



Commodores Update June 2021

With some normality gradually returning to our lives it's great to see the Club Open again!

Longstanding member Alan Towell and former Trustee of the club has moved into a nursing home in Teignmouth and his Daughters have arranged for the club to have a fabulous model of the Tall Ship 'Danmark' which he built.



The Danmark was Built as a three masted Schooner in 1933 but was restored as a Barquentine in 2004. She is owned by the Danish Government and used for Sail Training. In the seventies she appeared in the TV series Oneden Line.

Unfortunately Wyn Yandle who is one of our Vice Presidents has had a nasty fall and fractured her Femur and is in hospital. The club have sent her some flowers and our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sadly the unseasonable weather lead to the cancellation of the Boat Jumble but we hope to reschedule at some point.

The Exe Regatta is spread over two weekends this year. On Saturday 26th June SFCC is organising a Fishing Competition which will be run in conjunction with our own inter club completion with EDSFC. The Regatta is all about the Exe Clubs and water sports organisations getting together to put on a variety of events, so there is something for everyone from Cruiser and Dinghy Sailing, Fishing, Lifesaving and even a Cardboard Boat Competition for the youngsters.

You can register to Fish at: <https://river-exe-regatta.org.uk/fishing-competition/>

On Saturday 26th June SFCC will be hosting a evening event for the competitors who have taken part in both the Fishing and Cruiser events.



Waterside Team



Rear Commodore

Hi all and welcome to 2021 - Poring with rain and freezing cold but we are at least allowed out to play.

I would like to welcome Tony Wormersley to the waterside team. Tony will be looking after the maintenance of the pontoons for us, a formidable task that will require as much help as he can get. Please keep an eye out for his posts when the need arises.

Cruising is off to a start this weekend with the annual trip to Guernsey being substituted for a drift down the coast towards the West, first stop Dartmouth then possibly on to Plymouth. I for one am looking forward to it. If you would like to join any of the cruises please speak to Neil Ewins our Cruising Captain

for the details. All boats be them power or sail are welcome. Don't worry about experience level just join in. I can be contacted via email brandybottle.paddy1@gmail.com if you need to know anything about the waterside or waterborne activities around the club. If I can't help I will know someone who can.

Have a good season - Paddy

Paddy Smith - Rear Commodore

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Boatswain

Hello to all - I hope all your boats have been safe while we wait patiently for some decent news from the Met Office.

Can I remind every member that uses the club that it is their responsibility to make sure all doors have closed properly and are secure, gates are closed and padlocks locked in the position they should be. The gate to Ashes Quay has been found unlocked on a couple of occasions.

If you are using a dingy trolley it shouldn't be left on the hammerhead, please return to the quay and lock it so it is there for next person to use.

Lastly please ensure that dinghy's left on AQ are kept in good order and not deflated, full of water etc. The waterside team will be checking on dinghy's this coming week on AQ any dinghy's in racks which have not been paid for will be removed.

Keith Marshall –Boatswain

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Fishing

By the time this newsletter goes out I hope that we have finally managed to hold the flatfish competition. The comp was due to take place over the Bank Holiday weekend and an update will follow in the July newsletter.

This month's competition on 26th June is SFCC against the Exmouth Deep Sea Anglers and the club's honour is at stake as we are the hosts.

We are the current holders of the trophy and it would be great if we held on to it again. This competition is also being fished alongside the Exe Regatta Competition and so I'm hoping that as many club members as possible will join in. Even if you are unsure whether you will fish the competition, it is important that we enter as many names as possible on the regatta website.

SFCC will be hosting the evening meal and a good turn out to welcome our guests from Exmouth would be greatly appreciated.

Any species may be caught, but any bass caught in the estuary must be returned after measurement. Bass caught outside of the nursery area have a minimum landing size of 45cm. We measure from tip of nose to the fork in the tail. Bass can also be weighed and if there's any doubt- do both.



1lb 8oz Flounder
Kevin Rouse

For this competition fish may be weighed and measured on board. The two best specimens from each club will be used to decide the winner of the inter-club competition. The Regatta Competition is the best individual Specimen.

Good luck !

