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A Message from the Chairman

Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman

I look forward to seeing you all back at the Pond from Thursday 3rd April, new members are very welcome! Hopefully the weather is beginning to show some signs of Spring but do remember to bring some warm clothes at the beginning of the season!



Many of our helpers have been working hard during the Winter preparing for the new season. Boats have been repaired (thank you Lindsay) funds have been raised, new boats ordered, helpers trained, social events organised and a full sailing season planned for those wanting to cruise or race on the Pond and beyond.

It was great to see our young helpers recognised at the RYA National Sailability Conference in February and to have two sailors recognised at the East Hampshire Sports Awards (see page 2). Well done everybody!

Unfortunately I will miss you at the Fitting Out Supper as I will be away doing my coastal skipper exam, sailing somewhere between the Hamble and Poole while you are enjoying your meal! Have a great 2014 season & best wishes to you all, Kate.

Fitting Out Supper 28th March



As usual, we will be holding our **Fitting Out Supper** at the start of the season, and this year it will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday 28th March. The bar will be open from 7.15pm and a two course supper will be served at 8pm. Any donations to the raffle will be gratefully received!

There will be an evening of musical entertainment with a World War 1 theme led by some special guests. The very modest cost for the evening will be £7 per head. Please let Carol Clibborn know how many tickets you require by Sunday 23rd March.

To confirm your reservation prepayment is required so please let Carol have your cheque, made payable to **Frensham Pond Sailability**. Please let Carol know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Please note that the seating capacity is only 75, so it's first come, first served. You have been warned!

RYA Youth Awards

The RYA National Sailability Conference took place in February and two of our young helpers, Rebecca Rayner and Ella Hargreaves, were presented as joint winners of the RYA Youth Volunteer Award. They both thoroughly enjoyed the conference and participated in all of the workshops.



In their acceptance speech at the awards Rebecca and Ella thanked FPS for supporting their contribution and for trusting in their ability. They are pictured above with Sarah Treseder, RYA Chief Executive and Gerry Hughes, the guest speaker and the world's first profoundly deaf yachtsman to sail single handed around the world past the five Capes.

East Hampshire Sports Awards

Local sportsmen and women and the people who help make sporting achievements possible were recognised at the East Hampshire Sports Awards 2014 on 27th February at the Old Thorns Manor Hotel, Liphook.

The evening was hosted by long serving ITV presenter Fred Dinenage, MBE. Paralympian Gold Medallist Peter Norfolk OBE, known as 'The Quadfather' for his domination of the Quad division of Wheelchair Tennis, gave a presentation on his sporting career and presented the awards to the nominees.



FPS sailors Lindsay Burns and Peter Etherton were nominated for the Senior Disability Sportsperson of the Year for their racing success in 2013. The award was presented to National and European 2.3 champion Lindsay Burns



Tim Slater, Executive Head – Economy and Communities at East Hampshire District Council said: "2013 was another great year for sport in East Hampshire and all of the people recognised at tonight's event have contributed to that success. For every successful sportsperson, there is a large group of people working behind the scenes to make their success possible, and these awards recognise the coaches, officials and volunteers too."

Fundraising News

Brian Grimwood, FPS Trustee responsible for fundraising

In the Autumn Newsletter we reported that we were waiting for confirmation of full funding of the second of the two new Hansa (formerly Access) 2.3 dinghies being purchased for the start of the 2014 season.

£1750 was already in place from the Wisley Foundation as part of their FPS Youth Programme support. In early January, we were delighted to receive confirmation of a £3000 grant to cover the balance of the cost, from the Community Foundation of Surrey's Surrey Sports Fund.

This is the second major grant we have received from this very supportive organisation (please click on <http://www.surreycommunityfoundation.org.uk/> for more information). So we were delighted when the Foundation invited FPS to have a display stand at their third annual Philanthropy lecture being held at the Surrey Sports Park on 6 February. Kate, Brian, Lara and David attended and were able to talk to guests about FPS.

