



Commodores Update September 2022

With the nights drawing in its worrying that by the end of this month many of you will be thinking of winter storage!

With many members away there isn't so much to report this month. Brown Bob Productions recently did some filming around the Tower for the fourth series of The Architecture the Railways Built which will be shown on the Yesterday TV Channel.

You will see the results of the Regatta Fishing Competition in Steve Cowells report. There is also a Regatta Cruiser Race on Saturday 10th September organised by Lypstone Sailing Club with an overnight in Brixham for those who wish to stay over. It would be great if we could get a couple of our cruisers taking part. All the information is on the Regatta website:

<https://river-exe-regatta.org.uk/cruiser-racing/>

Exeter City Council have advised in a recent Notice to Mariners Number 018/22 that the Safe Water Mark has been taken off station for maintenance and you are advised to navigate the channel with caution. Also No 31 Buoy has sustained some damage and is presently unlit

While we are not trying to wish the season away you will see that we have some great entertainment planned for Laying Up and the Gala Dinner. We will also be putting together some Friday Forums, so if there is a particular topic you would like us to cover, please have a word with Steve Cowell.



Waterside Team

The only minor waterside issue that I would bring to members attention, is dinghy trollies. Many members have fitted wheels to their dinghies but to those that use the two dinghy trollies chained on Ashes Quay, please return them to the storage area by the gate after launching your dinghy. This may seem unnecessary but dinghy trollies left on the hammerhead create a trip hazard for other members (and of course aren't where they should be if somebody else would like to use one)

It is worth mentioning that the organisation and chairmanship for the Exe Regatta (which rotates each year around Lypstone SC, Topsham YC, Starcross YC and SFCC) has fallen this year to us and more specifically to Peter Harris.

Peter has worked for six months, gathering the other three commodores and the representative from Exmouth Beach Rescue to meetings held at Brunel Tower. There is just so much stuff to organise from posters, banners, mugs and polo shirts for competitors - all done with very little handover of detail from the previous organiser. He has also grown the list of sponsors using his contacts up and down the river to fund these items.

The Regatta fishing competition is this weekend and the various dinghy races, kids cardboard boat race in Lympstone and Beach Rescue competitions at Exmouth all take place on 3rd September and Cruiser racing on 10 September.

We should all be proud of the way in which SFCC has produced such a professional event and also thank Peter for his time and commitment.

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Fishing

Sadly, the gilt-head bream comp was a victim of the extreme heat. A few brave souls risked roasting in the sun but to no avail. No fish were put on the board. Never mind there's always next year!

This month sees us fishing for two species on the Accumulator:

Plaice from 3rd to the 9th, and Black Bream from 17th to 23rd with the conger competition running at the same time as the bream. There's everything to play for in the Accumulator, so please take your chance for glory.

Mackerel are finally showing in large numbers in mixed sizes with some very nice specimens to be caught.

The Exe Regatta Fishing Competition was held on 27th / 28th August with 25 people registering to fish.



Regatta Competition Winner
Mark Delling



Plenty of Wrasse were caught along with a Conger Eel, Dog Fish, Gar Fish, Black Bream and Spotted Ray.



The Winner was Mark Delling with a 2lb 14oz 6drms Dog Fish which was 96.6 % of Specimen Weight.
In Second Place was Steve Lomas with a 3lb 4oz 3drms Black Bream 93.2 % of Specimen Weight.
In Third Place was Josie Kirkland with a 4lb 2oz Ballan Wrasse 82.5% Specimen Weight.

Thank you to Kevin Rouse for calculating the Specimen Weights and everyone who took part.
Good luck with the rest of the competitions and remember think like a fish! - Steve

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Small Boats –Dinghy’s, Kayaks and Canoes

Hi Everyone

The small boat evenings have now finished for another season! Once again we have enjoyed some great trips up and down our local waterway with club members new and old.

I will not be able to organise the small boats events next year - I find most of my weekday evenings are now taken up running my children around to various activities!

The club will therefore require a new Small Boat, Dinghy & Kayak Cruising Coordinator. Essentially the role involves coming up with a schedule of small boat events that will work with the tides, and perhaps a new organiser would have some fresh ideas for trips.

If you are interested please contact myself or Peter Harris.

I have had a great time and met a lot of people through organising these trips - I hope someone else will get the same enjoyment from the role!

Thanks to all those members who have joined in previously and who will take part next season.

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Social

Now that we are half way through the summer season here are a few of our up and coming events to note in your diary's. Please note the Gala and the Christmas dinner are limited numbers and will be for members only. Menus to follow in the next newsletter.



Sat 29th October Laying up Party

Music Quiz starting at 2000 prompt followed by disco with Paul Goody – bring a plate of food buffet.

Sat 19th November Gala Dinner, Murder Mystery

“Titanic Experience” 1930 start.

10th December  *Christmas Dinner 1930 start*

Booking Essential for Gala Night & Christmas Dinner

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Membership

One new family membership has recently been approved by the Committee: Jez and Zoe Nelmes

Interest in joining the club remains buoyant - I am interviewing tonight and also two couples next Thursday and continue to receive enquiries.

Lyn Allies - Membership Secretary

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Looking ahead there's plenty going on in the Club

Social

Sat 3 rd Sep	Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance
Sat 3 rd Sep	River Exe Regatta Party Night @ Topsham Sailing Club (see website)
Sat 10 th Sep	Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance
Sat 17 th Sep	Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance
Sat 24 th Sep	Saturday Night Cooking – please book in advance

Fishing

Sat 3 rd – Fri 9 th Sep	Plaice Competition
Sat 17 th – Fri 23 rd Sep	Black Bream Competition

Cruising

Sat 10 th Sep	Exe Regatta Cruiser Race hosted by Lympstone Sailing Club Overnight berthing available in Brixham with evening presentation
Sat 24 th – Sun 25 th Sep	Torquay / Brixham Cruise

Training

Sat 6 th - Sun 7 th Sep	RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course
Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th Sep	RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Theory Course

I hope that you've been able to get out on the water and enjoy the superb weather during August. I've been busy with the school holidays and time out on the water myself, so there's not a great deal of news from me this month, but a full round up of all things training at SFCC will be within the October newsletter.

There is still one place left on both of our **RYA Powerboat Level 2** in September and October. See the course dates below and let me know if you would like a place. Next year, we will need to raise the price of all of our courses, so be quick to enjoy them at the current prices.

Booking forms for our **Yachtmaster Ocean Theory** course, have now been sent out to all members who requested one. Potentially, this course is now fully subscribed - please let me know if you would like to be placed on the reserves list.

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 SRC (VHF) Marine Radio: One Day Course - £50 per person (plus £60 exam fee)

- To be confirmed

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 or call me on 07792 885 161.

Dan

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Finally

As you will have seen Richard Bentley is standing down as Small Boat Captain. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done to promote the small boat cruises which have been very popular and well supported. If you think you might be able to help next year please get in touch.

By the time you read this I will be traveling around France with Pauline in our Motorhome and will be back at the beginning of October.

Enjoy the rest of the season



Peter Harris - Commodore

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