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Annual Dinner Dance - Saturday 28th February

Start of Season - Sunday 1st March

Joe Green UK Shale Gas Opportunities and Threats Wed 18th March

Instructors Play Day - Saturday 21st March

Start Wednesday Evening Sailing - Wed 1st April

Start of Adult Sail Training - Saturday 11th April

Start of Sailability - Saturday 18th April

British Moth Open - Sunday 3rd May

Start of Optimist Training - Sunday 10th May

Start of Social Sailing - Friday 29th May

Taster Day - Saturday 23rd May

Family Camping and Sailing Weekend - Fri to Mon 22nd -25th May

Sunday 24th May Oppy & Race Training - Start Of Junior Series

Start of Youth Training - Sat 30th May

Commodore's Newsletter Contribution

The Work Party season is upon us and I must thank all those who have turned up and carried out lots of jobs both inside and outside the clubhouse, around the grounds and lakeside, or checking / cleaning club boats / engines / equipment ready for the new season. What a pleasure it is to see lots of enthusiastic people turn up and cheerfully carry out their allocated tasks. The weather has been cold but fairly dry and many good repairs and improvements have been made. It is good to talk to people as they work and many are new members whose names I will never remember. Please come and see me to have another word when you come down for other sailing or social events through the season.



For those of us who are retired (and some of the self employed / ladies of leisure) the seasons merge into one. Our Wednesday afternoon series continues with a start of 1.30pm and the Sunday Icicle series is as per the published sailing programme with sailing every other Sunday at 11.00am start. Come along to join in, watch, walk the dogs and/or children and have a cup of tea or a drink from the bar afterwards. If you are intending to sail a dry suit is preferable but not essential but if not a wet suit is essential. A varied array of headgear is normally on display as well. After the beginning of March the Summer season officially starts so let us hope the sun shines and the wind blows kindly for us.

Socially we have had a disappointment. By the deadline date of the end of January only 30 people had booked to attend our major social event of the year - the annual Dinner and Dance and prizegiving at Stonehouse Court Hotel - only just over half of what we normally get. We have therefore changed the venue, reduced the cost and relaxed the dress code to encourage more to attend. For the future it will be valuable to have feedback as to why the numbers this year were so low and it will help planning of social events if you would be good enough to E mail Kate Hartshorn who is organising this event and copy to our Social Secretary Georgia Honey. Their telephone numbers will be in the Club year book but their Email addresses are as follows:- hartshornkatie@yahoo.co.uk geehoney@btinternet.com

We have had a frustrating time recently on the new Committee. Two of our priorities are.

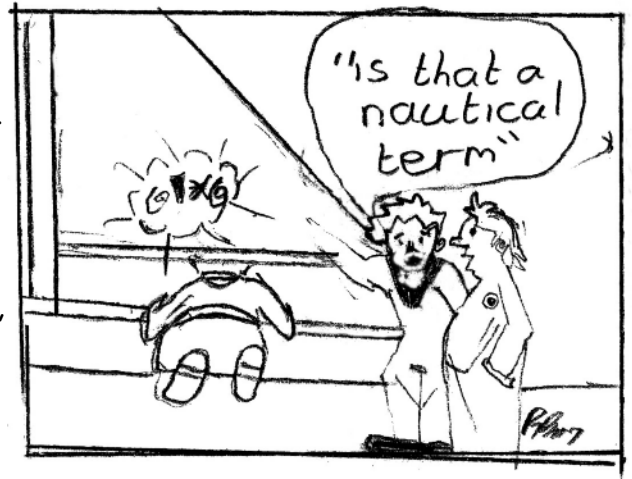
- 1 Finally agreeing our new long term Lease
- 2 Applying for Planning permission for our proposed development of the Clubhouse

Progress on both of these has been slow but this is not through lack of effort and we hope to report better progress soon. Linked to these we have formed a new sub Committee in charge of Fundraising, Applying for grants and Membership consultation over development issues. If any member has an interest in these matters and would like to help please let me or another Committee member know. You don't need particular skills and there will be a variety of things to do or look into. For example we will be looking to update the scale model of the existing clubhouse with new models of the proposed additions to illustrate the scheme three dimensionally. Any model enthusiasts who would like to help?

