



Commodores Update February 2023

February is always a busy month preparing for the AGM which is on Saturday 18th February at 19.00hrs. You should all have received my report together with the audited accounts and Notice of AGM. Just a reminder that you have to be a fully paid-up member to attend.

We have had a good January, as you will see the Annual Presentation Night was well attended and we also had a good crowd in the club for the Exmouth Shanty Men last week. The first of our Friday Forums, a Meteorology talk was also very well attended which was great – let's keep it up.

Friday Forums

The first forum of the year was delivered by Lieutenant Commander Richard Watsham on the subject of 'Meteorology for boaters'.

Rich gave us a fascinating insight into the various apps that we could utilise to divine the upcoming weather in order to use the water safely and confidently. Using his both naval and yachting experience he was able to entertain as well as educate us on the importance of predicting the weather and how it could affect our day's sailing, fishing or cruising. And even though he discussed modern electronic means of weather forecasting, he still emphasized the simple commonsense approach of actually looking up at the sky or observing what the winds and clouds were actually doing and then deducing a likely outcome.

An appreciative audience of 43 people gave Rich a warm welcome to our club and I hope that we can maintain the same level of interest in our future forums. The next forum is 'Sea Safety, Lifejacket checking and maintenance' on 3rd February delivered by our friends at RNLI which will be followed by 'Useful Knots' on 24th February.

Don't forget the new forum section email address: forum.sfcc@gmail.com

Steve Cowell Forum Co-Ordinator

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Waterside Team

During the recent gales we lost a float from the bridge end of the pontoons. Thanks to everyone who helped fitting the replacement. The new floats are of a better design and much more robust than the original ones. Please note the change of date for the boat Jumble to 2nd April – Paddy

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Friday Forums

Friday 3rd February

RNLI Water Safety Talk and
Lifejacket check

Friday 10th February

CPR & First Aid Special – don't
forget your egg box's!

Friday 24th February

'Useful Knots' for boaters

Friday 3rd March

Fishing for beginners

Friday 10th March

Wine Tasting

Forums Start at 20.00

***Please keep an eye on the
website for additional dates***



I'm pleased to say that the Fishing Presentation was very well received by a capacity audience, and I'd like to thank those who attended and hope that they enjoyed themselves as much as I did in delivering it. My thanks also go to Keith Graham, Kev Rouse and especially to our Commodore Pete Harris for presenting the cups.



Congratulations go to all of the prize-winners and I hope that the rest of us will give them a run for their money in the coming season. I'd like to give a special mention to Charlie Puddefoot who won the Junior Section and to Steve Lomas who was the Accumulator Champion. I'll publish the full list of winners with the trophies won on the Club website but in the meantime:

A big 'Well done!' to the following Cup Winners:

- Steve Lomas
- Denise Stacey
- Mike Whiting
- Matt Dart
- Charlie Puddefoot (Juniors)
- Stuart Green
- Becky Le Milliere
- Steve Cowell

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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE



BOAT JUMBLE SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

Cruising

With this terrible cold patch we are currently having it has been hard to work on our boats, but only two months and counting. So do not leave those 5 minute jobs until the last minute. We all know there is no such thing on a boat as “a five minute job” or “no it will not cost much to repair” Last year was an incredible season for all of us on the water, so let’s hope this season follows on from this.

Cruising Awards 2022 Season.

We had a great evening as usual with the awards evening at the club house. We had lots of entry’s for all of the cups this year and it was a difficult decision as to who deserved them. They were eventually whittled down to the winners as listed below.

The Yandle Trophy – Offshore Cruiser Race

For those who participated in non-SFCC events

Andy Wright on Gilkin a sigma36 in the SW peaks race. 2/8 overall

The Seamanship Trophy – Demonstrating Act(s) of Good Seamanship

(Did the nominee make a particular effort to assist another boat in need.

Nominated . Kevin Brown Martin who went to the aid of a French yacht floundering and with no engine in Chenal Ile de Batz. Kevin safely towed the yacht to safety in to Roscoff Marina.

The Rowe Shackle – Best Kept log

Andy Wright on Gilpin

The Langdon Long Distance Trophy -Longest cruise

Kevin Brown Martin, Exmouth – Channel Islands- North Britany South Britany . then back to Falmouth and onto the River Exe. A Total distance of 939 miles .

The Gale Cruising Shield – Notable Cruise in a boat under 36ft

Kevin Brown Martin in Delphi who sailed from Mylor to Weymouth and back to Mylor.

The Harris Trophy – Most Miles logged in One Week (7 days)

Winner Andy wright. Plymouth to Guernsey two days 180 nm

The Shapter Cruising Trophy – Most miles logged in one Season

Neil Ewins who logged 1425 miles this season

The Piney Trophy .for a first channel crossing

Winner: Milly, Becky, Terry and Linda. First trip across to Guernsey.

