



Frampton on Severn
Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

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The September newsletter.

Welcome to the September newsletter.

Please send any articles for the August edition to support@foss.org.uk by 16th October.

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Commodore's comment

During the past few weeks, the detached floating weed on the lake has started to cause problems with sailing activities. Whilst in previous years, small work parties have managed to keep the lake clear, the volume of floating weed has meant that sailing activities have been negatively impacted. The decision was made to bring Aquaclear back on-site for a day to use their specialist machine for moving as much weed as possible onto the banks so as to improve the sailing experience. This activity took place on



Thursday 16th, but will need to be followed up by a work party to remove it from the banks to the two storage locations that we have. The scheduled work party for Saturday 2nd October has been advanced a week to Saturday 25th September to address this (a note has already been sent out to the membership informing everyone of this change).

During the Winter months, I run a work party every Thursday between 09:30 and 16:00. The primary objective is to carry out the annual maintenance activities of the club along with any special projects which have been agreed by the committee. These work parties have a regular following and tend to be a mixture of both work and social and many members have gained practical knowledge from them over the years. Attendance is voluntary and at the beginning of each week, I send out an email to potential attendees of what the plans for the Thursday are.

If you are retired and might be interested in joining us, please let me know (coates_david@hotmail.com) and I will add your name to the email address list.

With the current easing of Covid restrictions, the club is looking to re-starting some of activities which couldn't occur during the previous 18 months.

As of Saturday 25th September, the monthly Junior club meeting will re-start. This takes place between 12:30 and 16:00 on the Saturday. The event is organised and run by the juniors and therefore parents retain responsibility. The club will ensure that a safety boat is manned on the lake during water activities. If the take up is reasonable during the remainder of 2021, then we will be looking to expand the offering to this club group from early next year.

Within the club there are a number of qualified Day Skippers, most of whom have undertaken the theory side of the qualification via evening classes, run by the club during the Winter months. Due to Covid, it wasn't possible to run the theory course last Winter but if there is

enough demand this Winter, then the club will make every attempt to organise an RYA approved Day Skipper theory course between November and March. If you are interested in joining the course, please let me know ASAP (coates_david@hotmail.com).

David Coates.

Commodore.

Sailing Matters!

Sailability sessions are continuing, sometimes with sailing boats, sometimes with wheely, committee and safety boats. Whichever we choose, we still have great fun. Don't forget to book your **BBQ** tickets for **9 October** – see email from Dave Greenfield, or if you haven't seen it get in touch with him. Hopefully, as I write this, the Sailability session is starting with the Access dinghies as the weed clearing professionals were in/on the lake on Thursday.

Racing has been somewhat interesting with the weed. Big thanks to all the racers who clubbed together over the August bank holiday weekend and removed a massive amount of weed. However, when removing weed, the lake is much bigger than it looks! On the next race day Alistair Hunter set a fabulously small race course with one short beat and 4 even shorter downwind legs to fit the course into the area which had been cleared. Although we don't want to race on small courses all the time it was great fun and really tested tactics and rule knowledge.

The **'Gold/Silver'** series has just finished with Pete Dalton winning the Gold fleet and Malcolm Payton winning the Silver fleet – well done to both. Pete also won the Sunday Summer Handicap series and Sir Peter Scott Trophy, with Alastair taking honours in the Personal Pursuit (I'll need a super-computer to calculate his handicap for next season). The **Club Championship** is being led by Mike Crowley, with Pete Dalton in second place. There are two championship days left in the calendar and by my quick reckoning, it might go down to the very last race.

Just a reminder that we have scheduled another **junior series** this year, with a slight tweak to the Racing Programme. **On September 16 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.

The **2021 End of Season Social Event and Prizegiving** will be held on the evening of **Saturday 27 November**. Put the date in your diary now – details tbc.

Rhonwen James
Sailing Secretary

FOSSC Calendar of Events

Work Parties

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

September	25	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.'