The photo below shows Lara & David at the FPS stand.



On 18 Jan, we held the 10th (and last) annual FPS supper-dance in Crondall Village Hall. This function aimed to provide a social evening for FPS members, raise the profile of FPS within the wider community and fundraise.



A very welcome £2,600 was raised this year. In all over the 10 years, some £25,000 (in current money values) has been raised from the event – equivalent to the cost of five new Hansa dinghies!



So it is time to say some “thank you’s” to people who have helped organise and run the event over the past

10 years - Peter Galliford, Clive & Jackie Jourdain, Lois Hudson (super decorations!!), Sarah-Louise Jeffries and not to forget Fred, Lorraine, Tony and Alex running the bar and, of course, Margaret!



Another big thank you has to go to the band “**Full House**” (aka Mid-Life Crisis) who have played at every event and have made the evenings so memorable. They charged us a VERY favourable rate which significantly helped our fundraising. So much so, we have decided to name this year’s second 2.3, ‘**Simply the Best**’, after their trade mark ‘belter’ in the second half of the evening. Peter, Paul, Dirk, Phil and Tim – very many thanks.



However, all good things have a natural life cycle and, hopefully, something else will emerge in its place! We will see!



2.4mR News

Peter Gregory, 2.4mR Class Captain

After a brief term of 1½ season's as 2.4mR Class Captain at Frensham, I need to stand down due to health reasons. With unanimous approval from the 2.4mR fleet, **Lionel East** will be taking over at the start of the new season in April. I am sure he will be as well supported by the fleet as I have during my time as Class Captain. As you can see from the photo below, Lionel is always well prepared for every eventuality!



2014 started well for **Megan Pascoe**, who many will remember visited the FPS Youth Group on the 11th May last year. Megan won the ISAF Sailing World Cup in Miami which took place between 26th January and 1st February. It was her second consecutive Miami World Cup win. The 2012 Paralympic gold medallist **Helena Lucas** joined her on the podium with bronze.



There is a long way to go yet, but this is all part of Megan's preparations to try and compete in the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, having just missed out in 2012 at Weymouth.

Other Racing News

Another visitor to the FPS Youth Group has also made a start to her 2014 racing season in the spectacular Extreme 40 Racing Series. Olympic Gold Medallist **Pippa Wilson** has joined Sir Ben Ainslie's BAR Racing

Team and the first event of eight took place in the scenic Marina Bay, Singapore in February.



The action was fast and furious and a short video of the highlights can be found here:

<http://www.extremesailingseries.com/news/view/video-singapore-highlights#.Ux2aF4XpayE>

The second event is in Muscat, Oman 19-22 March and you can follow all the action here:

<http://www.extremesailingseries.com/>

Finally, **Lizzy Foreman**, our guest speaker at the Laying Up Supper in October, has announced that her 2015 Mini Transat campaign has officially started.

Follow her blog: <http://lizzyracing.blogspot.co.uk/>

"Having now confirmed Hudson Wight as a title naming sponsor, along with a number of product partners, I can now give my first ever season of solo offshore racing my full attention – so I'm extremely grateful for everyone's help and support."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH - MAY

MARCH:

20TH – BOAT FITTING OUT & HELPER TRAINING

26/27TH – FPS HELPER A.I. TRAINING

28TH – FITTING OUT SUPPER ☺

30TH – FPSC HELMSLEY SUPER PRIX

APRIL:

3RD – SAILABILITY SEASON STARTS ☺

12/13TH – 2.4MR NATIONAL RANKER WEYMOUTH

14TH – HANSA TT BURGFIELD (1ST SOUTHERN EVENT)

28TH – HANSA TT WEALDEN (2ND SOUTHERN EVENT)

MAY:

10/11TH – 2.4MR OPEN FRENHAM

14TH – HANSA TT WHITEFRIARS (1ST WESTERN EVENT)

28TH – HANSA TT CARSINGTON (1ST NORTHERN EVENT)