



## Commodores Update July 2022

With the Summer Solstice on 21<sup>st</sup> June its now officially Summer, but as we head into July one can't help wondering where the time is going!

Last month I told you about our plans to introduce ANPR Cameras in our car parks and I must thank those of you who have responded promptly to our request for your Registration Numbers to add to the parking 'White' List. However, there are still around a hundred members who have not responded yet – ***please understand*** if we don't have your details on our 'White List' ***you will get a fine*** once everything goes live. ***So please ensure you have emailed your Name, Membership Number and Registration Number to: [sfccparking@gmail.com](mailto:sfccparking@gmail.com) by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July.*** If you change your vehicle, you can email the new details to the same address and we will update the system.

We only have a certain amount of parking space and we need to ensure that we can offer as much space as possible for members to park. The General Committee have now updated the Parking Rule Published in this years Blue Book to take account of the changes which are happening. These changes will take effect from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. The New Rule is in the annex attached to this news letter



## Lifeboats

Once again, we will be welcoming Coxswain Steve Hockings and his crew to the club on Thursday 14th July.

The Lifeboats will come along side at the Brunel Landing around 19.30 where you will have an opportunity to see the boats close up and have the rare privilege to go on board.



Then about 20.00 the crew will come over and join us in the club. We will be raffling 2 Life Jackets to help raise funds and a presentation will take place later in the evening.

This is always a great night so please come along and support our crew. All The money we donate will be use to help the Exmouth Station.

***The club has a Hero this month –***

**Well done Henry our friendly bearded barman.**

Whilst on his paddle board, Henry noticed a lady and little girl in difficulty swimming in the river not far from the hammer head.

Our hero went and rescued them using his paddle board.





On the 17<sup>th</sup> June the Harbour Master Graham Forshaw published a Notice to Mariners confirming that Exeter Port Authority have established a new temporary Starboard Lateral Buoy, because Bull Hill bank has grown and shoals have developed West and South of its' charted area. The buoy is situated between number Lateral Buoys 13 and 15 in the Bight of the river and is named "Little Russell." The position is:

Lat. 50° 36.736' N – Long. 003° 25.998' W.



### **Vice Commodore**

Hello everyone - We are presently carrying out our annual maintenance checks including Gas and Electricity Certification using the services of the professional bodies that we are contracted to. This ensures we continue to comply with the standards required for our club insurance

Also members should be able to see their boats a little Clearer, when visiting the club. ,Our very professional local window cleaner has paid us a visit ☺

Also as a polite reminder, if any member has a spare hour on a Friday morning to attend our very congenial working party then you would be made very welcome, it's a good excuse to get out the house and join us for a coffee, and meet some of the other members. Its also a good chance to catch up on what's happening  
Yours Aye - Arthur

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### **Waterside Team**

The season is underway with lots of activity on the water. I had a fantastic sail back from Guernsey earlier in June and am looking forward to the next set of club cruises – keep an eye on the website and face book pages where Neil and Nigel will be posting regular updates.

It was good to see the club venturing out and crossing the channel in company again. Whilst sat with the bar manageress in the Guernsey Yacht club we worked out that in the past 22 years we have only missed 2 trips across on the Whitsun bank holidays and this was due to covid enforced rules.

Our Commodore has mentioned the changes to the carpark so I will not go on too much about that only to remind you that I need to have your vehicle registration numbers by 10<sup>th</sup> July at the latest, after that you will become fresh prey to the ANPR system.

If you have not been out past the Exmouth yet this year be warned – the channel has shifted, starting at Bull Hill you will notice a new buoy, the Green (Light) buoy shows the extend that the sand bar has moved across the river towards Cockwood and has been named Little Russell. As you move out past the docks to number 7 buoy you will notice that the fairway has moved quite a bit to the port. The new channel is narrow and shallow so navigate with caution.

Finally, the waterside team continues to support the club, keep in mind we are all volunteers and most of us have full time jobs. We will often post requests for help on the various social media – please help where

you can. There is always work to be done from weeding to painting and not to mention the ongoing work to the pontoon structure and ashes quay.

If you notice anything that is not working or starting to break up let us know ASAP.

Have a great season and I will see you on the water.

Paddy

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## **Fishing**

There were no competitions held in June but a number of us went out in search of glory with mixed results.

Wreck fishing produced some decent fish for Mike Whiting and two spectacular days for the current leader in the accumulator when Steve Lomas landed a pollack 11lb, a cod of 7lb, and a fine tope of 28lb (weighed and released).

Elsewhere, fish have been hard to find, and this reflects the bigger picture in our area. I suspect that over-fishing is the main reason for the scarcity of all species but I'm hoping that things pick up as the season continues; as was the case last year.

