



Frampton on Severn
Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

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35 days until Christmas

Welcome to the November newsletter.

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Rear Commodore's comment

On Wednesday 17th November, FOSSC held its Annual General Meeting at the club and during that meeting, the committee membership recommendations for 2022 were approved. This means that as of now Tony Heming has taken over the role of FOSSC Commodore and I will be supporting him during the next twelve months as Rear Commodore.

This will therefore be my last monthly newsletter comment and Tony will take over this as of December.



The final work party for 2021 took place on Saturday 13th November and I was very impressed with the membership turn out. There were 25 of us and all of the scheduled tasks were completed by 14:00. These included:

- retrieving all of the straw sausages from around the edge of the lake, separating the plastic netting from the straw, returning any fish etc. safely into the water.
- Completion of hedge cutting around the boat park.
- Hammering posts into the ground so that the bows of the new Peco fleet could be lifted off the ground to aid rain drainage from the hulls.

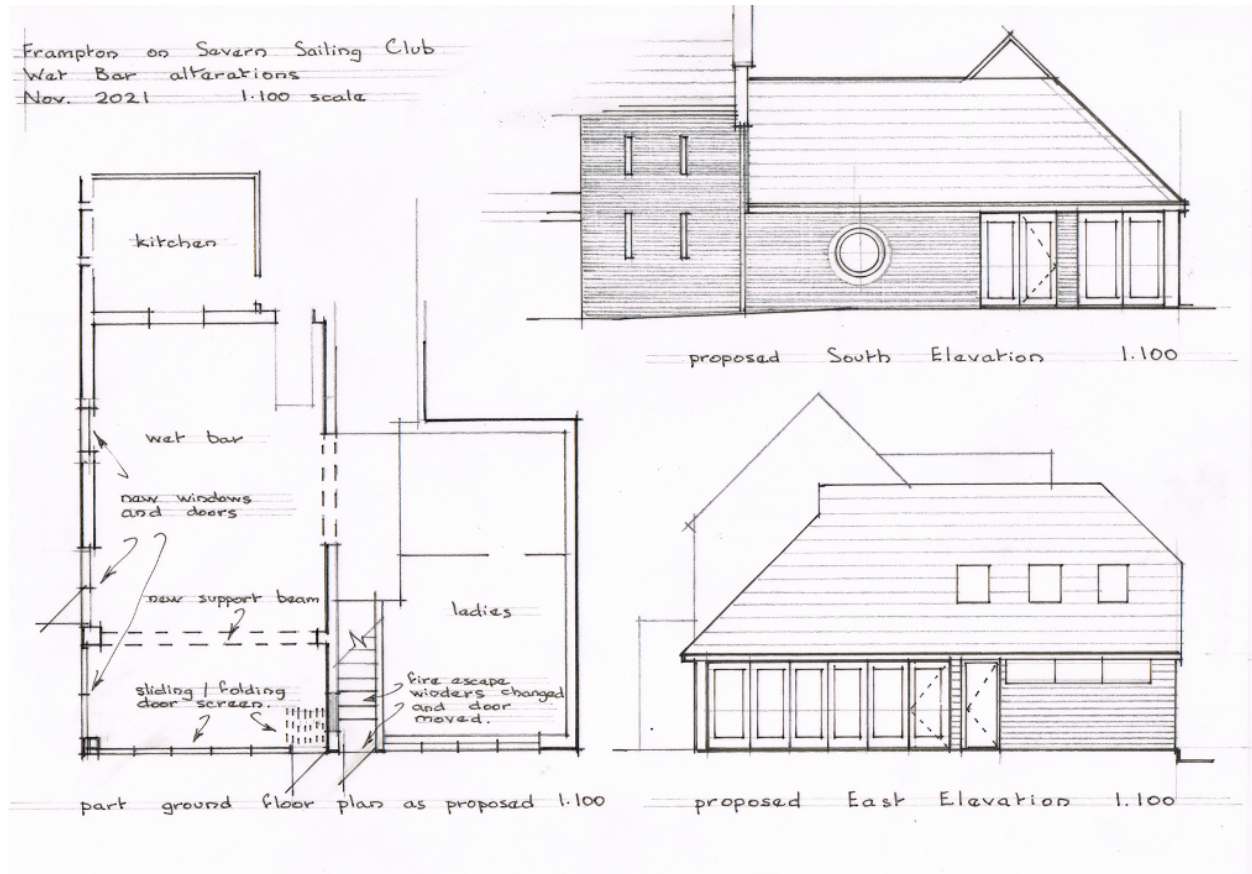
One new member, Bryn arrived with 2kg of bacon, butter and rolls which were then cooked and fed to the work party members. That was brilliant and much appreciated by all.