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HEADHITTERS NOTES

The start of the Main Season is almost upon us, but there has still been a lot of activity at the Club during January and February. Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning racing, training courses for first aid and Race Training Instructors, RYA Day Skipper theory course on Thursday evenings, a talk by Phil Kirk on Sailing Hafren around Britain and the Winter Work Parties to spruce up the Club for the coming season.



YEARBOOK AND NEWSLETTER

In the envelope you should have your Yearbook, Newsletter 2, membership card and Berthing Sticker. See the note from Henry relating to berthing stickers. This year in order to save money, we will not be sending out this package, but it can be collected at the club any time after lunch time on Sat 28th Feb. It will be packed during the work party.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SAILING



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Commodore's Newsletter Contribution continued:-

If you have visited the Club recently you may have noticed that the Lake water level is lower than it should be for this time of year. Following the serious flooding a year ago the Sailing Club agreed to the installation of a much larger overflow pipe to prevent a similar occurrence in future years. The new overflow was installed at the beginning of November last and is at a lower level than the previous one. Because the overflow sluice to regulate the level of overflow was not installed at the same time as promised the lake has been emptying for over three months now. Your Committee have made strong representations to our Landlords Frampton Court Estate to correct this unfortunate situation but so far we have been ignored and we will be in danger of shallow water and weed problems during the summer if the lake is not allowed to fill up soon.

You should have received all information relating to the Sail Training courses being run this year. If you have not already done so apply for any courses your family are interested in before they fill up otherwise you may be disappointed. We are always on the look out for more helpers at both Sail Training and the Sailability sessions for Handicapped people. You don't have to be qualified to help - there are shore based activities and water based activities and if you want to lend a hand please volunteer and have a word with anyone on the Committee. You will find these activities very rewarding to get involved with.

Finally I wish all members a very good sailing year and look forward to seeing many of you during the various club activities during the year. Please come along, introduce yourself and have a chat.

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Wheelyboat update

Unfortunately we did not get the funds from two of the bids that I put in last October and so we do not yet have the boat on order. However I am making or have made other bids and hopefully they should materialise in the next two months. We have at present the sum of around £ 9000 and I am giving several talks to various Rotary Clubs etc., chasing funding.

However, the Sailability will carry on as normal and is starting on Saturday 18th April, again my plea goes out for helpers, if you can find time to help it is so worthwhile and the enjoyment level is very high, come down and help or contact me beforehand.

David Greenfield

FoSSC Junior sailing 2015

Frampton Junior Series (Organised by Junior Committee)

This will be a separate racing series from main racing (all youth fleets) starting in May to encourage youth sailors to race and will only be for those sailors aged under 18. There will be just one race at 12.30pm and you will need any 6 out of the 11 to count towards the series and be in with a chance of winning the junior trophy and other prizes!!

Dates

Sunday 24th & 31st May

Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June

Sunday 19th & 26th July

Sunday 9th, 16th & 30th August

Cost - Free

Boat - Any youth

Volunteers or parents needed for rescue/galley/shore

So if you have a boat (all youth fleets) you can sail and would like to meet up with your friends or make new ones, what better way to spend your Sunday mornings.

Not forgetting there are prizes at the end!

We need volunteers as the safety of our sailors is paramount and also an OOD/AOD so if you can help on or off the water please email Kate and let her know what you can do and when. Without everyone clubbing together we will not be able to run this series, any help would be gratefully received.

Kate Hartshorn

Junior Committee Vice-Chair

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FOSSC OPTIMIST COACHING 2015

(organised by fleet captain)

For the 2015 I have put together a programme for all Optimist sailors who have already achieved the IOCA Stage 1 or 2 through either Frampton or a different sailing club wishing to improve their sailing, our programme will start in May.

It would be lovely to have a small but growing group of Optimists attending most Sundays and joining in the junior series.

Oppy Club

We have arranged for a National IOCA/RYA optimist specific coach to come to Frampton for 9 Sundays from 8.30 -12.30 to coach Optimist sailors who wish to develop their skills and enhance their experience, these coaches where leading Optimist sailors themselves.

We would then encourage the sailors to take part in the junior series, which will start at 12.30pm and is just one junior's only race.