The next competition is for 'Most Species', and given that we now have a whole week to catch a large proportion of the thirty or so common species I'm expecting a close-fought match with some impressive numbers entered.

There's no need to photograph your fish as I'll take your word for it, but remember to have the results on the board by 6pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July or send them to me as usual within 24 hours. Anything entered after that time will not be counted.

Catch and release is the order of the day unless you get a decent keeper- any specimens will be eligible for Fish of the Month. (Remember that only fish entered on the board within 24 hours of being caught will be eligible for Fish of the Month).

There are some checklists in the Fish Room to make things easier to count the species caught – Please help yourself.

Let's get fishing!

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## **Cruising**

### **Jubilee Weekend trip to St Peter Port by SFCC Members.**

On Wednesday the 1st June 'Lottie' made her way to Dartmouth, on board was Shirley Watsham, Richard Watsham and Jarda Chlapik. We were joined by Sea Pigeon (Maxine and Neil Ewins). Johnathan Wall in his Colvin 26 had also made his way to the Dart. Ready for an early start (01:30) on Thursday morning.

We had a good crossing but the sea was still a little lumpy after the storm earlier in the week. Unfortunate Johnathan had to turn back due to engine problems. We arrived in St Peter Port at 14:20 and we're soon joined by Sea Pigeon. We met up with Paddy and Kerry Smith in Bandy Bottle who had made the trip a few days earlier with Kerry flying out.

We had a fine couple of days in Guernsey. Leaving at around 08:30 in the mist on Sunday morning, Sea Pigeon heading for the Dart, Brandy Bottle for the Exe and Lottie for Torquay. Once clear of the Island the mist cleared and we had an enjoyable sail back across the Channel. We managed to fly the cruising shoot achieving 7 ½ knots and were escorted by a number of playful Dolphins. Finally arriving back in Torquay at 22:30. Great days – Nigel



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### **Small Boats –Dinghy's, Kayaks and Canoes**

We have had two fantastic small boats trips in June. The first was over to Lympstone, and the second was down to Dawlish Warren Back Beach.

For the second year running the Summer Solstice Back Beach gathering was a great success, with a big turnout and perfect weather - see photo!



Tuesday 12th July is the next small boats evening, a trip up to Turf Lock

**Richard Bentley – Small Boat Captain**  
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## Small Boat Cruise & Camping

The SFCC small boats group are embarking on what is, for an open 16 - 21 foot boat, a bit of an adventure on Friday. Tom McFarlane has organised a motor boat and camping trip to Sharpham near Totnes up the Dart River.

Eleven boats will leave the pontoon at around 4pm and spend an hour motoring down to Dartmouth and then trickle up the Dart past Dittisham to the Sharpham camping field which is on the pronounced ox-bow in the river.

Four members in kayaks and two paddle boards intend to paddle down from Totnes to join the group.

As Sharpham is a wellbeing resort, naturally any campfires are confined to shingle beach areas and wood needs to be carried in by guests. Most boats are apparently carrying a stock of firewood.

So, it's all down to the weather gods! Moderate seas make all the difference with that kind of outbound journey and return on Sunday morning.

More news in the next issue -

Adam Coupe  
Bosun



## Social

Not much going on in the club at the moment so I hope you have all been able to take advantage of the lovely weather we have had recently instead. There are a few things you might like to take your boats out too.

Teignmouth Air Show Saturday 2nd July starts 15.00hrs

Sidmouth Air Show Friday 26th August 17.00hrs

Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival week kicks off 04<sup>th</sup> August with fireworks 22.00hrs

Due to a lot of prices going up I have unfortunately had to follow suite & put the prices up on the Saturday night cooking I have however tried to keep it at a very competitive price so my apologies for this.

Saturday night cooking will still be going on all through the summer so if you would like a table please email Debbie who will only be too please to book you in to [SFCCTablebooking@gmail.com](mailto:SFCCTablebooking@gmail.com).

Please keep your eye on the board in the bar or on the club facebook page just in case of any extra events are added.

Hope to see you all soon either in the club or on the water.

Happy Fishing & Sailing - Kerry 😊

**Kerry Smith - Social Secretary**  
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## Membership

I am continuing to interview prospective new members on almost a weekly basis!

During the last month the following new members have been interviewed and I would like to welcome them to the club.

Graham Reynolds.

Edward Shears.

Geoff Bunyan

Eva Redmond.

Adam Hulland.

Brent Meheux.

Peter Burrows

Chris Phillips.

Ben Kingdom Towill.

Andrew Holden.

Gary Thomas.