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REGATTA

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

ALL DETAILS ON WWW.RIVER-EXE-REGATTA.ORG.UK

<p>SATURDAY 26TH JUNE</p> <p>9.30am Start Cruiser race to Babbacombe 7pm Cruiser dinner at SFCC * 7am onwards Fishing competition 9 – 11.45 Surf Lifesaving Competition 8 – 12 year olds</p>	<p>SATURDAY 3RD JULY</p> <p>Dingy racing Multi hull racing BBQ and live music at LSC *</p>
<p>SUNDAY 27TH JUNE</p> <p>10 – 12 noon Surf Lifesaving Competition 13 years plus</p>	<p>SUNDAY 4TH JULY</p> <p>Dingy racing Multi hull racing Junior boat building competition Prize giving at LSC * at 4pm</p>

*Subject to Covid restrictions. Please watch the website and Facebook.





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Cruising

Cruising Captain

Well, it seems to be a very slow start to the season with the poor weather and persistent rain. However, the MET office today reported a heat wave on the way. The bank holiday approaches with some good outlooks on the weather front. Many of the moorings on the Exe are still vacant. Never the less we have lots of members with their boats in and ready to get out cruising and I have been arranging last minute cruises on Facebook, with the coming weekend meeting at Dartmouth for the bank holiday. We are still trying to arrange our annual pontoon party so watch this space.

In June 19th – 21st we have a trip to Salcombe arranged. We will be anchoring at pontoon called the Bag just up from Salcombe. This is a beautiful location and an easy sail from Exmouth. The pontoon has water but no power. Having a tender is good as you can explore the local area and beaches. But if you do

not have a tender do not worry as there is a regular Water Taxi into Salcombe. If you are new to this location just tag along with a sail with other club members. It is great to have so many new members and we look forward to seeing you all on the water soon – Neil

Neil Ewins – Cruising Captain

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Cruising Secretary

I'd just like to remind you all about the Exe Regatta Cruiser Race on Saturday 26th June. It is being organised by Lympstone Sailing Club and you can register to race at:

<https://www.lympstonesailingclub.co.uk/exe-regatta-cruiser-race-saturday-26th-june-2021-09-30hrs/>

In the evening SFCC will be hosting a meal for all the competitors at which the results will be announced.

Nigel Watsham - Cruising Secretary

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Small Boats –Dinghy’s, Kayaks and Canoes

Hi All - We have two small boat trips lined up for June - hopefully the weather will accommodate us this time...

Thursday 10th June Turf Lock HW 19.42 3.7m

Thursday 24th June Lympstone HW 19.15 3.9m

Both trips start 6.30pm from Ashes Quay/Brunel Tower.

Any questions contact me on 07709 587814 or richard@riverexemoorings.uk I will post a reminder on the Facebook page the week preceding each trip.

See you there - Rich

Richard Bentley – Small Boat Captain

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Friday Work Party

With resumption of club activity the Friday work party is resuming its activity. If you would like to meet other like minded boaty people and help your club out with a few jobs to keep it tidy then please join us at 9.30am on a Friday.

Chris Ellis - House Manager & Working Party Coordinator.

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Social

Saturday night cooking got off to a shaky but good start thanks to Tony Lloyd offering to drive the chef home for the next 3 weeks. Let's hope the train schedule gets back to normal soon.

As per last year please book your table through me via email, When you arrive at your allotted time

please go and sit at your table to be served. Roll on 21st June and hopefully some normality which will make the whole process easier. It's still too early to look at functions but keep your fingers crossed

Kerry

Kerry Smith - Social Secretary

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Membership

I am pleased to welcome the following new members to the club:

Jon Briscoe, Peter Coleman, Darren Harper, Martin & Sue Hawker and Simon & Laura Coleman.

Now that the club is open again it is nice to be able to meet prospective members again and show them around the club.

Lyn Allies - Membership Secretary

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Hello everyone - I hope you have been able to enjoy the recent change in the weather and get out on the water in some way. Fingers crossed, that we can now enjoy a long, sunny and settled summer ahead!

Despite the poor weather imposing the need for a last minute reschedule of course dates, we have now been able to run our first two RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses this year. Congratulations to the McClure family, who all passed with flying colours and successfully gained their PB2 certificates at the end of May. As did, Andy Causley and Andrew



Kaye-Lesser, who are not currently members, but plan to be in the near future. Very well done to you all... keep up the good work and enjoy the search for your new boat!