Dates

Sunday 31st May

Sunday 7th June; 14th June; 21st June; 28th June

Sunday 19th July

Sunday 9th August; 16th August; 30th August

Cost - £90 for 9 sessions

Oppy Camp

This will be the first time we have held an Oppy Camp at Frampton and will follow on from the May Bank Holiday Family Weekend. We aim to have a lot of fun whilst developing new skills through the training given by enthusiastic coaches and then put those skills to the test with some short races. You are more than welcome to camp at the club and a small tea party will be held at the end to celebrate the achievements made.

Dates

Monday 25th May - Arrive from 3pm if you wish to camp at the club.

Tuesday 26th May - Oppy Camp will start with registration at 9am

Wednesday 27th May - Day 2 - Finish at 4pm

Cost £45.00 per sailor

IOCA South West championships July 11-12 2015

After much work we have been chosen by the International Optimist Class Association to host the 2015 South West championships this is a great accolade for our club and a chance for us to show off how great FoSSC is.!

More details to follow

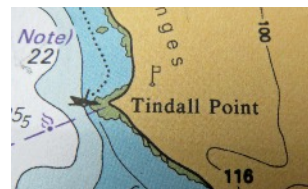
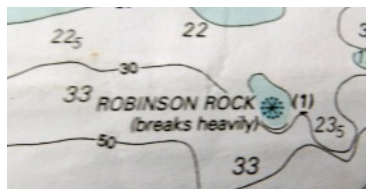
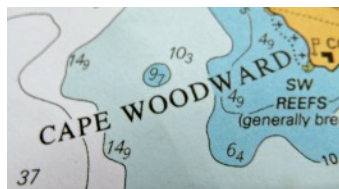
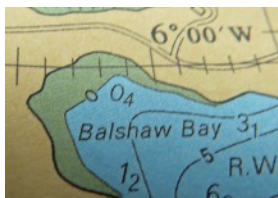
We would love to hear from youth sailors and their parents.

If you have not already expressed an interest please drop us an email and we will keep you up to date with developments. If you have any other ideas or thoughts then we'd love to hear those too so we can make the best programme for our children so they have fun on the water and enjoy sailing.

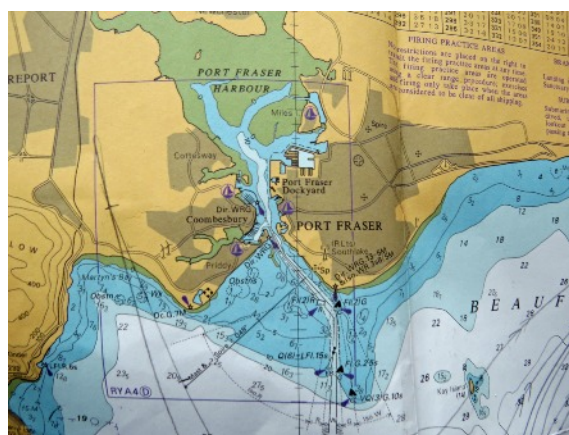
Nick Hartshorn- nshartshorn@yahoo.co.uk 07966 474848
Optimist Fleet Captain

Cruising in the Classroom

As many of you might be aware, a trusty band of members have been slaving on over hot charts and books on Thursday nights over the Winter doing the RYA Day Skipper Theory Course. The charts do not relate to any standard navigation chart, but have been made as a composite to make sure that any particular hazard you might find will be covered. There are some very interesting names on the chart. (Where could they come from?)



There also some other strange places, such as Stroud on the coast and a harbour called Port Fraser which might look familiar to those going to France or the Isle of Wight.



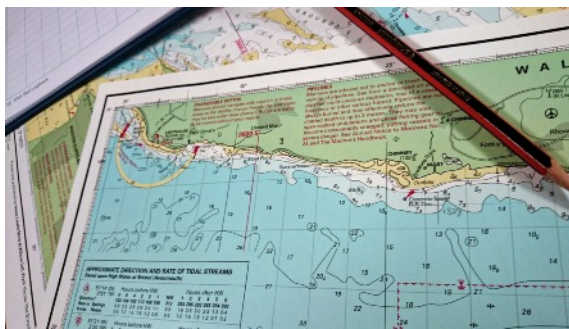
The class carefully studying the charts. Roger is looking at a complicated traffic separation scheme, but is secretly plotting his own trips in his newly bought yacht "Calstar". (See next page). It is hope to get as many of the course participants away on a yacht in the near future to put their skills into practice.

