



Breaking Wind



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A Message from the Chairman

Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman

I hope you have all had a chance to enjoy the fantastic weather and sailing at Frensham Pond Sailability this year. For once we have not lost a single session to bad weather!



It has certainly been very busy for all our helpers with lots of extra events happening within Sailability – the summer BBQ, The Youth Day, the launch of another new boat and a trip to the Isle of Wight to mention a few. There are more details of these events plus an update from our racing sailors in this issue.

I am keen to get as much feedback as possible from all our members and therefore please could I encourage you all to complete the Frensham Pond Sailability Questionnaire sent by email and available at the Welcome Desk. Please note Frensham Pond Sailability is hosting the Hansa National Championships on the

8th and 9th October and therefore there will be **no general sailing on Thursday 9th October**. Looking further ahead there are two other key dates for your diary – the Laying-Up Supper on Friday 31 October and The Forum at 11am on Thursday 13 November. More details of both will follow in the coming weeks. Finally, I am very pleased to announce two new members of the FPS Management Committee: Michael Buttler will cover Communication and Promotions and Graham Wheeler is our new Safety Officer, welcome aboard!

Youth Group Summer Trip

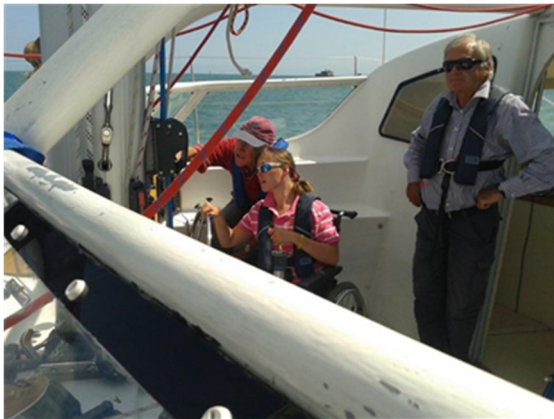
Lara Sturgis, FPS Youth Group Sailor

On Wednesday 6th August the Youth Group went on the catamaran called “The Spirit of Scott Bader”. This is kept at the Port Solent Marina near Portsmouth. When we arrived we went on board, got our life jackets on and met the crew, John and Anne, who showed us around the boat. Then we had a safety check to make sure our life jackets were on properly and we were shown how to clip the harness onto our life jackets. We all had to use a harness if we wanted to go up on to the front of the boat.



John showed us a map of the Isle of Wight so we could see where we were going to go before he drove us out of the Marina. Kate took over the helming of the boat while the crew were showing us what would happen if someone went overboard and how you would pull a person out the water.

We all helped to rig the sail and then it was Jo's turn to take over the helm as we sailed towards Bembridge. Parice and Lucy then had a turn at the helm. Approximately half way to Bembridge harbour we anchored the boat to have our picnic lunch.



After lunch it was my turn to take over the helm of the boat. While I was helming the boat Kate and the rest of the youth group members were sitting on the front of the boat enjoying the sunshine. Also while I was helming the boat I saw a splendid view of an impressive racing yacht, perhaps coming back from Cowes.



When I had finish helming the boat it was Jay's turn and he helmed the boat close to the harbour and then Sam took over helming into the harbour. Lucy and Parice took the helm to take us through the lock gate when John took over to park the boat. I would like to thank Kate for organising this great trip on behalf of all the youth group members aboard – a big Thank You!

FPS Summer BBQ

The annual Sailability BBQ was held on Friday 8th August. A full house once again, the evening had a Caribbean flavour, complete with a torrential downpour, and music provided by David Holford on keyboard. The rain did not deter our master chefs:

Robert, Jackie and Clive cooked up a feast despite the wet conditions and Carol and her team provided delicious salads and desserts.



Fundraising News

Brian Grimwood, FPS Trustee responsible for fundraising

Once again I am pleased to report superb results from our many much valued funding supporters. Thanks initially go to our 'perspiring' supporters - once again we had a Team FPS in the LIDBA 26 mile sponsored bike ride in July, led by Vicki & Sol, which raised nearly £300.



We were also delighted to receive a similar amount from the FPSC Cadets following their demanding Triathlon event.



This was held in July to raise funds for the 2014 Cadet World Championships.

We have been delighted to add three Hansa dinghies to our fleet this year, which will help to meet growing sailor demand, particularly from our thriving Youth section.

The launching of Hansa 2.3W 'Simply the Best' was reported in the Spring 2014 Newsletter and in May, Hansa 2.3S 'Running on Water', funded by students and staff of Cranleigh Prep School (see Autumn 2013 Newsletter for details), was launched.

