** will be available to everybody on the members side of the club website, so it is very important that you look in the Sailing Programme to find out when you are on duty.



REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR DUTIES IN YOU DIARY!

If you cannot meet the date allocated, you can swap on the members side of the club website. You will need to send an email to the webmaster. This can found on the Club Website **Contact** link, at the bottom on the left hand side. Click onto **Webmaster**.

RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show

Want to keep up to date with what is happening in the world of Dinghies, why not go to the show on Sat 4th and Sun 5th March. It much cheaper to buy your ticket online, particularly if you are a member of the RYA. The show is again at the Alexandra Palace in North London. The tickets can be obtained from <http://ryadinghyshow.seetickets.com/tour/rya-suzuki-dinghy-show/>.

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Keeping Up to Date

As well at the Yearbook & Newsletters, there is the club website with colour copies of the Newsletters. On the member's side of the website will be the Yearbook and your duties. For an instant response, you can always log onto the Club Facebook page. This is at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/fossc>.

Not only do you get up to date photos and news, but can link to other members with requests that can be instantly answered.

Yearbook Error - The hard copy of the Yearbook contains an Work Party that should no be included.

Please ignore the Work Party on the 22nd April. The Online Yearbook is up to date.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your items, reports, photos, ads, etc for the Newsletter to: Ken Elsey, ken@elseyk.freemove.co.uk or send to 2, Park Brake, Highnam, Gloucester, GL2 8EJ. Please send any documents in Word or .rtf formats. **Do not include your photos or pictures with the Text, but send them separately as .jpg or similar formats.** This will reduce the time I have to spend compiling the Newsletter.

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Another new initiative for 2017 is the changing of Social Membership to Lifestyle Membership and the adding of various lifestyle activities for both existing members and new Lifestyle Members. This will be start with Cycling, Jogging, Walking and Birdwatching. If you wish to get involved with any of these new activities you will hopefully have already sent me an E mail confirming an interest. If not, please do so now, to iancook132@btinternet.com I am particularly interested if you, your family or friends wish to participate and if you have an interest in leading an occasional group activity. The activities will start on Tuesday evening 28th March (after the clock's change) with a meeting of those interested in taking part the week before on Tuesday 21st March. A planning meeting of enthusiasts (those willing to assist in planning the initiative?) will be held at the club on Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm

For our Junior members we will be offering more organised racing in 2017 - see separate details from the Sailing committee. Can I please ask that the more experienced sailors make allowances and give encouragement to these Juniors whilst on the water (racing or not racing). The same courtesy should be extended to beginner adults as well, who often feel intimidated when taking the big step into starting to race. It is easy for those of us who have sailed for years to forget how big a step this can be, and how simple things which do not go well can put people off. For example even before boats are launched it is easy to spot when beginners are rigging or trying to launch in a way which can get them into trouble. Gentle advice and assistance is normally greatly appreciated. Catching them when they return to shore can also prevent damage to boats, bodies and egos!

Stacey Beck our new Social Secretary is organising our annual Fitting Out Supper on Saturday 25th March with catering from Ley Bistro (cafe situated on the village green near the 3 Horse Shoes). The title "Fitting Out Supper" dates from when the summer sailing season used to start and wooden boats, which had been laid up during the winter were taken out of storage, given a quick once over and perhaps a lick of varnish? before the season began. In these days of plastic boats, dry suits and sailing all the year round the title has almost lost it's meaning, but it is still a good excuse to get together for a social evening with like minded people. Please support this and Stacey's other planned social events as the year goes on.

Ian Cook
Commodore FOSSC

Sailing Gear

All the sailing gear that was in the main club house is now in the new boat store. There are lots of items unlabelled such as Sail Bags and Gear. Please check and clearly label your bits and pieces, and remove them from the club if no longer required. The standard club key will open and lock the boat store. It is important if you are the last member at the club, that both the **Main Club House** and the **Boat Store** are **locked** on leaving, as well as the **Gate**!

Some Minor Changes to the 2017 Sailing Programme

In an effort to make the Sunday afternoon racing programme more attractive to our Junior members, your Sailing Committee has made the following changes to the racing format:

Pursuit Races:

Juniors have been given the option of a "half-Pursuit" race. This means that, for example, an Optimist will have a "half-Pursuit" club number of 83 (rather than 167) and so will race for only $41 \frac{1}{2}$, as opposed to $83 \frac{1}{2}$, minutes. They will start much later than the adult classes but will finish at the same time and their results will be recorded separately.

Class Races:

The Juniors will have a separate start, 10 minutes after the Solo start but will sail the same course and finish at the same time as the adult classes (so racing for only about 30-35 minutes) - again their results will be recorded separately.

We hope that these 2 small changes will make the racing more attractive and will prevent our younger members from getting bored.

To accommodate these changes, the club Sailing Instructions (that go in the Yearbook) have been updated and the OOD reminder notes (sent out by post by Peter Dalton) are also being updated.