I'm pleased to confirm that the current membership stands at 284 members.

*Lyn Allies - Membership Secretary*

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I hope everyone has been able to get out on the water and enjoy the (largely) fair weather during June.

Having said that, unfortunately we had to postpone the RYA Powerboat Level 2 course due to take place over the weekend of the 25th/26th June, due to the strong winds. We now have two PB2 courses running in July, so more news and photos from those in the August newsletter.

The **RYA Powerboat Level 2** courses continue to prove popular, but there are still spaces available on the dates below at this point. Please let me know if you had been thinking of taking this great course and have any questions or would like to book your place.

If you would like to gain your **RYA SRC/VHF** certificate this season, I am looking to organise additional courses this year due to demand. I'm aiming for these to be run over a weekend in August or September - please email me today to register your interest or if you would like any further information.

This is the same for RYA Radar - let me know if this is a course that you would like to take.

We ran an ICC for sail course on Saturday 2nd July, more news on his next month. If you would like to take the assessment please let me know so that I can organise it for you.

Lastly, I'm now taking bookings for our Yachtmaster Ocean Theory course in October and November. So, if there are any budding astro-navigators out there, please get in touch soon to avoid missing out.

## UPCOMING COURSES:

### Practical Courses

#### **RYA Powerboat Level 2: Two Day Course - £150 per person**

- Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th August 2022
- Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th September 2022
- Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd October 2022

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

- TBC - available from April 2022

### Shorebased Courses

#### **RYA Radar: One Day Course - £80 per person**

- To be confirmed

#### **Yachtmaster Ocean Theory: Six Day Course - £200 per person**

- Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th October 2022, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November 2022 & Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November 2022

All courses include a relevant manual and full instruction from experienced RYA Instructors.

If you have any questions at all, or wish to book a place on any of the above courses, please email me at [training@starcross-fcc.com](mailto:training@starcross-fcc.com) or call me on 07792 885 161.

I hope to see you soon, on the water, in the club, or (hopefully) on one of our courses at SFCC!

Dan

*Dan Tucker - Training Coordinator*

*RYA Centre Principal & Chief Instructor*

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Looking ahead there's plenty going on in the Club

### **Social**

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| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> July  | Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance |
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance |
| Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>RNLI Presentation Night</b>                  |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July | Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> July | Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance |
| Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> July | Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance |

### **Fishing**

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| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July | Most Species Competition |
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### **Cruising**

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| Fri/Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> July   | SFCC Club Rally to Brixham Events Pontoon |
| Sat/Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> July | Cruise to Torquay                         |

## Small Boats

Sat/Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> July Small Boat Camping Weekend at Sharpham

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July Dinghies, Kayaks & Canoes Cruise to Turf Lock

## Training

Sat/Sun 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> July RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

Sat/Sun 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> July RYA Start Yachting Course

Mon/Fri 11<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> July RYA Competent Crew / RYA Day Skipper 5 Day Course

Mon/Fri 25<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July RYA Competent Crew / RYA Day Skipper 5 Day Course



## Finally

As you will have seen membership is growing and great to be able to welcome so many new members to the club, especially after the past couple of difficult years.

As organising club for the River Exe Regatta this year I'm pleased to say that we have put together a great program of events which will be published next month. We have been very lucky once again to have the support of Tozers who as well as being a Gold Sponsor alongside Exe Sails & Covers, Wilkinson Grant, St Peters School and Exmouth Marina, have covered the cost of the Regatta Polo Shirts. We are also grateful for the support of our 14 Silver Sponsors. All the latest information is on the Regatta website.

Lastly a final reminder – The new car park ANPR Cameras go live this month – to be sure you don't get a parking fine you must let us have your vehicle registration number – email : [sfccparking@gmail.com](mailto:sfccparking@gmail.com)

Have a great month - Peter



*Peter Harris - Commodore*

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## ANNEX

### Revised Car Park Rule 01.07.22

**Car Parking:** Parking is strictly for fully paid up members to use, while they are using the clubs facilities on a first come first served basis. We provide parking for cars and small vans only. Motorhomes and Larger Vehicles over 5.5m long may only use the car parks with the express permission of the committee.

The car parks are monitored by ANPR Cameras and members *must* ensure that they have emailed their Name, Membership Number and Vehicle Registration Number to: [sfccparking@gmail.com](mailto:sfccparking@gmail.com) prior to parking, so it may be added to the 'White List' otherwise they will incur a fine.

The Brunel Tower car park is for short stay use only. Cars left overnight, or when members are away cruising, *should* be parked in Regent House Car Park. Members may only park one vehicle at a time on club property. Any member abusing this rule may have their registration number removed from the 'White List' and incur a fine.