The name, selected by the students, was very appropriate as a significant proportion of the funds came from sponsorship of staff member and Ultra Runner Dudley Manning. Very many thanks to staff and students.



Dudley Manning, Deputy Headmistress Stella Gravill & Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman at the Launch

In September, we were delighted to launch an additional Hansa 303 Wide 'Lion Ian Imray MBE'.



Mrs Imray & Paul Doughty, Fleet Lions President

This was funded by a £5000 donation from the Lions Club of Fleet, following various fundraising activities such as the Fleet Beer Festival and the Fleet Carnival held during the Sailability helper Julian Behmber's Fleet Lions Presidential year. Very many thanks to Julian and his Fleet Lions colleagues.



The Lions float won the second place certificate and £15.00 in the motorised float section, first place was won by a school. The funny fellow with the beard is your own ancient mariner as if you didn't know!!! No competition to Mags.



The photo above shows Robert Glen sailing Lion Ian Imray MBE with David Farmer who we are very pleased to see back sailing. David is fully recovered from his heart attack in June; his recovery is in no small part due to prompt action with the defibrillator donated by Fleet Hospital & Community Friends with the support of Julian Behmber.

Hot off the press is a photo of a 'be-crutched' Kate receiving a cheque for £700 from the immediate past President of Farnham Weyside Rotary, Bob Frost, following their Golf Day in June. This brings the total received this year from Rotary to over £1,500. A magnificent sum and many thanks to Rotary!!



Finally, and very sadly, In Memory of Andrew Bridge: Many of you will be aware of the tragic loss of the yacht 'Cheekirafiki' and all her crew in May this year. The skipper, Andrew Bridge, and his family had a very close association with Frensham Pond Sailing Club over many years.

A group of Andrew's friends have planned a sponsored cycle ride from London to Paris in less than 24 hours on 27th September in memory of Andrew. They are very generously donating the proceeds to Frensham Pond Sailability. Further details and donations can be made by clicking here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/cheekirafiki1>

FPS Youth Group Fun Day

Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman (photos Tony Machen)

FPS held our 3rd Youth Day on Wednesday August 20th. 24 youngsters joined us on the day including students from Abbey School, Stepping Stones

School and Ridgeway School. We were particularly delighted to welcome a number of youngsters from the local area who were trying sailing for the first time.



There was plenty of time on the water with some short races and fun and games, including netting plastic ducks kindly loaned by Farnham Weyside Rotary, and firing water pistols.



There were lots of prizes to be won, our special congratulations to Harry Kennington on winning the Youth Day Trophy.

Malcolm Stewart and Morgan Johnson, Wisley Foundation Trustees, joined us for part of the morning and tried their skills (limited!!) at catching ducks. They were delighted to see so many young sailors on the water enjoying themselves and are keen to maintain The Foundation's support for the Youth sailing project.



The day finished with a picnic lunch and prizes in the Clubhouse. A huge thank you to all 25 helpers on the day, with special thanks to Toby Fitzgerald, Brian Grimwood and Kate Wyatt for their continued support.

Farnham Community Games

Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman

Frensham Pond Sailability was represented at the Farnham Community Games on Monday 25 August. Unfortunately the weather was atrocious but this didn't deter Nick Clibborn and Julian Behmber seen here preparing the FPS boat display.



Julian, Nick & Ann-Marie in full wet-weather gear!

The Mayors of Waverley and Farnham were interested to hear about Sailability and our activities this season. A big thank you to Nick and Julian for their help in organising the day, and to sailors Craig Winskil-Hales and Ann-Marie Slavin for coming along to represent the FPS members.

The Abbey School

John Townsley, Abbey School Group Senior Instructor

Once again this year, the Abbey School in Farnham sent us a group of 8 youngsters (14 year olds) keen to discover the joys of sailing. The group (all boys this year) received training on Thursday mornings for a 10 week period, beginning in April and ending in July to coincide with the school's Summer Term.

The wind was so light on the first Thursday that the group discovered only the joys of drifting, together with use of the paddle and steering (whilst using the paddle!). Nonetheless, the early nervousness at being afloat soon gave way to increased confidence and helped set them up for the weeks ahead.

Despite losing a couple of weeks for half-term and a polling day, the boys made good progress under the patient and always enthusiastic training provided by Graham Howlett, Mike Forrest, Malcolm Parr, Roger Miller and myself.

By the end, they had all achieved RYA awards, four bronze and four silver awards, which were presented to them at the school assembly by Kate Richardson and me on Monday 15th September. Kate encouraged them to visit the club on Saturday mornings to continue to develop their skills and a

quick show of hands at the assembly suggested that we will have another interested group next year. Our congratulations to all the boys involved and our thanks to the instructors for another successful course.