Allocated Duties:

I occasionally get request from members that they wish to be allocated different duties, from one year to the next, usually as folks don't feel up to doing either OOD or AOD but are happy to continue to do rescue. Likewise, I get messages (usually too late to be taken into account for the following year's rota) that others would like to do rescue, rather than Galley/Bar. So, if anyone wants to have their allocated duties changed, please send a note to Alastair Hunter, our Membership Secretary, as he maintains the master membership database - and it's from this listing that I extract the relevant information from which the duty roster is prepared. Please also bear in mind that the roster for each sailing season has to be finalised by mid-late January, so late requests cannot always be accommodated.

Happy sailing

Andy Smith
Sailing Secretary
Enterprise 20567

Cruising with Mike Peyton

The first Club cruise was in the early years of the club when members went on the Baltic trader Solvig.

But the first trip with Mike Peyton, the yachting cartoonist was in July 1974 it was organised by Ken Dunn and the crew was made up of Ladies who included Lesley Cook, Jenny Pike and Margery Rawlings. Mike's boat, Lodestone was a 40 foot ferro concrete ketch designed for the East Coast and charter crews. It was labour intensive with no winches, no electronics except a transistor radio for weather forecasts. It had few creature comforts except a coke stove in the cabin and a Portaloo in the forepeak.



During the week the ladies cruised around the estuaries of the Rivers Crouch and Blackwater and ventured as far as Harwich.

In the September Ken Dunn, Alan Rawlings, Bill Rolfe, John Watts, Keith Pike, John Bouy and Geoff Coxe followed the ladies; the weather was pretty foul with gales most days, they sailed every day in the estuaries of the Crouch and Blackwater.

In 1975 the same group led by Ken went with Mike across the Channel to Calais.

An overnight stop with moules, brie and red wine and back to spend the rest of the week off the East Coast, Mike's favourite sailing area.

Annual cruises and occasional weekends with the more or less the same crew off the East Coast continued until 1978, by that time Mike had a second boat again a ferro ketch built to his own design, Brimstone. His idea was to cruise in company thereby increasing his charter numbers. The idea was not a success as Mike had difficulty with getting additional skippers.



In 1978 twelve members went for a weekend using both boats, with Ken Dunn skipping Lodestone with disastrous results. (a port and starboard collision in the upper reaches of the Blackwater). However the weekend was a success with both boats crossing the Thames estuary to Whitstable.



Mike sold Lodestone and the club went back to the original format, a mixture of weeks and weekends cruising the East Coast watching Barge and Smack racing.

In 1979 he built his last and best boat, Touchstone a 38 foot ferro cutter rigged ketch with lifting dagger boards and a draught of three foot. In 1989 we went into the Thames estuary to watch the Tall Ships come out of the Pool of London.

In 1992 the Club went foreign again with a weeks' cruise from Maldon to Poole via Calais, Boulogne, Le Treport, Fecamp, Ouistram and Honfleur. Mike being on passage to Brest to cover a traditional boating event there.

The follow year we had a week cruising in Holland.

Cruises continued with six members going regularly until Mike decided to retire from chartering. He still needed crews so four of us continued to sail



with him on a cost only basis; over the year's crew size dropped to four and finally two. On one occasion I spent a very enjoyable on my own with him.

Frampton's association with Mike ended when he sold his boat in 2011 when he reached 90, poor eye sight finally beating him.

Although no longer sailing Mike kept his interest in sailing going by doing talks about his experiences at local clubs.

He became bed ridden last summer and was admitted to hospital this January and passed away after a short illness, he leaves Kathy, his wife and daughters Veronica and Hilary.



Geoff Coxie

Berthing Matters

Old boat store surplus

A number of sails/sail bags have been retrieved from the old boat store & require identification. (inadvertently they were pictured in the foreground of the new boat store photograph inside the back cover of the last newsletter. See page 4.)

A folder with sticky labels has been placed by them for owners to claim & mark them up. If you believe yours may be there, please make an effort to clear this up swiftly. Unclaimed items will inevitably have to be disposed of so urgent attention would be appreciated.

Access to water

Is your boat close to water but only in occasional use?

Regular sailors, particularly those with heavy dinghy's would be very grateful to make use of those slots if that is the case? Please do let me know if your commitments are such that an alternative might be adequate? It would help us re-arrange the park in such a way that effort to water is more evenly balanced. Thanks.

2017 Berthing stickers

New stickers will be issued shortly, please make use of them as they indicate **your** authority to make use of the berth. Fixed prow, transom or mast whichever is the most prominent will also assist inspections. Many thanks.

Fleet list

If your dinghy's sail/hull number is not listed beside your boat in the year book lists, it means we do not have that detail. Updates would be appreciated so we have specific identification of the insured craft on-site.

