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Work Party - Sat 8th July - Ho to Ja

OPTIMIST OPEN - Sat 8th & Sun 9th July

Training on the Sat & Sun the Open (see inside)

Junior Week - Mon 24th - Fri 28th July

FOSSC Members Day & Barn Dance

- Sat 29th July (see back page)

Bank Holiday Camping & Sailing weekend

Friday 25th to Monday 28th August

Frampton Show: Free sailing + Camping weekend

Sat 9th and Sun 10th September

Work Party - Sat 9th Sept - Jo to K

Barts's Bash - Sat 16th September

Taster Day - Sat 23rd September

Solo Open - Sunday 24th September

Commodore's contribution June 2017

Greetings to all members and hope your sailing is going well in 2017 so far?

My piece will concentrate on one item alone - Clubhouse Refurbishment and Improvements. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 21st June as I was at a sailing event in Cornwall. The meeting was called specifically to approve expenditure to complete the conversion work to change the Old Boat Store and nearby store rooms into an Accessible Changing Facility and a new Ladies Changing area. This work has been referred to in general terms in my previous contributions to Newsletters.

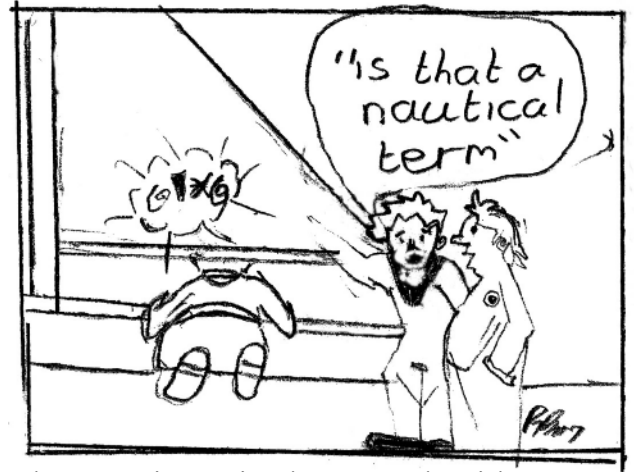


My feedback from the meeting was that there was some disquiet expressed regarding the committee having authorised the start of this work without holding a general meeting first. The committee can commit expenditure up to a certain amount which they did in order to make progress with the work and use the good will of club members willing to give up their time to start the conversion of the old boat store. The club questionnaire concluded that this work was the top priority for the club so the committee were seeking to achieve the members requirements as soon as it could practically be done. The work is being carried out superbly by a small band of unpaid volunteers led with great enthusiasm by John Jordan. John is a retired builder and I am a retired Architect and all Building Regulation Requirements are being met as determined by Stroud District Council. We owe a great debt of gratitude to John in particular but also to all his volunteer helpers who are making it possible to realise this work for a relatively small sum of money. Otherwise the work could not be undertaken until the current climate for grants and/or loans improves significantly.

Another criticism at the meeting was that not enough detailed information was available for members and in particular no detailed cost breakdown was presented. For those members who are not already aware, in the last few years we have spend a great deal of money on professional fees getting to a position where the club obtained planning permission for the new Boat Shed and major alterations to the clubhouse including a two storey development at the lake end of the barn. These proposals were professionally costed and the total sum was well over a million pounds which is obviously much more than the club can afford. Since then great efforts have been put in to achieving the boat house at much less than the cost estimates - again mainly due to John Jordan and his team doing all the fitting out work as unpaid volunteers. The same volunteers are continuing with the clubhouse refurbishment within the financial limits set by the committee and monitored at each 6 weekly committee meeting. The extended budget put to and approved by the SGM is still only £30,000 with a built in contingency so would it really make a lot of sense to commission and pay perhaps a four figure sum for another detailed estimate for such a relatively small amount.

HEADHITTERS NOTES

After a period of light winds, we now have strong winds coinciding with start of Junior Sail Training. They will be doing very well if they can survive those conditions and still come smiling.



