






FOSSC AGM 2021 – Sailing Secretary Report

After last year's very restricted sailing activities, it has been great to be back on the water this year, with a 'close to normal' sailing programme.   Training and Sailability reports are provided elsewhere, and similarly for management of the weed which undoubtedly affected our enjoyment in the middle of the year.

Besides all the normal sailing activities which took place this year, the focus for the Sailing Committee in 2021 has been on helping adults and juniors who want to take a step into or improve their racing. This was done on several fronts including three junior series, ProAm series, Gold/Silver series, and 'New to Racing' articles in the newsletter. We hope to continue most of these into 2022, and may also run a few Racing Training sessions if the demand is there. Great to see some of our junior members participating in club racing recently.

On the racing front, congratulations to our new Club Champion Mike Crowley who wins this accolade for the first time.  Unusually, he was confirmed as champion while he was doing OOD duty!

Social Sailing on a Friday evening was very popular once again and a super way to start the weekend. This only happens due to the dedication of a few established members who ensure safety cover is provided and provide all sorts of advice on sailing matters.

Thankyou to everyone who undertook OOD, AOD and Safety Boat duties during the year – we can't race without you; and to those who manned the Galley and Bar, it is just so lovely to come off the water and know that refreshments are not far away!   Big thanks also to the members who work behind the scenes doing a multitude of things to keep our sailing safe and fun – maintaining the safety and committee boats, buying fuel, keeping the pursuit board operating, holding the radio licence, making flags, managing the results..... These may all seem to be quite simple and easy, but they're never quite as straightforward as we'd like to imagine!

If anyone would like to take a more active role in the club, the Sailing Committee is a great place to start. We have 3-4 meetings per year and cover all aspects of sailing at FOSSC. It is important for us to have views from a cross-section of the membership so if you think you have something you can add, please give me a call.

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FOSSC Sailing Secretary