



Frampton on Severn  
Sailing Club

# NEWSLETTER

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## Finally prize giving has taken place

Welcome to the August newsletter.

Please send any articles for the August edition to [support@fossc.org.uk](mailto:support@fossc.org.uk) by 18th September.

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# Commodore's comment

Management of the condition of the lake appeared to be going very well this year until about two weeks ago when weed started to detach from the areas that weren't cut in July and float into the main sailing area. In addition, the water turned a greenish colour and some isolated pockets of algae started to appear. We don't yet have an official explanation for what has happened to the lake but the high levels of rainfall earlier in the year have probably caused greater concentrations of nitrates in the water than usual



The special work party last weekend was successful in clearing the fishermen's swims of the cut weed and I have also requested that the wheelie boat be used to rake off the drifting weed so as to minimise the impact on sailing.

For the next few weeks, if you are down at the club with your dog, please ensure that your dog does not go swimming in the lake as it can be dangerous for animals.

If you are out sailing and happen to fall in, please try to keep your

mouth closed so as not to swallow any water and when you come ashore, drink fresh water and take a shower, potentially with your sailing clothes on initially.

Earlier this month I was informed that the government is going to start pushing "E10" petrol at station forecourts as it is more friendly to the environment. Whilst this is a good move for all of us, I have been asked to point out that use of this fuel will damage both our outboard and

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mower engines. Malcolm Payton will be labelling up the green fuel cans to remind anyone who goes up to the fuel station on behalf of FOSSC to only purchase grade "E5" petrol.

(Please note, this could apply to any petrol powered implements that you have at home)

Finally, I have been contacted by Kit Kilgour who has requested that I put the following text in this months newsletter as a communication to some of the senior FOSSC members:

*I believe that my father, John Kilgour, may still be on your membership and some e-mail lists as a 70+ member. He was a member at Frampton for nearly 40 years from the mid 1970s until he moved away from Gloucester, sailing first a Mirror and later a Solo. He taught all his children to sail at the club, and was heavily involved in the Sail Training Scheme from when it very first started for nearly all of his membership, and was a regular at Wednesday evening racing. He was still enjoying his Wednesday evening racing at his current club, Stewartby.*

*Sadly he died on 4th August after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Pippa, and children Kit, Tamsin & Adam.*

*Looking at the club web site I recognise a number of names from my period sailing at the club as a junior, some of whom I know that he was still racing up to the end of his time at Frampton, so if you have a way of circulating details to club members who may be interested then I would be grateful.*

*If anyone wishes to contact me for more information, then they are very welcome - my e-mail address is: [kitkilgour@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kitkilgour@yahoo.co.uk)*

David Coates.

Commodore.

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# Sailing Matters!

Dave Greenfield tells me that since **Sailability sessions** restarted over **40** of our members have been down to the club on a Saturday morning to enjoy the lake which is brilliant. We've been making good use of the lugger which can easily fit quite a few keen sailors, as well as the other motor boats and Access dinghies. It's also super to have some **new faces volunteering** to help at these sessions. (I haven't made it to many sessions, but I think the highlight for me was Amy's mum telling us about visiting the dentist on the other side of the estuary when she was a child – well worth hearing that story!)

**Friday evening social sailing** has once again been a success and officially draws to a close on 20 August. However, remember that the lake is always open for us so do take advantage of that, bearing in mind safety - please stick to winds you can comfortably handle, especially when there is no safety boat on the water.

Talking of safety boats, some of you may have noticed that the club has purchased a new one which will be on the water shortly. Thanks to Patricia Bennett for researching the options and progressing this.

**Racing** continues and recently we've been holding the Personal Pursuit races where each helm gets a start adjustment depending on proficiency, and this is adjusted each week depending on the most recent results. **Alastair Hunter** has been doing particularly well in his solo so I suspect his adjustment for the final race will be somewhat challenging. He's also up there in the Summer Handicap series, although not quite as good results as **Pete Dalton** so far. One more race in each of these series to go. The Wednesday evening Summer Class series have been won by **Bruce Richardson** (Solo), **Pete Dalton** (Handicap) and **me** (Laser) – weyhey, I just found that out as I wrote this 😊.

The final 5 Wednesday evening races of 2021 start on 18 August (this week) and it will be a **'Gold/Silver'** series. This means that the more proficient racers will set off first, followed two minutes later by the others. Separate results and prizes will be awarded for each fleet. Allocations to each fleet will be available at the course board. As there are two starts, this is a **good series for those who are maybe not so confident racing** as there will be fewer boats on the start line – come down and have a go!

## Change to Racing Programme – Junior Series:

I've been asked if we can fit in another junior series this year and to do this there will be a minor change to the Racing Programme. **On September 19 and 26, and October 10, 17 and 24, the Class race will start at 1400, and the Pursuit at 1545** (i.e. they will swap). There will be a **Junior start** in the class race 2 minutes after the Solo fleet starts. It is very likely that the Junior race will finish before the other fleets to keep it to a reasonable time.

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Finally, many, many thanks to all those who have helped to remove weed from the lake. It really does make a difference.

Rhonwen James  
Sailing Secretary

# Beach Party

We had a fine time at the 'FOSSC Beach-less Beach Party!! Despite rubbish weather all day, the sun did make an appearance, and there was no wind and no rain so we were outside all evening enjoying the view over the lake. The club BBQ was well used and the sausages not too charred. It was great to meet and chat with some of our newer members. Just for fun there was a quiz on 'name the beach/beechness' from photos (with clues) which took us on a tour of sunny places around the world (and Weston Super Mare). Finally the prizes for 2020 were awarded - well done to all the winners.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening such fun, especially the junior members who managed the transfer of prizes from upstairs to outside once we realised that the weather would hold. :-)







# FOSSC Calendar of Events

## Work Parties

To help you get dates in your diaries, the work parties for this year will be:

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| October  | 2  | Work Party A-Co |
| October  | 30 | Work Party Cr-G |
| November | 13 | Work Party H-K  |

To find these on the club website, click on 'Events' on the menu at the top of the page, type 'work' into the search bar which appears, and click on 'find events.'