FPSC/FPS Youth Pursuit Race

Six members of The FPS Youth Group participated in a new joint event with FPSC in a Youth Pursuit Race on Saturday 6 September. The FPS sailors raced in 303W's against 39 youngsters from Cadet, Optimist, Tera and Laser radial fleets from the main Club.



The overall winners of the event were Tom Brooker and his brother John in the Hansa 303W "Burge". Tom is a regular member of the FPS Youth Group on a Saturday morning. The morning was followed by a prize giving and BBQ in the Clubhouse. Well done guys and a huge thank you to Karen Ferguson, the FPSC Training Principal for organising this event.



Competition News

Thursday Club Racing continues to thrive with a large group of Hansa 303's and 2.4's taking part most weeks. The Hansa early summer series was won convincingly by Tessa Watkiss. A new development this season is the 2.3 & 303 Sport Training Group supervised by John Townsley. This regularly attracts 7-8 solo helms who are progressing very well with their sailing skills and race training.

The Hansa Traveller Trophy & Grand Prix series has seen many events take place since the last issue with more success for FPS sailors. They have travelled north to Carsington, Nottingham & Rutland, west to Frampton & Bristol, south to Portland (to sail in the first ever UK Hansa event on the sea) and east to Alton Water. None of this is possible without the support of FPS and its helpers – thank you all!



A 303 Fleet Start At The Chesil GP, WPNSA Portland
The RYA Sailability Multiclass Regatta, TT & GP took place at Rutland in August. Lindsay Burns was 1st in the 2.3 class events, Paul Phillips was 1st in the Traveller Trophy 303 singles class and 2nd in the Grand Prix event with Monique Foster 1st in the GP 303 singles class and 2nd in the TT.

The UK Hansa Nationals, GP & TT take place on the 8th/9th October and we are expecting a large entry of sailors from France, Italy & Holland as well as the UK regulars, spectators are welcome!

2.4mR Update: FPSC sailor Bruce Hill won the Inland Championships at Rutland, a very popular victory in tough conditions. Richard Smallwood finished 5th and Peter Gregory was the best placed FPS sailor in an excellent 6th place.

The IFDS World Championships took place in Halifax Nova Scotia and John Brooker was in the Team GB 2.4 contingent with Helena Lucas, Megan Pascoe and others. John finished a very creditable 21st in a fleet of 49, with a highest place of 4th in race 5 – a very good effort in a very competitive fleet. Helena was 2nd and Megan 4th overall.

Farewell To The Dyer Twins

Bridget Woodhouse, FPS Schools & Groups Coordinator

We had to say farewell to the happy and enthusiastic Dyer twins, Jo and Sam who have moved on from The Ridgeway College, Farnham.



Jo invites her Mum for a sail & tour of the Pond...

They are now at The Fortune Centre in The New Forest which teaches young adults with learning needs a whole raft of life skills centred on working with horses. We will be sad to see them go to "pastures new" but wish them all the very best times ahead and hope they come back and sail at Frensham Pond Sailability.



... while Sam takes Dad (Mum & Dad were just passengers)

Thank You & Good Luck Olly!

Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman

Saturday 20 September was Olly Fitzgerald's last day coaching the FPS Youth Group before leaving to start his university degree.



*Olly receives his present from the FPS Youth Group
A wireless printer & plenty of ink for all those essays!*

FPS is hugely grateful for Olly's commitment to the project over the last three years. His contribution and enthusiasm has been one of the key factors in the success of the project. We all wish him well for the future and hope to see him soon.

Olly was also recently nominated for the Ice Bucket Challenge...



The very kind Brian Grimwood was more than happy to oblige...
Nice one Olly!!!

FPS Forum 13th November

Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman

Calling all FPS Sailor and Helper Members to the Frensham Pond Sailability Forum to be held on **Thursday 13th November 11am** in the FPSC Club House.

The forum is your opportunity to be involved in the running of FPS Sailability – hear about our activity throughout the season and our plans for next year. It is your chance to have a say and influence plans. Coffee from 10.15am!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

OCTOBER:

8TH – FRENHAM TT (3RD SOUTHERN EVENT)

8TH/9TH - HANSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FRENHAM

9TH - NO SAILABILITY

22ND – OXFORD TT (4TH SOUTHERN EVENT)

30TH - END OF SAILABILITY SEASON ☹

31ST – LAYING UP SUPPER ☺

NOVEMBER:

6TH – FLEET WINTERISATION & HELPERS LUNCH

13TH – SAILABILITY FORUM 11AM