Emails

Conscious we all operate to personal timetables, my preferred method of communication is via email to which the vast majority of members do respond promptly thanks. In a minority of cases, for whatever reason, some notes do go unanswered leaving matters of payment or allocation unresolved. Your help on that front would be gratefully accepted.

Queries & contact

myfosscpst@gmail.com

Kind regards Malcolm Sheppard Feb.2017

Sad News

Peter Jones has just rang me, his mother Cynthia has passed away at 92. Cynthia was one the leaders and helpers bringing the Open Door Club down to the Sailing Club once a year for sailing and a BBQ. She was in fine form at the Open Door BBQ in the summer ,but has gone downhill since then.

Many of you may know that Cynthia was the gran of our Laser sailor Steve Jones. Our thoughts go out to all the family.

The memorial service was at Coaley Parish Church at 11.30 on 14th February.

Geoff Cox

POWERBOAT LEVEL 2 – SPACES AVAILABLE - 25TH AND 26TH FEBRUARY

The first powerboat course of the year takes place soon and there are still spaces available. The course is free to members and will give you a recognised RYA certificate. It's a great course to give you an introduction to the club powerboats. For those who already have some boating experience why not come along and develop your skills further. If you'd like to join us for the February Powerboat Level 2 course and haven't already applied then please email Patricia at pandjbennett@talktalk.net as soon as possible.

Powerboating Success

Congratulations to our six newly qualified Powerboat Instructors; Colin, Jordan, David, Tony, Andy and Nick and well done for braving the icy (or was that frozen) waters last month. Welcome to the team, Ken, Bruce, Roger, Bill and Patricia.



**Training of our
new
Instructors
during the cold
weather!**



**Above
Powerboat
Instructors.**



**Below
Dinghy
Instructors**



Winter Evening Social Programme

Tuesday 21st February 7.30 pm

RAF Defford Its secret work during the war and development of
Automatic landing Systems - David Vernon

Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm

Boat Repairs - A practical demonstration of simple boat repairs.
Pete Vincent of West Country Boat Repairs, Lydney.

Wednesday 22nd March 7.30 pm

Shackleton Part 2 - David Fletcher

Greetings, FOSSC Laser Fleet !

In 2017 your Laser Fleet Captain(s) are John Rosser and Mark Smyth. John and Mark are regular Laser sailors and seek your company. We have a serious problem, in that we often have more SoSlows on the water than Lasers.

Ladies and Gents, Boys and Girls this is the year of our come-back:)

The Laser is a wonderfully flexible choice for fun and racing, with the possibility to use many sail sizes to allow our younger members to rung rings around Oppies and more senior types to enjoy close racing without needing to buy a new boat every year to be near the front. Our aim is to emphasise the fun one can have with a Laser.

This year we will have two Laser Training Evenings :- 1st June and 8th June (18:30 start times) - where we can compare rigs and control line systems, help improve your starts and boat handling. It will be FUN - not like a Boot Camp !

IF you can't attend, we ask if you would consider allowing a family member or friend to allow the use of your boat to be used by another member - who may not be a Laser Sailor.

Open Meetings

Many of us don't travel - and perhaps find it too intimidating / hassle. This year we'd like to propose a Frampton contingent choose 3 events to visit as a group and enjoy the variation of sailing on the sea - the effect of tides - in safe locations. The emphasis is on the social aspect.

New Laser Promotion

If anyone is considering purchasing a new Laser, please contact us - if we can buy 5 or more - substantial discounts are available.

John and Mark want you to come forward and say hello or write to us with any questions / suggestions to msmoby@gmail.com / jirosser@tiscali.co.uk

If you are a SoSlow sailor - don't worry - we will be discreet :) (*Never known Mark to be discreet! - Ed - not such a soslow sailor!*)

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Frampton on Severn Sailing Club

2017 Open Events

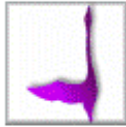


(See www.fossc.org.uk for further details)

Sailability

Wed 19th April 11:00am first race

Contact: David Greenfield
(david_greenfield@btinternet.com)



Optimist

Sat 8th July – coaching

Sun 9th July – open meeting
11:00am first race

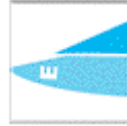
Contact: Nick Hartshorn
(nhartshorn@yahoo.co.uk)



Enterprise / Mirror

Sun 8th October 11:00am first race

Contact: Phil Kirk
(sarahandphil2@tiscali.co.uk)



British Moth / Topper

Sat 13th May 11:00am first race

Contact: Nicola Barrett
(n_barrett@live.co.uk)



Solo

Sun 24th September 11:00am first race

Contact: Brian Gow
(briangow@btinternet.com)



Laser

Sat 4th November 11:00am first race

Contact: Mark Smyth
(msmoby@gmail.com)





Fitting Out Supper at Frampton on Severn Sailing Club

Saturday 25th March, 7:30pm

£10 per Person

Please complete your details below and pop a cheque marked for my attention, made payable FOSSC in the box on the wall by the front door, or post it to:

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