



Commodores Update August 2019

I hope you have all been making the most of the weather over the last couple of weeks. There's been a lot going on over the past 3 or 4 weeks as you will see below.

Inter Club Fishing Competition

The Annual Fishing competition between the Exe deep Sea Fishing Club and SFCC took place on Sunday 14th July. Due to holidays and other commitments only 4 of our fishermen were able to get out on the water against 18 from EDSFC !



Mike Whiting receiving the Trophy from Gareth Awbrey

The Competition is decided by the two best specimen fish from each Club.

EDSFC :

Peter Cloak	Dog Fish	2lb 3oz	72.9%
Dave Newman	Ballan Wrasse	2lb 13oz	<u>56.2%</u>
			129.1%

SFCC:

Steve Lomas	Bull Huss	10lb 3.1oz	84.9%
Mike Whiting	Wrasse	3lb 10oz	<u>72.5%</u>
			157.4%

In the evening EDSFC hosted a lovely Fish & Chip supper at the Exe Sailing Club followed by a Fun Casino which was again won by SFCC with Pauline Harris gambling her £20,000 Stake up to £540,000!

The Mackerel and most Species Comp which was due to take place on 25th/26th July will now be held on 10th/11th August. The Conger Comp will now be fished alongside the Bream & Wrasse Comp on 14th/15th September.



Steve Lomas with his Bull Huss

Small Boat Cruise

Once again the Small boats were out on the water on Wednesday 17th July



It was nice to see some new faces among the 15 members who crossed the river to Lympstone. They were joined by a couple of other members who arrived by road and they all enjoyed a meal and a couple of pints in the Swan.

Thank you all for supporting Richard Bentley with these small boat cruises. The Next Cruise will be to Turf on Thursday 15th August.

On Thursday 18th July the club hosted the crew of the Exmouth lifeboat for our annual Lifeboat Evening – What a Fabulous Evening it turned out to be!



This year we not only welcomed Steve Hockings – Thompson and his crew but also a number of the Shore Crew who came accross in the water taxi. Mike Webber came along with the RNLI Shop and with only 160 days to go till Christmas, the Cards and Calendars proved very popular.



Aerial Photo courtesy of Neil Ewins

The RNLI has been the clubs main Charity since it was formed and over the years we have raised many thousands of pounds due to the generosity of our members. In the last year we have raised over £350 from the donation boxes on the Bar which goes to the RNLI Central Funds. In addition to this I was very pleased to present Steve with a Cheque for £250 for use within the Exmouth Station.

Thanks to the generosity of those present on the night we also raised a further £110 in our RNLI Bucket which we donated to the Exmouth Crews Comfort Fund.

Sadly earlier this year we lost Paul Smith. Paul not only served on the Committee but was also Club Bosun for several years. His family asked me to present the retiring collection from his funeral to the crew for their comfort fund and I was pleased to hand over a cheque for £551.59 on their behalf to Steve Hockings Thompson the Lifeboat Coxswain.



A big thank you also to Neil Ewins for taking some fantastic photos, particularly the aerial shots and video footage of the river with the Brunel Tower and Pontoons. There is also a nice video clip of the Presentation to the Lifeboat Crew all of which can be found on our Facebook Pages.



Looking ahead there's plenty going on in the Club

Fishing

Sat 10th / Sun 11th Aug Mackerel & Most Species Comp
Sat 31st Aug / Sun 1st Sept Bass Competition

Cruising

Sat 3rd / Sun 4th Aug Cruise to Torquay
Sat 24th / Mon 26th Aug Cruise to Guernsey
Thu 29th / Sun 1st Sept Dartmouth Royal Regatta

Small Boats

Thu 15th Aug Cruise to Turf from Brunel Tower departing 18.30

Training

Sat 17th / Sun 18th Aug RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course **(Fully Booked)**

Social

Sat 10th Aug BBQ at the Brunel Tower with Live Entertainment from 18.00

SFCC Summer Barbeque

Saturday 10th August



Burgers, Sausages, and Roast Pork

6.00pm start to about 9.00pm
Live Band 9.30 'til close



The latest updates can always be found on our Facebook page and website



Come and Celebrate the Clubs 60th Birthday

Saturday 28th September

(Free Buffet)

We would love to see as many members as possible, both old and new coming along to share memories, and to take a look back on how the club started and its journey over the last 60 years.

