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Solent Sunbeam Class Newsletter March 2019



Writing this newsletter I find it hard to believe that the 2019 racing season starts in 3 weeks' time! Don't forget that in 2018 the second half of April provided unseasonably warm weather and those Sunbeamers who had launched made the most of it!

A lot has been happening over the winter so please read on!

Winter Cocktail Party

Over 80 Sunbeamers enjoyed Tim & Tiffins' hospitality at our annual party. Thank you Tim & Tiffin! It was great to see our newest owners, Simon & Jemma Perkins (V47 Kitty) and Simon & Harriet Patterson (V70 Minty) being welcomed by the old hands! I am told that we managed to drink a record amount of champagne!

Visit to North Sails

A number of Sunbeamers made the trip to Fareham, along with other Itchenor keelboat sailors, to visit Europe's largest sail loft at North Sails.

Sunbeams in the news...

Simon, our Publicity Officer, has been busy over the winter.

Read "Solent Sunbeams featured in the Chichester Harbour News and Guide"

<https://solentsunbeam.co.uk/solent-sunbeams-featured-in-the-chichester-harbour-news-and-guide>

Read "Profile: Haines Boatyard"

<https://solentsunbeam.co.uk/profile-haines-boatyard>

Dates for your diary

17 March - ISC 'Ready to race' day - come along to this useful day where you can blow those cobwebs away and try and remember all those useful things you learnt racing last year but have now forgotten. Includes a talk from John Tremlett on harbour tactics!

23 March - Trip to Ramster Garden, Chiddingfold - Our very own Sunbeamer Malcolm Glaister is opening his garden to the public this year. If you are interested in joining the Sunbeam trip to visit Ramster on 23 March, please email our Social Secretary Tamsin Saunders.

24 March - Solent Sunbeam Spring Meeting - 1400 at Itchenor SC

The Agenda and related documents are on the Members Area of the website, along with proxy voting forms if you can't make the meeting.

You will see there are some rule changes in the offing:

- A proposal to trial a carbon-fibre mast.
- Martin Evans has also been working hard over the winter, when not restoring his Sunbeam! He has now re-written the Class Rules.

Please do attend on the 24th to hear the latest!

Cowes Week/Cowes Classic Week

We are at the time of year when we need to seriously plan ahead for these weeks, including your mooring needs at Cowes. I will therefore shortly be sending those owners who haven't yet decided a reminder e-mail asking whether they you have made your mind which of these regattas you will be competing in.

Falmouth Sunbeam 95th Anniversary

The Falmouth Sunbeams celebrate their 95th Anniversary this year and are holding a special regatta in September to which all Sunbeamers are invited. ALL Sunbeams, whether traditional wooden, epoxied or GRP are invited to join the fun. Roger Graffy (Commodore, Falmouth Sunbeams) at Mylor Yacht Harbour is offering generous launch/accommodation discount plus free mooring.

A number of Sunbeams have already committed to this event. Please let me know if you are also thinking of joining the fun or wish to work out how to get your Sunbeam to Cornwall!



Roger writes:

The Falmouth Sunbeam Association is pleased to be able to invite all the Itchenor Sunbeam fleet to the 95th Anniversary Championships in September 2019, hosted by St.Mawes Sailing Club. It is proposed to hold the Team Racing prior to the Championships (3 boats from each class).

The proposed timetable is as follows:

Tuesday 3rd September.

1400 - Falmouth Harbour Race

1800 - Flushing Sailing Club points series -All boats invited

2000 - Sailing supper -FSC

Wednesday 4th

1200 -Team Racing (three short races, organised by FSC)

1800 - Commodores Drinks Party venue TBC.

Thursday 5th

Two Championship Races

1800 -Prize giving and tea at StMSC.

Friday 6th

Two Championship Races

1800 - Prize giving and Sailing Supper RCYC.

Saturday 7th

Two Championship Races

1700 - Prize giving and sailing tea at FSC

Sunday 8th

Two Championship Races

1700 - Prize giving at StMSC.

1900 - Championship dinner RCYC.

We aim to keep costs to a minimum, so entry will be £60 (Including Commodores Drinks party and StMSC tea) Championship dinner £30. The competitors will be expected to pay for sailing suppers at FSC and RCYC, typically less than £10. We will arrange water transport for those staying at Mylor and between St Mawes and Falmouth. It would be most helpful to have an early indication of numbers and the attached outline proposal from Mylor can be more flexible to fit in with people's travel arrangements.

And finally, two important messages:

If you want to keep receiving these newsletters, please don't forget to pay your associate membership. It's only £10 a year!

GDPR

Further to my recent e-mail regarding this important issue please can you respond if you have not already done so. In order to ensure that we can lawfully publish your contact details, we need your formal consent. If you do nothing, you may miss out on that important invitation!

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