FISHING

Fishing restart on Friday 16th Junior. We share the lake with angling club and we do our utmost to respect their activity. It is important that we stay

Away from the bank areas where they are fishing. We have a club rule that you should give fishermen a minimum clearance of 20 metres. If you are racing you can call water for a fisherman. It just doesn't apply to only racing, it applies to Sail Training, members and juniors out for a sail during the week, members using canoes and wind surfers. **All** craft on the water should keep clear of the fishermen, particularly as they are usually well camouflaged in the bushes.

SHUTTING THE GATE

As we are now in the Summer Period, unwelcome visitors come to the club hoping to swim and mess about. We are reminded that no swimming is allowed in the lake and that includes members. If we have anyone not a member set up to sunbathe or swim, we should politely

to leave the premises as it private property. We have already had one boat damaged by 5 youth who were down at the club during a non-regular sailing night. It is important that you keep all your boats safely tied and locked down. If they still refuse to leave, you can call the police. The number is inside the club house lobby. When you are at the club, it is important to shut the gate behind you to stop unwanted cars entering the club grounds.

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Nick Hartshorn is raising money for the James Hopkins Trust by training for and sailing the Fasnet Race. Help him me his target on

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Nick-Hartshorn1>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your items, reports, photos, ads, etc for the Newsletter to: Ken Elsey, ken@elseyk.freeserve.co.uk or send to 2, Park Brake, Highnam, Gloucester, GL2 8EJ. Please send any documents in Word or .rtf formats. **Do not include your photos or pictures with the Text, but send them separately as .jpg or similar formats.** This will reduce the time I have to spend compiling the Newsletter.

Once phase 1 of this work is complete a report will be made to the AGM in November together with our estimate for the next phase which will be the Mens Changing accommodation.

In summary, I am sorry that some members were not happy at the meeting. The Committee and I particularly will seek to do better in future. However, it would help tremendously, if some of the criticism (especially that of Committee members who are informed anyway) could be channelled in a more positive way to assist the tremendous efforts going on to progress this work.

This is also a timely reminder that I am standing down as Commodore at the AGM in November after agreeing to do an extra year over the normal three year term. During my term I have had five Vice Commodore's but the club is now in a position where no-one is willing to take over from me. This was exactly the same situation which existed when I reluctantly took over from David Greenfield after his 5 year extended stint. I am proud of what has been achieved over my term as Commodore but cannot help assuming that all the criticism at each step of the way is a significant factor in there being a distinct lack of people willing to help lead the club into the exciting future which I am sure it should certainly have.

Ian Cook June 2017



A few exciting photos from Sunday 11th June force 5 to 6, gusting 7!

Cruising in Croatia

Last year the U3A group based at Thornbury Sailing Club organised chartering boats from Sunsail at Split to sail around the Dalmatian Islands. This year we were based at Dubrovnik to sail around the Elaphite Islands and the Peljesac Peninsular. Most of the crew were the U3A group at Thornbury with Malcolm Payton and myself representing Frampton. We hired 2 Sunsail 47 foot yachts built by Jeanneau for 2 crews of 5. I was on Rozaria with Malcolm with Keith Brankin as Skipper. Sarah Brankin was skipper of Marisa.



The Sunsail base was up a long inlet in an ACI marina at a place called Komolac, about 30 minutes from Dubrovnik Airport. Arriving late on the Sunday we had to wait until the Monday morning to do our large shop. As well as the food for breakfasts, lunches and enough for an evening meal, we

had large quantities of water, beer and local wine from the Peljesac Peninsular. We made it rule not to start drinking

alcohol until we were safely moored for the night. We motored up to the mouth of the inlet under an impressive bridge.



Once out in the open sea we were able to set sail with a little breeze towards the island of Mljet and the small village of Okuklje. We moored outside of the restaurant Baro and by using their free mooring you are obliged to use their restaurant. The food was

very good, witnessed by my plate of fresh seafood.

On the Tuesday we had a good force 3-4 as we headed west between Mljet and the mainland of the Peljesac Peninsular towards the island of Korcula. The wind dropped as we approached the island so we had to motor the last few miles through several small islands to the village of Lumbarda. It was at this stage that Malcolm gained the reputation that whenever he was on the helm, the wind dropped. Lumbarda was a small fishing village with an ACI marina where we moored for the night. All the ACI Marinas were built when the standard size of yacht was about 36



feet, which makes mooring more difficult with a 47 footer. The use of a bow thruster made it much easier.