Outboard Maintenance: Would you be interested in an informal evening, learning the basics of outboard trouble-shooting, maintenance and servicing procedures for small outboards? Let me know if you would and I will try to organise it and I will keep you updated with information and potential dates.

SRC Courses: Both of the June courses are now fully booked, but there are two spaces available on the Saturday 10th July course. If you would like to learn how to use your VHF radio correctly as well as legally, now is your last opportunity to do so before the end of the season.

Diesel Engine Maintenance: Places are still available on our RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance course, on

Sunday 11th July. This really is an excellent course, which could prove invaluable to you if you have engine issues ashore or afloat, or wish to service your engine yourself! At only £40 per person it represents excellent value for money.

Powerboat Level 2: The scheduled PB2 courses are fully booked up until July at this stage. If you would like a place on the dates available in August, September or October Contact me as soon as possible to secure your place. This is an excellent boat handling and all round seamanship course, which will build

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your confidence and reassure you, that you are boating both safely and in the correct way. Two days on the water learning invaluable skills as well as earning an internationally recognised certificate for £150 - as they say... "it's a no-brainer!".

See the schedule below and let me know if you would like a place on these or any of the courses we are offering.

RYA SRC (VHF) Marine Radio - £50 (+£60 Exam Fee payable to the RYA directly)

Saturday 12th June 2021 - Fully booked

Sunday 13th June 2021 - Fully booked Saturday 10th July 2021 - Spaces Available

RYA Diesel engine Maintenance - £40

Sunday 11th July 2021 - Places Available

RYA Powerboat Level 2 - £150

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th June 2021 - Fully Booked

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th July 2021 - Fully Booked

Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st August 2021 - Spaces available

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th September 2021 - Spaces available

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd October 2021 - Spaces available

UPCOMING COURSES: All dates and costs to be confirmed. Please contact me for further information and to register your interest.

RYA Sea Survival

Spring/Summer 2021

RYA Radar

October 2021

RYA Day Skipper Theory

October/November 2021

RYA Yachtmaster Coastal/Offshore Theory

January/February 2022

Yachtmaster Ocean Theory

October/November 2022

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

The following courses are not currently scheduled, but could be organised if there is enough demand from members and if it is safe and practical to run them. Please register your interest in order to be at the top of the list when we are able to run them:

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.

Practical Sailing Courses

If you would be interested in taking a practical sailing course at the club, please contact me to register your interest. There is no obligation at this stage, it is purely to gauge demand and viability. Potential courses that could be run are: RYA Basic Skills, RYA Start Sailing, RYA Day Skipper or RYA Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore.

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. Further information on the ICC for sail is

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available on the RYA website, or if you would like to arrange taking test from the club, please 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 email me at training@starcross-fcc.com or call me on 07792 885 161.

That's all for now, I look forward to seeing you out on the water, or on one of our courses in the near future - Dan

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

Fishing

Sat 26th Jun

SFCC v EDSFC Interclub Competition hosted by SFCC

Exe Regatta Fishing Competition hosted by SFCC

(There will be an evening presentation with food in the club for both competitions)

Cruising

Sat 19th-Mon 21st

Salcombe Cruise - mooring on the pontoon in the Bag

Thu 24th - Mon 28th

St Peter Port Cruise (Joint cruise with Moody Owners Association)

Sat 26th

River Exe Regatta Cruiser Race (Details on SFCC Website)

Small Boats

Thu 10th

Small boat Cruise to Turf Lock

Thu 24th

Small boat Cruise to Lypstone

Social

Sat 5th Jun

Saturday Night Cooking

Sat 12th Jun

Saturday Night Cooking

Sat 19th Jun

Saturday Night Cooking

Sat 26th Jun

Saturday Night Cooking

(Special Menu for Fishing and Cruiser Race Competitors)



Finally

An important date for your diary is Thursday 15th July when we will be holding our annual RNLI Night.



Due to Covid we have not been able to have the crew over since 2019. Those of you who were there will remember what a great night it was.

Subject to operational commitments the Lifeboat will come alongside the pontoon and the crew will come over to the club for refreshments. There will be a raffle and a presentation to the crew during the evening.



Peter Harris - Commodore

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