



Commodores Update November 2022

Sadly, I have to tell you that Pat Graham wife of our Honorary Member Keith Graham has passed away. Pat was the Mayor of Exmouth on two occasions and upon retiring from the council was made an Honorary Alderwoman. She also received a BEM in recognition of her work with Exmouth in Bloom. Our thoughts are with Keith and his family.

Well behaved dogs are always welcome in the Club and I'm disappointed that I must remind members that their dogs must not roam freely around the club premises. We had an incident recently where a dog was even allowed to jump up on to a table - I'm sorry but this is not acceptable. Please act responsibly when you bring your pet into the club.

As you will see in Kerry's report Gala Night Tickets are selling out fast, so don't be disappointed Book your place today.

Don't forget Thursday 10th November we will be welcoming the Teignmouth RNLI Shop to the club. As usual you will be able to get all your Christmas Cards and stocking fillers and we will be Raffling a Life Jacket to help raise funds for the Exmouth Lifeboat as well.

Kevin Rouse has also come up with a novel way we can help raise money for our lifeboat fund:

For the past few years, the RNLI collection boxes at the club have really suffered, as very few people are using cash these days. So this got me thinking.....like me how many members have jars of coins at home and would they be prepared to donate these to this worthy cause? Bring along your bag of small change to the club on Thursday 10th Nov, these will be weighed on the club's fishing scales and the person donating the heaviest bag of coins will receive a drink on me! Start putting together all your coppers and let's see how much this'll raise for our local Exmouth RNLI Station!!! Thank you - Kevin

TITANIC
The World's Largest Liner
WHITE STAR LINE
GALA DINNER
Saturday
19th November
Booking Essential
Black Tie or Lounge Suit

We all know the tragic tale of the ship but did something wicked happen before the ship even set sail?
Can you solve the Murder Mystery



RNLI Christmas Shop

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER



PLEASE NOTE - NO SATURDAY COOKING ON 5TH NOVEMBER



Waterside Team

The end of the year is upon us again and already we are planning for the year to come.

The club will be making a significant change to how we process membership applications, renewals and storage facilities in the coming months as a result of a need to update our club database. Last year we made a move to payment online with STRIPE – this will not change however with our new database you will log into a member's area where you will be able to see and update your personal information such as email, address and contact details.

You will be able to see the car registration numbers that you have provided via the sfccparking@gmail.com email account along with your allocated dinghy and engine storage. ***(Only you will see this information)***

I will be moving the annual pontoon berth renewal in line with the club membership renewal which will be done online via email and the secure members area. All dinghy, engine, mooring and pontoon facilities will be payable via the online database. In essence you will get an email to alert you that your annual renewal is due. Logging into the secure members area with your email address you will be able to pay for everything from membership to regalia securely online.

Look out for emails that will come from Starcross Fishing & Cruising Club – they may also have Member Mojo somewhere on them. As we move forward our Membership Sec will advise you of how you can sign into the members area and create a password.

It will be important to remember your membership expires on the 31st January each year. The club allows 28 days grace after which if you have not renewed you are deemed to be a lapsed member. All storage, moorings and pontoon berths will return to the club for re allocation on the 28th February if you have not renewed your membership, so please pay promptly if you wish to retain your storage facilities.

The process to book any of the storage facilities will not change in that you will need to speak to the Boatswain initially.

A reminder with regards to the clubs parking facilities – if you change your car you need to advise the club by sending an email to sfccparking@gmail.com. This is the only way to advise us so please does not send texts or emails to any other account as they will not be processed. Any questions in relation to parking send to sfccparking@gmail.com.

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Cruising

I would just like to remind you all to let me have details of your, cruises and achievements this season so we can judge who may be eligible for an Awards on Presentation Night. As I mentioned last month we have lots of categories and you don't need to be a round the world yachtsman to win!

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Fishing

October saw the last two Accumulator competitions taking place.

Quite a few people entered the Mackerel competition and the rivalry was fierce with a good number of decent fish weighed in. I'm pleased to say that this time the ladies out-fished the men and Becky Le Milliere was the overall winner. One or two disgruntled men asked whether it would be acceptable if they wore pheromone patches next year.

The second and final comp was for Bass. Unfortunately, conditions were not great and although at least two boats went out, no fish have been weighed in so far.

It's always tricky to hold a competition so late in the season as the weather can be fickle at this time of year. A rethink is probably on the cards for next season.

It's traditional to hold a fishing meeting in November and this year should be no different. Please watch out for notices, texts emails etc. giving details of the date.

Very well done to all who fished the competitions this year and I'm pleased to see so many fish on the board. Long may it continue!

Please note the new fishing email address: fishing.sfcc@gmail.com

Steve Cowell – Fishing Secretary

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Work Party

Over the next few weeks, the windows on the roadside are being refreshed with a nice coat of paint. Apologies if you feel a draught as the double glazing has temporarily been removed.

Thanks again for help given in the last month, particularly to Richard who has helped with various jobs not least of which was repairing several chairs.

All of the lights in the clubhouse are gradually being replaced with LED equivalents. Please pay your part by turning off lights wherever you can.

WANTED someone to repoint a wall, probably a few hours work.... please!

October is out, so your dinghy's must be removed so that maintenance to the boat storage can be started.

Come and join us on Friday morning.

Chris Ellis – House Chairman

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Membership

We are in the process of updating the Club database and moving towards a Cloud-based database. This will enable us to use a self-service admin facility for joining and renewals.

We currently have 294 members with interviews still taking place for next year!

Regards - Lyn

Lyn Allies - Membership Secretary

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Social

The nights are drawing in now and your winter woollies will be needed soon and everyone rushing around to get the Christmas shopping done unless you're like me & leave it to the last minute but least you can get your Christmas cards early from the RNLI stall in November.

