



Commodores Update March 2020

The AGM was held on Saturday 15th February, Paul Goody handed over the presidency to Jenny Sampson and I am very pleased to welcome her as our new President. Jenny served on the General Committee for many years and was our first lady Commodore. I would like to thank Paul Goody



Retiring President Paul Goody handing over the chain of office to Jenny Sampson

for all his support during his presidency and everyone who braved Storm Dennis to come along the AGM.



Jenny's first duty as President was to present new Burgees to the Flag Officers.

The Presentation night was held on Saturday 1st February and was another great night in the club.



The Blue Boy Trophy



The Langdon Long Distance Trophy



The Seamanship Trophy



Cruising Trophies

The Seamanship Trophy Mike Whittington and Russell Thompson Sailing concrete pontoon float across harbour

The Rowe Shackle Keith Marshall and Paddy Smith Best kept log, Pontoon Maintenance Log

The Langdon Long Distance Trophy Tom McFarlane Longest Cruise Overall - Round Britain in a RIB

The West Exe Trophy Michael Green Notable cruise in a boat over 36ft -Ventulus notable for producing a meal in very testing conditions.

The Shapter Cruising Trophy Fiona and Kevin Brown Martin Most miles logged in one season, 989 nm

The Blue Boy Trophy Hannah and Faye Bentley Best achievement for newcomer learning to paddle board, kayaking and crewing.

The Sampson Cup Cas and Keith Marshall Personal Cruising Achievement, First trip in new motorboat boat to Brixham in force 6-7

The Peter and Margaret Kid Seabourne Trophy Tony Leigh Notable cruise in a vessel of less than 26ft, single handed to Brittany

The Harris Trophy Bob Willis Most Logged miles in 7 days – 1000nm Lanzarote to Cascades via Madeira.

I would like to thank Keith and Pat Graham for presenting the Trophies and other awards.

I think Hanna and Faye Bentley may be the clubs youngest recipients of a trophy – but it is well deserved as they are very competent on the water and I'm sure this is the first of many trophies that they will win as they developed their sailing skills. A big thank you also to Mike Whiting and Nigel Watsham for an excellent presentation, Neil Ewins for the Photos and Carolyn Whiting for her support.



Algiers Cup



Carter Challenge Trophy



Millennium Cup



Whitbread Plaice Cup

Fishing Trophies

Fish of the Month

March	Denise Stacey, Plaice 21b-7.3oz
April	Dave Stacey, Flounder 21b-2.8oz
May	Denise Stacey, Mackerel 11b-11oz
June	Denise Stacey, Scad 11b-7.5oz
July	Pete Harris, Plaice 31b-3oz
August	Dave Stacey, Bull huss 131b-14.8oz
September	Tommy Dell, Black Bream 21b-14oz
October	John Astill, Bass 71b-3oz

Competition Winners

Perpetual Challenge Trophy	Carolyn Whiting, Pollack 61b-15.4oz
Jeffery's Cup	John Astill, Plaice 11b-12.2oz
Algiers Cup, each	Geoff Munson & Mike Whiting, 7Species
Millennium Cup	Steve Lomas, Mackerel 11b-14.4oz
Carter Challenge Trophy	Tommy Dell, Black Bream 21b-14oz
Lee Pearson Cup	Geoff Munson, Ballan Wrasse 21b-11oz
SFCC International Challenge Cup	Steve Marks, Conger Eel 20lb
Geoffrey Claridge Challenge Trophy	Mike Whiting, Bass 31b-14oz
Whitbread Plaice Cup	Pete Harris, Plaice 21b-8oz
SFCC V EDSFC Cup	Won by SFCC
Exe Regatta Trophy	Josie Kirkland, Flounder 11b-5oz

Specimen Awards

Anthony Cup	Tommy Dell, Bream 21b-14oz
Surrey Challenge Cup	Steve Lomas, Rough ground Pollack 21b-0.6oz
Tribe Pollack Cup	John Astill, Wreck caught Pollack 111b-2oz
Claridge Challenge Trophy	John Astill, Bass 71b-3oz
Roberts Challenge Cup	John Hall, Blue Shark 451b
Presidents Trophy	Dave Stacey, Plaice 31b-4.3oz
Barnet Trophy	Dave Stacey, Flounder 21b-2.8oz
The Robert Pine Memorial Trophy	Denise Stacey, Mackerel 21b-0.8oz
The Estuary Cup	Denise Stacey, 4 fish plaice bag 81b-11.5oz
The Bosuns Cup	Carolyn Whiting, 4 fish Pollack bag 181b
The Mortimer Challenge Cup	Denise Stacey, Scad 11b-7.5oz <i>(Which is a new SFCC all time record)</i>