The weekly Thursday work parties are progressing well through a long list of Winter jobs. We meet every Thursday at around 09:30 between September and April and tackle all kinds of maintenance jobs so as to keep the club as “ship shape” as possible. If you would like to come and join us, please either contact me or simply just turn up! You will be made welcome.

One of the items raised by myself at the AGM was the wet bar area refurbishment. Earlier this year we have been canvassed members, primarily via the FOSSC survey, on what they would like to see happen with the wet bar area. It became obvious to myself at the AGM that whilst the majority of members were aware of our initial thoughts, there are some members who are currently not aware of the “journey to refurbish the wet bar area”.

On the next page, I have included the initial drawing that Ian Cook produced some four weeks ago. The drawing has already raised some conversation points amongst the sub-committee (Ian

Cook, Tony Heming, Tony Emery and myself). As the plan evolves we will ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to comment. The main communication channel will be the monthly newsletter as it is distributed to the full membership. There is currently no target date for when we will commence the project as once the plans are developed they will need to be costed and then approved at a special membership meeting.



During the Covid lockdown periods in 2020/21, we stopped the monthly Junior Club meetings. These have re-started, but I don't think that the message has disseminated out to our junior members.

The next one is scheduled for January. Tony Heming is wanting to refocus this monthly Junior Club activity as he feels that we are not offering enough to our junior members. He has told me that he will be working with some of the Dinghy instructors during the next few weeks and will tell you about his ideas as part of his monthly commentary in the December newsletter.

As this will be my last monthly commentary, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support that I have received from you during my past four years as your commodore. I will be continuing to run the weekly work parties and supporting both Tony and the rest of the FOSSC committee going forwards so I will still be around a lot !

David Coates.

Rear Commodore.

Sailing Matters!

It's still November, but behind the scenes we are getting ready for next season. The sailing schedule is coming together. It will keep the general format which works so well for us, but with a few tweaks here and there to hopefully make it more appealing across our membership.

Training: we hope to run the usual junior and adult training courses, and also Race Training. Look out for details early in the New Year when you will be able to book your place. Provisional dates are given overleaf. Note that there is no training on a bank holiday weekend.

Sailability will run on Saturday mornings throughout the season (rather than moving to Tuesday evenings around June). This means there will be Training and Sailability happening concurrently which will make the lake busy, but there should be plenty of room for everyone.

Racing: There has been a suggestion to start the icicle series (when there is only one race on a Sunday or Wednesday) at 1400 rather than 1300 to make it an 'afternoon' activity rather than encroaching into both the morning and afternoon. This seems sensible and the race should still finish before it gets dark! This will take effect from January.

We are looking at introducing some shorter races, e.g. two 20 minute back to back races rather than one 50-60 minute race for one or two series. Hopefully this will be more appealing to newer and junior members, while giving the more experienced racers something a bit different.

Regarding the **remainder of 2021 racing**, please note that the first race on Sundays starts at 1100. The second race is scheduled for 1230 so it will not start any earlier, but the OOD will use discretion as to exactly when it will start to allow racers (and safety crew) to come ashore have a drink etc, but not get too cold.