WHATS COMING UP

Thursday 10th November – RNLI Xmas card stall

Saturday 19th November – Gala night - This is a murder mystery night meal & the theme this year is the Titanic adventure. There is only a few spaces left so don't leave it too late if you want to come. We do allow guests but this is limited to 2 guests per membership. If you are interested there will be a list for names on the board in the bar or just email soicalsecsfcc@gmail.com with your menu choice before 10th November and payment can be made on the night but if you do put your name down but cannot make it and cancel before the 10th November that is fine but after this date you will be charged.

Ardennes Pate

Served with Tomato & Black Olive Chutney & Tiger Toast

Or

Smoked Salmon

With a Pernod Mayonnaise

Or

Honey Dew Melon

With Seasonal Fruits & a Raspberry Coulis

Lamb Kleftiko

Slow cooked Lamb Shank in Red Wine with Tomatoes, Onions & Herbs

Served with Parmentier Potatoes and Carrots

Or

Fillet of Seabass

Served with Broccoli, Warm Tomatoes & Parmentier Potatoes

Vegetarian Option

Cauliflower Parmesan

Served with Potatoes & Greens

A Selection of Mini Desserts and Cheese Board

Served to Each Table

£27.50 per person

Saturday 10th December – Xmas dinner – same applies here with limited numbers & 2 guests per membership & list on the board or email me soicalsecsfcc@gmail.com.

Saturday 31st December – New Years Eve – Party the night away and bring in the New Year with Paul Goody's disco and bring a plate.

Saturday night cooking will still be going on all through the winter so if you would like a table please email Debbie who will only be too pleased to book you in to: SFCCtablebooking@gmail.com.

Hope to see you in the club Kerry 😊

Kerry Smith - Social Secretary
socialsecsfcc@gmail.com.



Skittles

The skittles season is finally underway following the forced prolonged break due to covid.

The first game, after a rusty start saw SFCC beat Lympstone Dolphins 393 pin to 329. A great score of 68 by Dave Browning certainly raised the atmosphere.

If anyone is interested in a game drop me and email or text, we are often looking for additional players.

Don Crispin – Men's Skittles Captain
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Looking ahead there's plenty going on in the Club

Social

Sat 5 th	Nov	No Saturday Night Cooking
Thu 10 th	Nov	RNLI Christmas Shop
Sat 12 th	Nov	Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance
Sat 19 th	Nov	GALA NIGHT -
Sat 26 th	Nov	Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance

Skittles

Thu 3 rd	Nov	SFCC Home to Beachcombers
Wed 16 th	Nov	SFCC Away to Lympstone Lympets
Thu 24 th	Nov	SFCC Men v SFCC Ladies
Thu 1 st	Dec	SFCC Away to Lympstone Dolphins

Training

Sat 12 th - Sun 13 th	Nov	RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Theory Course
Sat 26 th - Sun 28 th	Nov	RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Theory Course

Hi everyone,

I'm very pleased to say that we passed our annual **RYA Training Centre Inspection**, with flying colours! We also passed as our **RYA/MCA SRC (VHF Radio) Centre inspection** - a big thank you to the members who assisted me in preparing for and making these inspections go smoothly!

Congratulations go to Mark, Jason and Witold, who gained their **RYA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate** on the last course for this year in early October. If you would like to take the course next year, please email me so that I can place you on the list.

Good luck to all of the members who are embarking on our **Yachtmaster Ocean Theory** course and exam in November. This is the pinnacle of RYA navigational theory training and a rare course to be able to provide. Thank you to club member and RYA Instructor and Trainer Andy Wright, who has made this possible.

I'm hoping to be able to organise **RYA Radar** this winter, for those who wish to take it. The course will take place on the water, using the latest fully functional Radar equipment, rather than in the classroom using a simulator - something very few RYA training centers are able to offer! I have several people who are keen already, if you would like a place on this course, please let me know.

I'm in the process of organising the schedule of RYA courses for next year, which will include: **Essential Navigation and Seamanship, Day Skipper Theory and Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster Offshore Theory, SRC (VHF), First Aid, Diesel Engine Maintenance, Radar** as well as **RYA Powerboat Level 2** - if you would be interested in taking any of these courses or any other RYA course, please let me know. If we don't run a specific course ourselves, I'm sure to be able to advise you and recommend another RYA center that does.

Feel free to email at training@starcross-fcc.com if you have any questions relating to the training and the courses that we can provide for you at the club.

UPCOMING COURSES:

Practical Courses and Assessments

ICC for Sail: One Day Assessment - £100 per person

- Contact me for dates and availability to suit you.

Shorebased Courses

RYA SRC (VHF) Marine Radio: One Day Course - £50 per person (plus £60 exam fee)

- Contact me for dates and availability to suit you.

RYA Radar: One Day Course - £80 per person

- Contact me for dates and availability to suit you.

All courses include a relevant manual and full instruction from experienced RYA Instructors. That's all for this month. More news and updates to come in the December newsletter - Dan

Dan Tucker - Training Coordinator

RYA Centre Principal & Chief Instructor

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Finally

Steve Cowell is presently putting together a program of Friday Forums and would welcome any suggestions for topic you would like us to cover.

You can email, ring or text Steve: fishing.sfcc@gmail.com 07545 883402

I have now handed over the Chairmanship of the River Exe Regatta to Donald McLintock the Commodore of Topsham Sailing Club for 2023. SFCC received overwhelming praise for the way we organised this year's event and I must thank everyone who helped. The photos below will give you a idea of what went on:



All the pictures can be seen on the Regatta website

Please don't forget the season maybe over but there is still lots going on in the club!



Peter Harris - Commodore

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