



Commodores Update January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE – I trust despite these difficult times you all managed to see family and friends over the festive season and let's hope that 2022 will bring us some cheer.



Horace's Hero's

Thanks to Phil Pearce who organised the recent Quiz Night and to all those who took part. *Congratulations* to the Winners Horace's Hero's.

I have to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Draw. It was no surprise to have fewer members present on the night but thanks to your generosity we have once again not only covered the costs but made a small profit for the club – no mean feat in these difficult times – thank you Paul & Becky LeMilliere for all your hard work putting it all together.

Sadly Alan Towell passed away on Christmas Eve. He was a longstanding member who served on the Committee for many years and was until recently a Trustee.

Earlier in the year he donated a magnificent model he had built of the sailing ship Danmark which is on display in the club.

Our thoughts are with his family, arrangements will be published on the website once we know what they are.

CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS

1st	£250 Cash	Peter Ketcher
2nd	Icom VHF Radio	Dave Corkery
3rd	Leatherman Tool	Dave Stacey
4th	River Exe Café Voucher	Caroline Yandle
5th	Binoculars	Sue Tostevin
6th	Lifejacket	Phil Thompson
7th	Food Hamper	Ian Collins
8th	Wine and Champagne	Geoff Munson
9th	SFCC Meal for 2	Peter Ketcher
10th	6 Nautical Mugs	Tom McClure
	Mystery prize on the Night	Dave Browning

We have also just learnt that Graham Pettiquire past away a few days ago. He and his wife Lorna were keen sailors and very active in the club in the late 80's and 90's. Graham was Vice Commodore in 1996 and 1997 before they took their boat to the Mediterranean.

Also Debbie Boobier has passed away after a long illness. Debbie and her Husband Richard regularly cruised in their boat Aeolis until Debbie became ill a few years ago.

The New Years Eve Party was a great success despite the reduced footfall. Thank you to Paul Goody for the Disco and Neil and Maxine Ewins for donating the Fireworks and helping the evening go with a swing.



The Presentation Night will take place on Saturday the 15th January at 20.00.

As last years Presentation was cancelled due to Covid, we will first of all present the Trophies for the 2020 Fishing Season.

After a sort break while we re-sanities all the Cups we will then present the 2021 Cruising Awards (there were no awards in 2020) followed by The 2021 Fishing Awards.

There will be a Photo opportunity We will explain how this is going to be done on the night.

Friday Forums

Friday 11th February

'Marine Disasters'

With Roger King who is a retired Insurance Investigator

Friday 25th February

'Boat Security'

Devon & Cornwall police

Please keep an eye on the website for additional dates

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Social

Happy New Year everyone I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good night seeing in the New Year, whether you saw it in at the club, at home, away with friends or for the ones that couldn't keep your eyes open, I am sure it was a good night had by all.

I would like to thank Neil & Maxine Ewins for all the help on New Year's Eve for taking the video, pictures and for supplying us with a firework display as well as helping serve the pasties, what a busy pair you were and to Debbie and Heidi for keeping the drinks flowing thank you thank you very much.

We have a few things lined up for next year all being well and cooking with resume 22nd January 2022. Also coming up is the sea shanty night so get your singing voices all tuned up.

See you all soon, Please keep an eye on the Friday Forums. See you in the club - Kerry

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Membership

A tribute to Jethro on the Big Screen Friday 21st January



I'm sorry for the delay in sending out your renewals this year, we have been plagued with problems trying to set up our on-line payment system on the web-site.

As time is marching on we have decided to implement completion of the new online form coupled with a Bacs Payment. We will be sending out the renewals by post in the next couple of days and you will then receive a separate email explaining how to complete the online form and bacs payment details.

By next year our new website should be up and running with online payments all setup.

I'm also pleased to welcome our first new member of 2022 Mr Ian Wright who has a Leisure 23.

Lyn Allies – Membership Secretary
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Wishing everyone at SFCC a very happy and healthy new year and I hope you are (like me) looking forward to a great season, both on and off the water.

There is plenty going on behind the scenes on the training side, with preparation and planning for the years courses well underway. As you will see below the shorebased course schedule is largely complete, with additional dates and information coming in my February update. Exciting news on our ability to offer members practical sail cruising courses and ICC for sail, will follow as soon as it is finalised.

I have finalised dates for this years RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses, with one course running per month, from April until October. If the dates don't suit you and you can put a group of three together, I am more than happy to organise a course especially for you. Despite increasing costs, we have kept the course price the same as previous years, which represents excellent value for money for this invaluable two day practical course. As in previous years, the courses get booked up quickly, so please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to secure a place.