On Wednesday we left Lumbarda out through the small islands to sail back to the island of Mljet, but this time to Polace which is in the Nacionalni Park Mljet. It was a lovely evening



so some of use decided to walk across the hills to a salt water lake with an island monastery. Polace is sheltered by 4 islands, which meant that it was good base for the Romans to set



up a fort right by the waters edge. The folk of Polace had to modify the Roman Fort so that



local traffic could pass through. It was part of the entertainment to see the larger lorries trying to get through.



On Thursday we sailed from Polace in an easterly direction. With the wind behind us we even managed to goose wing on our way to Ston. Ston is small, but well fortified town at the head of a long shallow arm called the Stonski Kanal. At the entrance to the really shallow bit, they were still doing some dredging. The minimum charted depth was only just below our keel as we edged up the

narrow channel to Ston using both depth gauge and our position on the Satnav. Both boats made it to the end only to find there was no room on the quay, no mooring buoys or



a good anchorage. So we turned back the way we came to go to the small village of Kobas.



At Kobas,, we moored stern on at the restaurant owned by Nico. The only job that Nico had to do was to hold up the tail of the

mooring line so that it could be gathered using a boat hook, lifted out of the water where the heavier line is attached to the bow. Unfortunately, Nico appeared to be in a different world and walked the line across the stern of Marisa as they were reversing, so it went around the prop. They cut the engine immediately, but the line still wrapped around the prop. As it was Nico's fault, we wanted him to untangle the rope. He said that it would be done before we left in the morning. After several phone calls to Sunsail



when nothing happened in the morning, Nico's partner put on his wet suit, some goggles and a kitchen knife, dived under to free the line. Luckily there was no damage.

We had a strange meal at his restaurant that evening as Nico again appeared to be under some other influence? We were served bread that had been cooked under the bell?



Eventually when the meal arrived it was very good. Afterwards we had a sing song with some locals and visitors from Austria.

On the Friday after the prop was freed, we set sail to visit the a bay on the



end of Mljet called Luka Saplnara. We initially had some wind to take us out from Kobas into the main channel, but as soon as Malcolm took the helm, the

wind dropped. We motor sailed to the bay and then back through a narrow channel through to Sipan on Otok Sipan. We had a mooring on the town quay right by the supermarket and the restaurant. The fishing boats were equipped with large pressurised paraffin lamps at the bow to attract the fish at night. One of the great views around the islands were the beautiful sunsets.



Saturday saw our last days sail back to Komolac. The wind was force 4 to 5 SE which meant a good reefed beat back up the channel between the mainland and the islands. We anchored off Uvala

Lopud for lunch before the final sail back. Malcolm initially was on the helm in the strong wind so redemption was found. This was the best sail of the week. The mouth of the channel near Dubrovnik was rather crowded with ferries going everywhere and the P & O cruise liner Oceana moored on the quay with her nose tucked under the road bridge. After topping up with diesel we made our way to our mooring. We had completed our weeks sail. We decided to visit Dubrovnik for the evening. We took a minibus in at the same cost as the bus.





Moored in the bay off of the old walls was a unique vessel called Wind Surf. It is a small cruise liner fitted with sails, though I wouldn't like to tack it up around our green mark.



After wandering around in different groups we all met up for our last meal together



finding a nice restaurant down one of the narrow lanes sitting outside under an awning. We

were just about to contemplate having dessert after the main course when the heavens opened. We rushed inside the crowded restaurant to wait for the



downpour to subside, consoling ourselves with a shot of grappa. Inside was the most amazing coffee machine. When there were only a few drops of rain remaining we made our way outside of the city walls to the bus depot to catch the bus back to the marina. We couldn't leave any drink left so enjoyed the rest of the evening. Next morning apart from clattering halliards on



neighbouring boats we were awoken by the swallows nesting the



concrete marina jetties and taking advantage of the Genoa sheets. This was a great week with good company! The U3A group are planning a trip to Sardinia this autumn.