Overnight Sailing: The 24 hour event was great fun earlier this year. We will do something similar in 2022, exact format to be confirmed. It will likely take place overnight Friday 23 to Saturday 24 June.

Boat Maintenance: Would anyone be interested in a half day session at the club sometime in the new year when we can look at what sort of maintenance you should be thinking about for your boat? If you are interested, please let me know and if enough people are keen, we will make it happen. If you would be happy to impart your knowledge, again please let me know (it's not my area of expertise!).

Buying a Boat: This can be a bit daunting – what sort of boat should I buy, how expensive will it be, what pitfalls are there??? We hope to discuss these questions and more on the final day of Adult Training (23rd April), with the session being open to any member, not just those who have done the training.

Work Parties: The usual series of work parties will be scheduled, with participation allocated by surname. If you had a winter work party in 2021, you should get a warmer date this year and vice versa! The first work party will take place on January 22nd, allocated to names L-N, but of course if you cannot make your allocated work party, please join another one.

That's it for now!
Rhonwen James
Sailing Secretary

2021 End of Season Social & Prizegiving

This year we will have our **FOSSC End of Season Social Event** on Saturday 27 November at the Anchor Inn, Epney. If you would like to attend, please email me as soon as possible at rhonwenbryce@yahoo.co.uk with your name and how many tickets you would like. All members are welcome to attend.

You can choose from The Anchor's full menu and I'll ask for order confirmation a week beforehand, i.e. by 20 November. Pay on the night.

It will be a casual event, starting 7pm for 7.30pm

Anchor Inn website: <https://anchorinnepney.co.uk/>

Already booked?? *You should have received a confirmatory email from me – if not, please contact me again.*

Please check the online menu and send your food choices to me by 20 November.

2020 Prize-winners – *please return any perpetual trophies you have to the club by 20 November. Let Phil Kirk know it/they have been returned and where you left it/them (preferably the upstairs room where the results are done.)*

Were you at Junior Week 2011?

We have several half pint glass tankards (with handles) which are engraved with the FOSSC logo and 'Junior Week 2011.' They are only collecting dust which seems a shame. If you, or someone you know would like one, and this would be an excellent stocking filler for Christmas, please contact me and I'll arrange to get one to you. Even if you have no connection to Junior Week 2011, but would appreciate a FOSSC glass, we can make that happen!

Rhonwen
rhonwenbryce@yahoo.co.uk

Membership Renewal

Renewals were due on 1st November, could you please renew as soon as possible please

Details of how to renew your **membership** and **berths (standard and Oppi)** are shown below.

Please use the Renew route as below - Renew any current subscriptions from your existing list first before Clicking on "Buy a different subscription" and selecting any additional subscriptions.

- Google Webcollect fossc to get to FOSSC Webcollect Homepage
- **Click Renew** (Login using your email address and password - you can reset your password if you have forgotten it)
 - For **Family members it's the main/admin member** who needs to complete the renewal process for the family
 - You will see a list of your current subscriptions. EITHER **Renew All or Select individual items** from the list and then **Buy a different Subscription** to add a new one.
- Go to **My Basket** and if you are happy **Checkout**.
- Review your list of family members and Add New Members if appropriate. **Proceed to Family Details and Checkout**
- Look at Contact details for each family member(PLEASE ADD DATES OF BIRTH PARTICULARLY FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS FOR SAFEGUARDING PURPOSES) If you have Family membership please ensure ALL family members are listed. - **Save or Edit** and **Proceed to Checkout**
- **Membership forms must be completed for each family member** - required for the club to be compliant with **GDPR** requirements.
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Any queries should be directed to fosscmembership@gmail.com. # **Please contact Alex.haskins@me.com** if you are reducing the number of berths you are renewing to identify the berth locations (berth number) that you wish to keep.