The Yachtmaster Theory course is now fully booked, with six members about to embark on this challenging and rewarding course, run over four weekends through January and February. I have arranged for our Yachtmaster Instructor, Jim Wright, to come down to the club at 8pm on Thursday 6th January, to chat with and answer questions from the Yachtmaster course attendees. All are welcome to join in, so please do so if you have any questions, or would like further information relating to the RYA shorebased navigation courses that we offer to you. I hope to see you there.

RSC/VHF, First Aid and Diesel Engine Maintenance courses are proving very popular again, but there are spaces still available for all three currently.

There has been a slight change of direction with the plans for the previously proposed Sea Survival course. I am now planning to organise a group of interested members to take the RYA Sea Survival course instead.

Having taken advice from a very experienced instructor, it has been suggested that the RYA course would be more beneficial and aligned to our boating requirements, than the STCW (Personal Survival Techniques) course, which is more commercially focused. Please get in touch if you would like to take this course or would like more information about it. The plan is to organise this as soon as possible this year - ideally before the start of the season in April.

Our courses are conducted with your health, safety and wellbeing as a paramount. All precautions are taken in relation to COVID-19 guidance or advice on prevention measures, in order to make our courses as enjoyable as possible, whilst at the same time providing a healthy environment for you to learn in. Course attendees will be required to complete our C-19 declaration form and will be advised to take a Lateral Flow Test, before coming to any training sessions. Masks, anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitiser are freely available at all times on all of our courses and the study areas are sanitised before and after each session.

UPCOMING COURSES:

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

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th April 2022

Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th May 2022

Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th June 2022

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th July 2022

Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th August 2022

Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th September 2022

Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd October 2022

RYA Yachtmaster Coastal/Offshore Theory - Eight Day Course - £200 per person

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th January 2022

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th January 2022

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th February 2022

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th February 2022

RYA Sea Survival - One Day Course: £135 per person

Spring 2022

RYA SRC Course and Exam - One Day Course - £50 (+£60 RYA exam fee) per person

Saturday 12th March 2022

Sunday 13th March 2022

RYA First Aid - One Day Course - £50 per person

Saturday 19th March 2022

RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance - One Day Course - £40 per person

Sunday 20th March 2022

RYA Radar - One Day Course

Spring 2022

Yachtmaster Ocean Theory - Eight Day Course

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. 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 available on the RYA website, or if you would like to arrange taking test from the club, please contact me.

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.

See you soon and very best wishes for the year – Dan

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Looking ahead there's plenty going on in the Club

Social

Sat 15 th Jan	Trophy Presentation Night
Fri 21 st Jan	A tribute to Jethro on the Big Screen
Sat 22 nd Jan	Saturday Night Cooking Restarts
Sat 29 th Jan	Saturday Night Cooking
Sat 5 th Feb	Exmouth Shanty Men + Saturday Night Cooking
Fri 11 th Feb	Friday Forum – Marine Disasters with Roger King
Sat 12 th Feb	AGM 20.00 (No Saturday Cooking)
Fri 25 th Feb	Friday Forum – Boat Security – Devon & Cornwall Police



Finally

The AGM is approaching and will be held on Saturday 12th February at 20.00 subject to any change in Covid restrictions. You will all receive the Notice of AGM, Finalised Accounts, Last AGM Minutes and my Commodores Report before the end of January. Please remember only paid up members can attend the AGM.

While the reduced footfall in the club due to Covis is a concern, we are fortunate to be in a good position to weather this storm. We appreciate that a lot of you are still Isolating and being careful how much you mix with others. I would like to assure you that your safety is paramount when entering the club. We have sanitisation points as you enter the building and on all the tables and ask members to stay seated whenever possible in the bar.

We hope that as the year progresses you will feel able to come back into the club and support all the events we have planned. We aim to keep things as normal as possible while adhering to the prevailing restrictions.

Lastly thank you for your patience with the delay sending out the renewals. What should have been a relatively easy task setting up online payments has stretched all of our patience due to poor backup from several suppliers.

The process this year is a interim method while we finalise the new process. Historically every year a number of members just post a cheque or make a payment without returning their forms which creates a great deal of extra work for us trying to reconcile all the payments, the online system will help prevent this happening and make the renewal process much more efficient.

Also due to the delay in sending out renewals we are for this year only extending the offer of a £10 discount for prompt payment to the 1st April.

So please bear with us this year, your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all in the club during the coming season.



Peter Harris - Commodore

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