Honorable mention goes to Dan Tucker who also completed his first channel crossing.

The Tomlinson Trophy – Saving Life at Sea

Winner Henry McIlroy. Who on a paddle board with his dog on the back rescued a mother and daughter caught on an incoming tide on the river Exe.

The Blue Boy Trophy – Best Achievement by a newcomer (Fishing /Cruising)

Winner Dan Tucker who completed his day skipper practice, two channel crossings. Completed a man over board and became an instructor as well as RYA Ocean Theory.

I am sure we would also all like to thank him for the incredible efforts he puts into this club.

The 24-Hour Run – Fastest Distance under sail within a 24-hour period at sea.

Winner Kevin Brown Martin Roscoff to Falmouth 98.4 Miles

The Sampson Cup

Winner: Ann-Marie James. Who despite a challenging year in 2022, has proved exceptionally keen and interested in many elements of training and improving her boating experience. the only student on record to have received a **100% score** on the SRC VHF Radio Exam and assessment.

The Future Cruising award. This is a new award for our younger members who will be the future of the club. Awarded for showing skills, the love of the water and the promise of a future champion.

Winner **Henry Boon** at the time of our boat trip to Sharpham last year he was 3 1/2 yr old, we all left the Exe in reasonable weather but things turned a tad uncomfortable for our small boats, he was with his dad John and loved every minute of the trip,

As you can see below we have now have a schedule for our 2023 cruises. This year we have kept them a little more local. The idea of this is to try to create a synergy between the fishing, cruising and powerboat sections of the club. We are also trying some multi destination cruises as well as anchoring over night in some of our local bays. The idea is we can spend time on the beaches and if the fishing section can manage it some fresh fish BBQ's on the beach. We will be having a fun prize for he quickest time for landing a fish gutting it and getting it onto the BBQ. The idea of local anchorages is also to allow for some wild camping on the beach overnight.

As always, we will be making decisions the day before the event if the weather is looking bad. Facebook is probably our main contact for such events. Also if you are heading out somewhere and fancy letting other people know why not put it on Facebook cruising in company is always more fun. We have also had lots of new members this year so make them feel welcome and go introduce your selves. It was only five years ago I was a new member to the club with my first sailing boat. Myself and Maxine were so lucky to have so many experienced people we could ask questions to and help us. A big thanks to Paddy who was constantly been phoned up for help and advice about all things boating as well as anchorages. If you have the knowledge, it is your duty to pass this on to our new members.

Plans are well ahead for the new season and below are some dates for your diary's:

Brixham Pirate Party.

Saturday April 29th - Sunday 1st May.

This is a fun festival and well worth a visit for more information visit.

<https://quaysidehotel.co.uk/activities/brixham-pirate-festival/>

It will be well worth booking the pontoon well in advance for this event. Failing that anchoring up around Fishcombe cove.

Annual Guernsey crossing.

Friday 26th May – 29th May

This is a great chance to cruise in company from Dartmouth to Guernsey. We will more up in St Peters Port inner harbour. We will be having a pre-event meet beforehand to help you with your passage planning. This is a great chance for our first channel crossing of the year.

Torbay Air Show

Saturday 4th June – Sunday 4th June.

The only way to see an air show is to be underneath it. We will be anchored / rafted up for the display on the Saturday. The evening will then be anchored up or in Ansty's cove for an evening of camping and BBQ on the beach. If the sea state is unpleasant then onto Brixham or Torquay Marina.

<https://www.air-shows.org.uk/2022/11/preview-english-riviera-airshow-2023/>

Dartmouth

Saturday 17th – 18th June

This will be held on the Pontoon at Dartmouth. Fantastic easy access to the town for a meal and a few drinks.

Teignmouth Air show

Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July

More details to follow for the exact timing of the event. But the only way to watch an air show is from underneath.

Salcombe "The Bag"

Saturday 1st July – 2nd July

This is a fanatic pontoon in Salcombe. Moored up mid river. An easy water taxi into town. A great chance to meet up and share a few drinks and stories.

Dartmouth and an evening meal in a Haunted House.

Saturday July 15th – 16th.

Meeting up on the pontoon in Dartmouth and then a water Taxi into town for a meal.

Local mystery Cruise.

August 4th – 7th August.

We thought we would try something different this year in the form of a local summer cruise. Starting

Friday Evening in Ansty's Cove, there is a chance for wild camping on the beach. An evening BBQ with lots of fish caught by our club members (this is a challenge from the cruisers!).