As I mentioned in my article on Cruising in Croatia, Sarah Brankin has organised a trip to Sardinia this autumn. I have been with this group on 3 trips 2 to Croatia and 1 to Greece. It is a good sailing week away and unfortunately I cannot go on this trip. If you are interested, please contact Sarah.

I have booked two comfortable 44' boats for a week's holiday charter from Cannigione in Sardinia and have 8 people going so far, mixed ages, 5 male and 3 female. We need another two to four people to make up the numbers. There are four cabins on each boat plus the saloon. No experience necessary, just a love of sailing, but skilled people also welcome and appreciated. We fly from Bristol on Saturday 30th September. Charter cost £355 per person if we have 6 to a boat, £425 per person if we only have 5. Flight cost £125 return at the moment, including hold bag. Please contact me soon if interested as the final balance is due soon.

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CHANGES IN COMMUNICATIONS

Currently we are the only club in the area who regularly post out Newsletters. In addition the cost of sending out the Newsletter and Yearbook each year costs in the region of £2,500. This doesn't even take into account the time spent compiling the Newsletter and Yearbook, the packing and stamping of the envelopes etc. At the last Main Committee Meeting it was agreed that we would stop sending out the Newsletter and the Yearbook. This has the scope of up to £2,500 a year being used for new boats or Club refurbishment etc.

The Newsletters and Yearbooks will still be available online on the Club Website at www.fossc.org.uk. **To take full benefit you will need to be on the secure side of the website. Just send your email address to the Webmaster with a request a for a username and password.** For those who do not have an access to emails or the Internet, hard copies of the Newsletters and Yearbook will be available in the Clubhouse. There are many other benefits to being on the secure side of the website. You can check your own personal profile. Look at the duties you have been allocated and use the website to look for duty swaps if you cannot make your set date.

WANTED (Alive)

As many of you might know, after many years I am giving up being the Newsletter Editor (and Yearbook). The roles can easily be split. I am willing to help any member who fancies having do the job to set up. I have enjoyed the work over the years, but now feel that it needs bringing up to date. If you want to have a chat about the job, see me at the Sailing Club or contact me on 01452 412467 or ken.elsey@gmail.com. You don't have to have a beard or wear a hat!





FRAMPTON ON SEVERN SC OPTIMIST OPEN

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July 2017



We are holding this year's Optimist Open over two days; Saturday for Training and Sunday is the Open event.

There will be a Regatta and Main Fleet.

- Saturday training with Karen Thomas - £ 20
- Sunday Open, registration from 9am - £ 15
- Free camping available
- Lunch, cake and beverages available during event / Bar open after the event
- Application form available from www.fossc.org.uk
- Book now to secure your place by emailing Kate on hartshornkatie@yahoo.co.uk
- NoR & SIs on www.fossc.org.uk

Booking forms available on
www.fossc.org.uk

Please email Kate to confirm
you're coming and on which
days

Bring booking form and
payment with you on the day.

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OnBoard Events 2017

If you can help with sailing or power boat please let David or Geoff us know

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| Mon 19th June | Frampton Brownies | 6 - 7.30 pm | David Greenfield |
| Tues 4th July | Open Door | 6.30 - 8.30 | Geoff Coxe |
| Thurs 6th July | Randwick Cubs | 6 - 7.30 pm | Matt Pacini / Geoff Coxe |
| Mon 10th July | Frampton Cubs | 6 - 7.30 pm | David Greenfield |
| Mon 17th July | Thornbury Scouts | 7 - 8.00 pm | Tony Heming / David Greenfield |
| Thurs 3rd Aug | Hungarian Youth Exc. | 6.30 - 7.30 pm | Ian Cook |
| Thurs 7th Sept | Wickwar Scouts | 7 - 8.00 pm | David Coates / David Greenfield |
| Sat 9th Sept | Youngs Carers | 1.30 - 3.30 pm | David Greenfield |