Cruising at Sea

Roger and Bill are already putting some of their skills into practice in Calstar. Apart for a few hours out from Swansea, they have now brought Calstar closer to home with a trip from Swansea to Portishead.



Start 09:13	End 16:47
Current Vs Best	
Max Speed	Record 13.7 mph
13.7 mph	
Duration	Record 7h33m
7h33m	
Distance	Record 59.5 mi
59.5 mi	



Current Vs Average	
Avg Speed	Average 6.8 mph
7.9 mph	
Distance	Average 34.9 mi
59.5 mi	

WINTER WORK PARTIES



Sailing Secretary's Report Feb 2015

Since the last newsletter, the final version of the 2015 sailing programme has now gone to the printers for the yearbook and should also be posted on the relevant part of the club website. It is quite a complex task to ensure all aspects of our club are coordinated to ensure that there are no overlaps or duplication of the much needed "lake space" to run the various events.

We recently received a late invitation from the Optimist Association to host the South West Area Championships, as the club that was planning to host it had to withdraw at the last minute. In order to accommodate this request, which the Committee saw this event as a great opportunity to showcase our club, and after consulting with the organisers of the Sail Training programme we have had to shuffle a few dates for other club activities so that the original date in their calendar could be kept.

As a result, the following changes have had to be introduced:
The Taster Day will now be on Saturday 23rd May.

Youth Training, that was planned to start on Saturday 6th June and run for 6 consecutive Saturdays and finishing on Saturday 11th July, will now start on Saturday 30th May instead, but will still run for the 6 consecutive Saturdays and will now finish on Saturday 4th July. We apologise if this affects any family holidays during the May half-term, but it was really the only way we could feasibly fit the Oppie event into our busy programme.

SW Optimist Areas Championships - a 2-day event that will be held over the weekend of Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th July. This is in place of the annual open meeting that was to be held on Sunday 5th July.

The final change that has been made is that the British Moth Open Meeting will now be held on Sunday 3rd May and will be held in conjunction with normal club racing. The Moth fleet wanted to hold their open meeting earlier in the year (rather than in conjunction with the joint Enterprise/Byte/Mirror open in mid-October) and this was the only other date that was available.

Finally, please remember that there is a change in the timings of all race starts this season as we are reverting to "4 & 2" minute signals and also that there are 3 separate starts for class racing (2nd race on Sundays and all Wednesday evening races) in the following order: Handicap, Laser & then Solo.

Andy Smith

From the Berthing Secretary

Sail Loft

As Part of the ongoing club tidy, we are currently trying to sort through equipment in the sail loft. Please if you have any equipment currently stored in the 'Communal' area of the sail loft ensure that it is clearly marked ideally with your name. It is also useful to have class and sail number marked. Be warned any items not marked by the end of March will be assumed to have been abandoned. The club will then go through a process of disposal of any unclaimed items.

To help with marking of your equipment the Bosun's have left a yellow paint marker pen in a box attached to the Bosun's store cupboard. If you could mark the lower section of your mast so that it can be seen without having to unfurl the sail this would be best.

If you have any concerns or queries relating to equipment left in the sail loft please contact me. Please remember that equipment left in the sail loft is done so at members own risk. The Club is unable to accept responsibility for loss or damage.

General Berthing Matters

Your yearbooks will be available from the end of February. With them your berthing stickers will be issued. Please check that they are correct and ensure that they are displayed as soon as possible on either the mast or transom of your dinghy. This allows me to quickly identify berths and boats without having to disturb boat covers or crawl through nettles.

This brings me on to my next note. As the weather begins to warm up, please can you all keep an eye on the condition of your berths keeping them mown throughout the growing season. During the last work party a good number of chains were replaced or installed (Thanks to the team who worked on these during the 14th Feb Work Party! If you have a problem with your berthing chains please let me know and I will do my best to get them sorted out for you.

01452 740117 or email henrywlbeck@gmail.com



Paul Dix with a sore head during
Instructors First Aid Training



Pete Muskett putting Five New Racing
Instructors going through their paces.



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