Final Accumulator Result - Phil & Carol Burrows Shield

1st	Steve Lomas
2nd	Mike Whiting
3rd	John Astill
4th	Steve Cowell
Joint 5th	Carolyn Whiting Tommy Dell

Friday Forums

The February Forums were all well attended. Paul Tostevin and Peter Ketcher hosted the Rope Work evening while Tom McFarlane presented a very interesting talk about his trip 'Round Brittan' in a Rib. Helping Tom were his Crew Adam and Dad Mac. On Friday 28th February we welcome the RNLI who are giving a Sea Safety Talk and as you can see below Kate Fortnam from the RYA will give a talk on 20th March.



Tom McFarlane giving his presentation

**Additional Friday Forum! Kate Fortnam from The Green Blue (RYA and British Marine)
Friday 20th March 2020 at 8pm.**



We are very pleased to announce that Kate Fortnam from The Green Blue marine environmental campaign, will be coming to talk with us at the club in March. Kate will be available to answer your questions and provide information, advice and resources on how we can minimise our environmental impact on the marine environment and what we can do to sustain our beautiful estuary and boating waters now and for the future. This will prove to be an excellent evening and I'm sure it will give all of us a valuable insight into the many ways that we can help to protect the creatures that we share the water with and continue to enjoy our use of the water at the same time.



Social

On Saturday 14th March we are holding a *Comedy Night with Tank Sherman*. Tank was born in Exeter and is a very popular Stand up Comedian. He's done lots of TV and worked with Jethro so we should be in for a great nights entertainment.

Chicken and Chips or a Vegetarian option is available on the night but food tickets **MUST** be purchased over the bar before the night so we can cater properly.

Food Tickets are £6.50 each and will include a Free Raffle ticket.

Please note that Tables in the Club Room on the night will be reserved for people who are eating.

Cast Off is on Saturday 28th March with a Paul Goody Disco – All welcome please bring a plate of food.

Kerry Smith - Social Secretary

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Friday Work Party

I hope you can see the improvements to the club due to the efforts of the work party and others. I would like to take this opportunity to thank work party members and others for their help over the last few months. I also want to thank those who do the necessary checking of alarms etc. every week to keep us all legal and safe when on club premises.

It has not been all work, we have drunk copious amounts of coffee (with cake now and again) and put the world right in our chats.

As we head towards spring, work is being completed ready for the work party members to have some fun on the water. *Chris Ellis - House Manager*



Skittles

Its been a busy month for Skittles. The Ladies were Home to the Beachcombers who are winning the league at the moment on Thursday 30th January. Unfortunately they lost by 26 pins with Debbie being the top scorer with 63. On Tuesday 4th February the Men were away to Exe SC Ladies and won by 16 pins. The Ladies were Home to Lympstone Dolphins on Thursday 6th February and after a close match eventually lost by just 6 pins with Heidi being the top scorer with 61. On Wednesday 12th February the Men were away to Lympstone Lypets and lost by 12 pins. The Ladies were at Home to Exe SC Ladies on Thursday 13th February and lost by 46 pins. On Thursday 20th February the Men were away to Lympstone Dolphins and won 369 pins to 352 and were at Home to Topsham SC on Tuesday 25th February. They won by 9 pins with Russ being the highest scorer with 60. The Ladies rounded off the month at Home to Exe SC Tornadoes but again lost 315 to 341 pins, with Becky, Kerry and Josie all scoring 45. Only a couple of games left now with the Final Game being between the Men and Ladies.

Waterside

A big thank you to Jarda Chlapik who has been very busy over the past week preparing and painting boat store floor – a great job thank you.

Everyone with a pontoon berth should have received their 2020 renewal forms – If you haven't please contact me asap. Any berths not renewed by the 1st April will be offered to members on the waiting list.

Simon Turl will be power washing the pontoon shortly so that it is all spic and span for the start of the season

Paddy Smith
Rear Commodore



2020 Six Nations Rugby on SFCC's Big Screen

France vs England

K.O. 15.00 Sunday 2nd Feb

Scotland vs England

K.O. 16.45 Saturday 8th Feb

England vs Ireland

K.O. 15.00 Sunday 23rd Feb

England vs Wales

K.O. 16.45 Saturday 7th Mar

Italy vs England

K.O. 16.45 Saturday 14th Mar

SFCC Bar will be open 30mins before K.O.