Big Boat Sailing and Cruising

Nick Hartshorn following doing his Day Skipper Theory and his Day Skipper Practical has been in training since January to crew in the Fastnet Race. The information about his challenge can be found under the following link. Nick is collecting money for the James Hopkins Trust which provides nursing respite care for Gloucestershire's life limited and life threatened young children. He is hoping to raise enough to run the centre for one day. Please follow Nick on his blog and contribute to this good cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Nick-Hartshorn1>

The new FOSSC Cruising Group has been set up on Google Groups. If you want to join, just send me an email to ken.elsey@gmail.com The group has been set up to keep club members in touch with what is going on with Club Cruising. It is hoped that weekend charter sails can be arranged so everyone can have a go at big boat sailing for others to gain more experience to go for more demanding RYA certificates. We have a wide range of members who have already joined the group. Good Sailing. Ken Elsey ken.elsey@gmail.com

Social Secretary's Report

Whitsun weekend saw a good number of campers descend on the sailing club. There was a great turnout for social sailing on Friday evening and we enjoyed lovely weather. The rest of the weekend saw very mixed weather with lots of wind Saturday and heavy rain for putting the tents away on Monday! Unfortunately the quiz had to be cancelled on the Saturday evening due to not enough support. Despite this we all enjoyed a good weekend. I was even tempted on to the water and sailed a dinghy independently for the first time!! Friday social sailing continues throughout the summer and the next camping weekend is August Bank Holiday.

Stacey Beck staceybeck@gmail.com

Fossc Sealed bid auction procedure

*All items to be on a “sold as seen” basis
& no correspondence entered into.*

*All bids to be sent direct to the Hon. Secr. complete with a cheque payable to
“FOSSC” for the bid sum*

*Bids where members wish to retain a boat on site must be
accompanied by an additional berth fee &
moved within the time frame below to the slot allocated.*

*All items otherwise to be removed from site by the successful bidder
within 10 days of notification.*

Auction items assembled in Row M1 – 5 for inspection.

*Photographs & brief descriptions to be uploaded to the FOSSC website/Facebook
& possible newsletter*

Notification of the auction to be circulated either by newsletter or email.

Expiry date for receipt of bids – Thursday 29th June 2017

*All submitted bids to identify on the outside which item is being bid for
eg. Sealed Auction Bid Lot1 etc.(or SAB lot1)*

Separate envelopes must be submitted if more than one item is bid for.

Successful bids to be declared at the next Committee meeting following expiry date.

*Cheques for unsuccessful bids will be destroyed unless a specific request is
made not to do so .*

CLAIMS

*Any CLAIM made on these items by a “previous owner” to be accompanied by a
cheque (payable to FOSSC) for 1 years berthing fees + late payment penalty ie
£105.00*

Any CLAIM to be received by the auction expiry date

All CLAIMS to be sent directly to the FOSSC Hon. Secr.

Any successful claimant to remove the item from site within 10 days

FOSSC SEALED BID AUCTION LOTS

**1. Yellow Topper Sail No. 13422
incl mast & launch trolley.**

(SAM 4660)



2. Road trailer.

(SAM 4661)

**3.Red Optimist Serial
No. 31105**

(SAM 4662)



4. Laser 2 & road trailer

(SAM 4663)

**5. Lark - broken mast -
sails available from
original owner. New
cover & launch trolley**

(SAM 4664)





SAM 4665

**6. Mirror Sail No. 64438.
Mast etc & launch trolley
(SAM 4665)**



SAM 4747

**7. Snipe Road trailer
(SAM 4746 / 4747)**



SAM 4746

**8. Launch trolley
(SAM 4748)**



SAM 4748



FOSSC Members Day & Barn Dance

Saturday 29th July 2017 11am – 11pm

A chance for members to enjoy everything the club has to offer

- Food available to purchase from the BBQ
 - Bar / Galley
 - Cake Sale
- Club boats available to use subject to experience and weather conditions
 - Help and advice - powerboat refreshers, website information

The day will conclude with a **BARN DANCE** from 6:30pm

Tickets are £5 per person

Please email staceyjbeck@gmail.com to book your place and send a cheque made payable to FOSSC to Stacey Beck, Gardeners Cottage, School Lane, Whitminster GL2 7NT

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PLACE BY 30TH JUNE
IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INTEREST THE EVENT
WILL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED

