



Breaking Wind



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Farnham Sports Council Awards

The Farnham Sports Council Sports Personality of the Year Awards 2010 were presented on 18 April 2011 & FPSC & FPS sailors did very well in all categories.



Juniors:

Junior (under 14) Sports Personality of the Year:
Mathew & Ben Shorrock – 2nd

Junior Team: Andrew Smith & Rory Burdock – 2nd

Seniors:

Senior Sports Personality of the Year:

Nick Craig – joint 1st Lindsay Burns – 3rd

Senior Team of the Year:

Sailability Access Racing Team – 1st

(Tessa Watkiss, Monique Foster, Lindsay Burns)

FPSC Round the Island Team – 2nd

(Bryan Appleyard, Bruce Hill, Tim Helmsley)

Sports Club of Year:

FPSC – 2nd

Service to Sport: Brian Grimwood – 1st

Well done to all and many congratulations to Brian!

Launch of Red Admiral



A wet day in July did not deter representatives of the Community Foundation of Surrey and regular Hydon Hill sailors from attending the launch. Red Admiral was funded by a generous grant from the Foundation and from the sale of Red Feather, which was funded by Friends of Hydon Hill.

FPSC 10 Hour Race

The theme of this year's event was "Pirates of the Caribbean" and appropriate dress was encouraged!



This year's good cause was "Toe in the Water" a charity which helps injured servicemen & women re-

adjust to life through the inspiration of competitive sailing. FPS fielded an Access team and a mixed FPSC/FPS 2.4 team; the weed ensured that Pirate Jack and his safety boat crew had a very busy time.

The Access team was awarded the prize for the best Sailability team and the 2.4 team took the honours for the most senior team competing! More importantly, the event raised more than £5000 for "Toe in the Water", a superb effort by everybody who took part, well done!

10th Anniversary & BBQ

The 10th Anniversary celebrations were a great success and have been well documented elsewhere. The summer BBQ that followed was very well attended, many thanks to grill chefs Clive & Jackie Jourdain and Robert & Anita Baird. The event also marked another special occasion, the 70th birthday of FPS Sailing Master, Richard Smallwood. Richard was presented with this superb (and very tasty!) cake, specially made by FPS's very own master chef, Carol Clibborn.



A Message from the Chairman

Kate Richardson, FPS Chairman

Wow what a busy four months! After a rather cold and chilly March came some of the best sunshine, wind and sailing conditions in early April. I hope you have all had chance to get down to the pond some time this summer.

We have had a very busy time all in all. Many thanks to Peter Etherton and Richard Smallwood for organizing the Access Nationals in June. Thankfully the weed did not hinder racing too significantly.

Four boats went to the European Championships at Lake Garda in May followed by three competing in the French Nationals in June. Many thanks to Richard and Angela Smallwood and Terri Teale for accompanying the sailors to Italy and to Nick Clibborn and Ted Jefferies for preparing the boats prior to leaving.

Sailing on Thursday and Saturday morning has been

equally successful and very well supported. Great to see so many regulars and many more eager to join the race training on a Thursday afternoon with Nick Clibborn. Thank you to Mark Greenwood and his team of receptionists and Frank Golding and crew on the jetty who have kept us all in order and thank you Carol Clibborn and Sally Townsley in the Galley for providing us all with the necessary refreshments each week.



Sally, Kathy, Kay & Carol in the Galley at the Nationals

Woodlarks joined us in May for a fabulous morning's sailing with the Stratos, both Wayfarers and three GP 14s on the water, followed by a barbeque in the sunshine. Other regulars included Disability Challengers, The Ridgeway, Stepping Stones and The Abbey School plus a new group from the visually impaired unit of the George Abbott school, Guildford. Thank you to all those volunteers who made these sessions possible.



Little known to many of you, Paul Phillips and Brian Grimwood have been working away for the last 6 months in order to achieve our own independent charitable status (more on this below). I know a huge amount of work has gone into this – thank you!

Finally thank you to all those involved in our 10th

Anniversary Celebration to thank all our sponsors for making the last ten years possible. I think everyone was very impressed with Frensham Pond Sailability and will be keen to support us in the future. Much more has been said about this in the special issue Newsletter. Great to meet you all this season, it's a pleasure to be involved.