Looking ahead there's plenty going on in the Club

Training

Sun 1st Mar

Sat 7th Mar

Sat 14th Mar

RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance

RYA First Aid

RYA SRC (VHF) Marine Radio

Social

Tue 3rd Mar

Wed 11th Mar

Sat 7th Mar

Sat 14th Mar

Thu 19th Mar

Sat 28th Mar

Skittles Men at Home to Exe Tornadoes

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6 Nations Rugby on our Big Screen

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Comedy Night with Tank Sherman – pre booked food available

Skittles SFCC Men V SFCC Ladies – Last match of the Season

Cast Off Party with Paul Goody Disco (bring a plate of food)

General Interest

Sun 15th Mar

Spring Boat Jumble 11.00 hrs Start



Firstly, a big thank you again to all of you who supported training at SFCC in 2019 - we couldn't do what we do, without you! All of our instructors have really enjoyed helping you to achieve the RYA certificates in the various courses you have taken during 2019 and we very much look forward to seeing both new and more seasoned faces, on the courses this year.

Moving on to this year... It's gearing up to be another great season, both on and off the water with the variety of training available at SFCC, with courses planned (and in the pipeline) to suit everyone and all ages. The 2020 RYA Powerboat Level 2 schedule has been finalised, as well as the shorebased course list for 2020/2021. In addition to this, there are further courses that we are hoping to provide to you, if there is enough interests from members - more information on this is below.

Congratulations to all five of the students on our recent Day Skipper theory course! Having put in much effort and hard work over the four weekends in January and February, they all passed with flying colours. Well done - hopefully it will have given you inspiration and confidence to undertake the Yachtmaster theory course next year.

2020/2021 Practical and Shorebased Course Schedule

RYA Powerboat Level 2

- Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th April 2020
- Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May 2020
- Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2020
- Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July 2020
- Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August 2020
- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September 2020
- Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th October 2020

RYA SRC (VHF) Marine Radio

- Saturday 17th October 2020

RYA Yachtmaster Theory

- Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th January 2021
- Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st January 2021
- Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th February 2021
- Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th February 2021

RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance

- Sunday 7th March 2021

RYA First Aid

- Saturday 13th March 2021

RYA SRC (VHF) Marine Radio

- Saturday 20th March 2021

The following courses are not currently scheduled, but will be if there is enough interest from members:

Is it on your radar? We are looking to further increase our course offering to members, by running the RYA Radar course at the club. In order to gauge interest, if you are keen to take this course or would like further information on it, please let me know.

Encouraging young powerboaters! Would any younger members of the club be interested in taking the Powerboat Level 1 course? This one day course is a fantastic and fun introduction to powerboating - covering preparation, safety on the water and boat handling in a safe and controlled way. They might even be able to teach mum or dad a thing or two after completing the course! If you are the parent of a budding powerboater between the ages of eight and sixteen - please contact me for more information, or to arrange a course date.

ICC for Sail. As you may remember, last year SFCC became a registered ICC (International Certificate of Competence) test centre. We are able to offer any members who would wish to qualify for this, to take the test on their own boat with our Yachtmaster Instructor, Jim Wright. Further information on the ICC for sail is available on the RYA website, or if you would like to arrange taking test from the club, please contact me.

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. We need a minimum of four students to run this course and I encourage any members who would like to take it to contact me.

Sea Survival. If we can gather six members who would like to gain the RYA Sea Survival certificate, I hope to be able to secure a group discount at one of our local training centres who offer this invaluable one day course. Please let me know if this is of interest to you.

If you have any questions at all or wish to book a place on any of the above courses please either catch Dan in the club, email him at training@starcross-fcc.com or call 07792 885 161.

Dan Tucker - Training Coordinator RYA Centre Principal & Chief Instructor
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Finally

This monthly Update is circulated to fully paid up members and for the few who's subs are still outstanding this will be the last one you receive until you pay up!

There is plenty going on with Tank Sherman, Big Screen 6 Nations Rugby and the Cast Off Party Coming up, The last Skittles Match of the season between SFCC Men and Ladies is always a great night with lots of banter.

Hopefully this dreadful weather will improve so we can get our boats ready for launching on time. Russell Thompson is working hard to get the Blue book to the printers and you will get a separate attachment to next month's update with the Cruising Schedule and Fishing Competitions

Peter Harris – Commodore