Saturday Evening will be Fishcombe Cove. Again, a chance for wild camping on the beach. Then an easy walk into town to get some Fish and Chips. Followed by sitting around a camp fire singing old sea shanty songs.

Sunday: A trip around to Dartmouth and stopping at the beach on route between Berry head and Dartmouth. A day of great swimming, drinking and yet more BBQ's. Sunday evening will be around to Anchor or Visitors buoy at Dittisham. The Wild campers can head up to Bow creek for some more wild camping.

Dartmouth Regatta Finale Fireworks.

Sunday 27th August.

These are spectacular fireworks there is lots going on in town and well worth a Saturday and Sunday visit.

Torquay Curry and Beer Night.

Saturday 9th September.

We will be pre booking a birth and reserving a table at a local curry house in the evening.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the water in the coming season - Neil

Neil Ewins - Cruising Captain

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Work Party

I am hoping that by the time you read this our window in the large arch (see picture) should be fixed and looking good as new.



Work as progressed with changing to LED lights with the large fluorescent lights on the beams in the club room now replaced and looking much brighter. As the cost of energy is increasing, I ask you all to think when visiting the club and not use lights you don't need and turn off lights when you leave. It may well help keep membership costs down in the long term!

All the windows we can safely reach have also finished being repaired and painted. Ideas for accessing wanted please.....Spiderman?



I am asking for help in March, I need a work party of perhaps around ten people to rub down and paint the exterior doors, so the large ones back and front and the main entrance door. None of us like painting but it needs to be done and with some help **FROM YOU!**

It will be a quick and easy, painless task. So weather permitting Friday 17th and Friday 24th March 9am, help please.

Still looking for someone to assist with re-pointing a wall please?????

Yours in Boating Chris.

Chris Ellis – House Chairman

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Social

Hi Everyone

Spring is just around the corner and I for one can't wait. The annual presentation was a good and fun evening with a few fun hats given out as prizes (check out the pictures on our Facebook page).



The evening with the Sea shanty men was well attended with a few people being pressed ganged into joining in with the singing and actions.

We have a couple of dates which are different to the blue book so please check that you have the right dates in your diaries would hate for you to miss out.

Saturday 18th February – AGM – no Saturday night cooking

Saturday 25th March – Cast off party with Mark Price and crew – this is bring a plate

Sunday 02nd April – Boat Jumble

Thursday 6th April – New member's night + Easter egg & meat draw

Saturday night cooking has resumed again apart from a few dates noted above so if you would like a table please email Debbie who will only be too pleased to book you in SFCtablebooking@gmail.com.

Hope to see you in the club - Kerry 😊

Kerry Smith - Social Secretary
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Membership

Our membership currently stands at 246 members with who have renewed so far this year.

I have recently met with three prospective new members whose applications will go before the next Committee meeting on 1st February. The new system of interviewing new members in a group was extremely effective as they all chatted and got to know each other, as well as asking questions and finding out about the club.

Please can I request that all members check that their email addresses on the new Mojo system are up to date and if not please let me know. Also if you change your email address please email me at sfccmembershipsec@gmail.com to ensure you continue to receive all the latest updates.

Many thanks - Lyn

Lyn Allies - Membership Secretary
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Hi everyone.

It's been a busy time behind the scenes in the training department. I'm very pleased to say that we have managed to work out the training course schedule for 2023, which is listed for you below. We are still

working on the shorebased navigation courses (Essential Navigation, Day Skipper Theory and Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore Theory), which will be available soon. By all means contact me if you are interested in taking a navigation, or any course.

Congratulations to all members who were given awards at the recent fishing and cruising presentation evening. Special congratulations goes to Ann-Marie James, who was presented with the "The West Exe Trophy - for Notable Training Achievement". Despite the competition, Ann-Marie especially deserves the Trophy due to her being the only student on record to have received a 100% score on the SRC VHF Radio Exam and has proved exceptionally keen and interested in many elements of training and improving her boating experience. Well done!

The courses that we are running this year are outlined below along with the full schedule of dates:

RYA Powerboat Level 2

A two day practical course, mainly spent outside, that coaches you to safely control your boat and have fun out on the water, all wrapped up in one weekend! It covers both slow and high speed boat maneuvers, safety equipment, tides and weather, regulations and byelaws, charts, navigation and buoyage and a whole lot more. Highly recommended to all boaters.

RYA Competent Crew / RYA Day Skipper Practical

For those who already have some sailing and navigation experience, we are running the two courses over five days. Both can be run in conjunction with each other and are ideal for sailors who wish to advance their existing skills in skippering coastal passages by daylight.