From 19.30 onwards

Webcam



Many of you will have already noticed the new Controls for the Webcam and its vastly improved speed. Following the clubs upgrade to Fibre Broadband, Russell Thompson enlisted the help of members Dan Pike and his son Nicky, who at only 15 is a wiz at computer programming – Thanks Guys your help is very much appreciated.

Round Brittan in a Rib

Tom McFarlane and Adam Cann have done amazingly well having now completed their 1956 mile Round Brittan ‘Cruise in their Rib’. They left Starcross on Saturday 1st June



Tom & Adam approaching the River Exe Finishing line



Celebrating with the flotilla of SFCC boats which met them at the E Exe Buoy

returning on Saturday 27th July where they were met by a flotilla of boats from the club.

What a great achievement, you can see how they did it, in their blog

Roundbritain2019.blogspot.com



The RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses have again proved very popular, with all places for the 2019 schedule now reserved. There is always the possibility of a last-minute cancellation - so please contact Dan, if you would like to put your name down on the reserves list for this year, or for a guaranteed place on one of next year's PB2 courses.

Congratulations to the 12 members who have successfully gained their RYA PB2 certificates at the club, so far this year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming and training the further 9 members, who have booked on to the courses over the coming months.

The 2019-2020 training schedule is available to view both in the club, on the website and also on our Facebook Page.



Dave Rote Lyn and Laura Allies on their RYA PB2 Course

Posters including details and pricing for all courses, are displayed in the club on the training notice board.

Now is the time to think about booking your place on one of our shorebased courses, which are run throughout the Autumn and Winter months. These courses are always very well

supported, so early booking is advised in order not to miss out. An ideal Christmas or birthday present to yourself, or a loved one, perhaps?

RYA SRC (VHF) Marine Radio: Saturday 19th October 2019

Learn how to use your VHF radio correctly, confidently and legally, in any given situation.

RYA Day Skipper Theory: Sat/Sun 11th/12th & 25th/26th January 2020 and Sat/Sun 8th/9th & 22nd/23rd February 2020 (8 day course over 4 weekends)

As a comprehensive introduction to cruising - this course will equip you with enough knowledge to plan and navigate around familiar waters by day as well as providing an introduction to night cruising.

This is sure to be popular and with three spaces already taken, contact me to reserve your place and avoid missing out.

RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance: Sunday 1st March 2020

Essential knowledge on how to maintain, trouble-shoot problems and service your diesel powered engine and fuelling system.

RYA First Aid: Saturday 7th March 2020

An invaluable and potentially life saving course! Gain experience and confidence in essential First Aid procedures and equipment, that could make all the difference, afloat or ashore!

RYA SRC (VHF) Marine Radio: Saturday 14th March 2020

If there is enough demand from the members, we can also arrange the following courses:

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 alike. It is also ideal for those wishing to refresh their existing knowledge, or if you are planning on studying RYA Day Skipper theory at the club in 2020.

We have successfully run this course this year and in previous years if there is enough demand - please let me know if you would like to take this course and we will do our best to schedule it in.

Sea Survival:

Would you be interested in taking a course to learn these potentially life-saving skills?

If there is enough interest, I can arrange this course to be run from a local centre at a discounted rate for SFCC members.

If you have any questions at all or wish to gain a place on any of the above courses, or even if you have a request for a course that you would like the club to run, please either catch Dan in the club, email him at training@starcross-fcc.com or call 07792 885 161. He is always more than happy to indulge in a spot of boating related banter or a nautical natter, so please say "hello" if you see him at the club, or out on the water.

Finally

I hope that you are all finding these improved monthly updates useful. They enable us to keep everyone up-to-date with what's happening, much more easily than by the old style News Letters which were often out of date by the time they were published due to the amount of time it took to put them together.

Printed copies of these updates are available in the club for anyone who prefers a hard copy and the hand full of members who do not have access to a computer will get them by post.

Any feedback on the content is always welcome and I will do my best to keep things as informative and up to date as possible. As you can see there is a lot going on both on and off the water.

Peter Harris - Commodore