Kind regards

Lorraine Lee (FOSSC Membership Secretary)

Provisional 2022 Sail Training Plan

			Adult Level 2	Adult Level 3	Junior Level 2	Junior Level 3	Junior Level 4	Start Racing
March	17	Sat	4 days Toppers/Picos plus 1 extra for double handed sailing	5 days double handers				
March	26	Sat						
April	2	Sat						
April	9	Sat						
Easter weekend								
April	23	Sat			5 days - Toppers/Picos			
May Day Bank Holiday								
May	7	Sat					4 days - Fevas	
May	14	Sat						
May	21	Sat						
May	28	Sat						
Jubilee Bank Holiday								
June	11	Sat				5 days - Toppers/Picos		
June	18	Sat						
June	25	Sat						
July	2	Sat						
July	9	Sat						
July	16	Sat						
July	23	Sat						

Optimist Training: On 7 Sundays, from May22nd to July 10th inclusive (but not June 5th which is the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend)

Senior Instructor Training Days

This year FoSSC is hosting the RYA run Senior Instructor Training Days, running from 09-30 to 17-00 hrs each day. These will take place over two week-ends, starting on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November, and the following weekend, 20th & 21st November. The theory sessions will generally be held upstairs in the clubroom, and they could be using a variety of club boats on the water.

Bruce Richardson

Club Buoyancy Aids & Life Jackets

These items are for the use of participants involved in Sailability and Training Courses within the Club.

As part of the RYA requirements, we are obliged to carry out an annual stocktake and inspection of these items. On the recent check of these items, it has been found that a number of these jackets are missing. If by chance, you have taken one of them home, could I please ask that you return them to the club asap, and inform the Commodore of your actions. Many thanks.

Bruce Richardson

South Cerney Sailing Club Cadet Open 2nd – 4th August 2021

I have recently started sailing Cadets with Charles Barrett at South Cerney Sailing Club. A Cadet is a small sailing dinghy designed in 1947 to be sailed by children up to 17 years old. It has a symmetrical spinnaker.

There were two fleets at the meeting, a Main and Regatta fleet, Charles and I sailed with 7 other boats in the Regatta fleet.



The event was troubled by light winds. Following a postponement race one got underway shortly after midday. We had an average start and a nice breeze got us up the first beat then I managed to gybe the spinnaker for the first time and we won the race convincingly.

We were sent ashore for lunch after five minutes of paddling around due to having no wind what so ever.

After a heavy shower and an hour postponement the wind picked up again and race two was underway. We started mid-line and tacked off ahead of most boats, we charged on to mark one with nice clear air and rounded it in fourth. We drifted ahead of a few boats and finished in second. In the last race of the day our course was a triangle sausage this meant it went on for the longest time due also to a lack of wind. We finished this race in third.

Day two dawned, we were sent out and did no more than 30 minutes of floating around before we were sent back in. We went paddle boarding instead until lunchtime. Paddle boarding was really fun, we fell in loads.

Eventually two races were held, in the extraordinarily light winds. We won the first race by a comfortable margin and were second in the next race. By now it was getting quite late and time to go home. This was the end of the Open Meeting for me due to going on holiday but it was actually the end of the competition for everyone because there was not enough wind on day three to even go out on the water!

Charles and I won second overall in the Regatta fleet.

By Alexander Kirk



WISH YOU A



The Not A ZOOM Quiz Wed 8th Dec

The cost for the evening is only £2 per team members

This is a fun evening for all club members. Start 7.30pm

This is to get you into the Christmas Spirit ready for the holiday.

Teams can be made up from your fellow class sailors, from family or just a group of friends. All are welcome.

Teams should consist of a maximum of 4 team members. If you cannot form a team, enter anyway and we can adjust the teams on the night.

The Bar will be open for Drinks and Crisps, but you can bring your own nibbles!

Please let me know the name of the TEAM and the contact, plus how many will be attending.

Send to ken.elsey@gmail.com or phone 01452 412467