RYA SRC / VHF Marine Radio

Perfect for gaining the confidence and knowledge to legally use a VHF radio on the water. You'll receive lots of practice of Distress, Emergency and Security calls on real (training) radios, so... if you ever need to make one out on the water you'll know exactly what to do. The course is run over one day with a small amount of pre-course work and is followed by a short written exam and practical assessment. Invaluable and essential if you don't already have it.

RYA First Aid

An invaluable and potentially life saving course and MCA commercially recognised qualification! Gain experience and confidence in essential First Aid procedures and equipment, that could make all the difference, afloat or ashore! Covering how to use a defibrillator (AED), CPR, cold water shock, breaks and burn treatment and much more!

RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance

An excellent course which could prove invaluable to you if you have engine issues ashore or afloat, or wish to service your engine yourself! A one day course featuring many elements of diesel engine types, maintenance and troubleshooting.

RYA Radar

This is a one day course. Instead of taking this in the classroom as is usually the case - we are offering this to be taken upon the yacht "Gilken" in a real world environment and featuring a true "blind navigation" exercise using radar alone for guidance. A thoroughly enjoyable and excellent course, whether you have radar or not!

RYA Essential Navigation & Seamanship

This is a two day shorebased course, providing the perfect introduction to navigation and safety awareness for new or inexperienced boaters.

ICC for Sail

This assessment is available to members who wish to take it. This is aimed at sailors who wish to sail abroad and are at the level of Day Skipper as a minimum. ICC for power on a vessel up to 10m in length can be gained upon passing your RYA PB Level 2 and we can organise ICC for power on vessels over 10m, if required.

RYA Radar - One Day Course - One Day Course - £80 per person

- Saturday 11th February 2023

RYA SRC/VHF Marine Radio Course and Exam - One Day Course - £60 (+£70 RYA exam fee) per person

- Saturday 11th March 2023

- Sunday 12th March 2023

RYA First Aid - One Day Course - £60 per person

- Saturday 18th March 2023

RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance - One Day Course - £50 per person

- Sunday 26th March 2023

RYA Powerboat Level 2 - 2 Day Course - £170 per person

- Sat 15th / Sun 16th April 2023

- Sat 13th / Sun 14th May 2023

- Sat 10th / Sun 11th June 2023

- Sat 15th / Sun 16th July 2023

- Sat 12th / Sun 13th August 2023

- Sat 9th / Sun 10th September 2023

- Sat 7th / Sun 8th October 2023

RYA Comp Crew / Day Skipper Practical - Five Day Course - £475 per person

- Mon 8th - Fri 12th May 2023

- Mon 5th - Fri 9th June 2023

Courses will book up quickly, so please contact me today to reserve your place. I will be emailing all members who have contacted to date with course place requests. Please give me a nudge" if you think I should have contacted you and I haven't done by the time you read this.

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.

I look forward to seeing you on one of our course soon! - Dan

Dan Tucker - Training Coordinator RYA Centre Principal & Chief Instructor
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Looking ahead there's plenty going on in the Club

Friday	3 rd February	RNLI Sea Safety and Lifejacket check Forum
Saturday	4 th February	Saturday Night Cooking
Friday	10 th February	CPR and First Aid Forum
Saturday	11 th February	RYA Radar Course Saturday Night Cooking
Saturday	18 th February	AGM @ 20.00 hrs
Saturday	25 th February	Saturday Night Cooking
Friday	3 rd March	Fishing for Beginners Forum
Saturday	4 th March	Saturday Night Cooking
Friday	10 th March	Wine Tasting Forum
Sat/Sun	11/12 th March	RYA SRC/VHF Radio Course
Saturday	11 th March	Saturday Night Cooking
Saturday	18 th March	RYA First Aid Course Saturday Night Cooking
Saturday	25 th March	Cast Off Party with the ever popular Mark Price and his crew Please note revised date (Please bring a plate of food)
Sunday	26 th March	RYA Diesel Course
Thursday	6 th April	New Members Night + Easter Egg and Meat Draw <i>(Draw Tickets will be available over the Bar)</i>

**Please remember to book your table for Saturday Night Cooking - on Line:
SFCCTablebooking@gmail.com**

Please keep an eye on the website for additional dates and amendments



Finally

As I said at the start there's a lot been going on and we are now finalising all the dates for the Blue Book, which is normally sent out around the end of March.

Jenny Sampson our President will be standing down at this years AGM having completed her 3 year term. The Vice Presidents rotate in taking on the presidents roll and I'm pleased to confirm that Becky Le Milliere will be taking over the reins at the AGM.

So there's plenty to look forward to, not least the start of the season which is only around 8 weeks away, so hopefully the weather will be kind to us so we can get our boats ready to launch on time.

Any Ideas or comments are always welcome as are members articles about their cruises etc , I hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM.



Peter Harris - Commodore

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