FPS Is A Registered Charity!

Registered Charity Number: 1142761

Brian Grimwood & Paul Phillips, FPS General Committee

We are delighted to inform members that Frensham Pond Sailability became a charity registered with the Charity Commission with effect from 6 July 2011. Click on <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/>, enter either the above number or name and you can see the entry. Approval for the application was given at Sailability and FPSC EGMs held consecutively on 5 May this year. The primary benefits are:

a). the structure of the Charity, as defined within the Memorandum and Articles of Association ensures our continued integration within the Sailing Club – a fundamental objective from Sailability's launch back in 2001.

b). it provides the framework for developing a sound financial basis for our second decade. In the current economic climate, it is essential we present ourselves correctly and professionally to potential donors and grant providers, who have increasingly restricted funds

Members will see little difference on a day-to-day basis in the way we operate. The major overt change will be that the traditional Sailability AGM will be replaced by an Annual Sailability Forum, open to all members. This is currently scheduled for Friday 25th November – so put the date in your diaries now.

Localgiving.com

Brian Grimwood, GC Member responsible for fundraising

We are delighted that Frensham Pond Sailability is at the forefront of a new on-line system for receiving donations.



The system has been created by the Community Foundation Network in the UK. The Network, which operates on a county basis, links local donors with local

good causes in need of funds. Only 'approved' good causes can participate.

The Community Foundation for Surrey, who recently provided us with a £3000 grant to fund the new Access 303 'Red Admiral', invited Frensham Pond Sailability to participate and we were delighted to accept. There will be a Surrey wide promotion of the Localgiving scheme in the Autumn. You will receive more information then.

Why not try out the new system by making a donation, or passing this on to your friends and acquaintances. If the donor is a UK tax payer, the value to Sailability of every £10 donated is automatically raised to £12 by Gift Aid tax recovery.

Please click on:

<http://www.localgiving.com/frenshampondsailability>

Competition News

The Access Traveller Trophy (TT) series kicked off in April with a cold wind & a warm welcome at Notts County SC. 6 boats made the trip and all finished in the top 3 in their classes, a record for FPS? Lindsay took the 2.3 honours; Paul P, Tessa & Ali took 1-2-3 in the 303 singles with Andy & Kate 2nd & Peter & Peta 3rd in the 303 doubles.



Closely Contested 303 Doubles Class at Notts County

The next TT was held at Oxford in much warmer conditions, Lindsay and Andy & Kate both taking class wins. Things got busier in May with the Carsington TT, Frensham 2.4 Open and Access Europeans at Lake Garda.



Frensham 2.4 Open: 40 Knot Gusts on Day 2!

25 helms contested the 2.4 Open, with 2 races held in a gusting SW breeze on the Saturday; both were won convincingly by Paralympic contender Megan Pascoe. Sunday saw an increase in wind speed, with knockout gusts of 40+ knots swerving by 20+ degrees!

Some boats were grounded in the shallows while the chaotic startline saw fast moving craft and much shouting amongst the broken water. As the four scheduled races proceeded, the casualties ranged from semi-swamping, damaged rigging to total sinking, with only 5 of the 25 boats completing all 6 races! Megan's 4 wins in 4 races was enough for 1st overall, with Rutland's Ian Stowe 2nd and FPSC's Bruce Hill 3rd.

4 FPS Access helms and 3 helpers made the long trek to Lake Garda for the European Championships with some success, more of this in Richard's article below.



Access Europeans – A 2.3 Race Start at Lake Garda

They then drove hell for leather to get back just in time for the Burghfield TT on 1st June, crazy or what? Lindsay, Tessa and Peter & Peta took class wins with Paul P, Martin R, Margaret & Ali finishing 2-3-4-6 respectively in the 303 singles.

June was just as busy with the UK Access Nationals at Frensham, Oxford 2.4 Open, the Woolverstone TT & French Access Nationals.

The Nationals had a record 34 entries, including sailors from Australia & the Netherlands. Lindsay claimed the 2.3 title for the 2nd year running. In the 303 singles Margaret was 2nd, Paul P 3rd and Mark Greenwood was awarded the 1st Novice prize on his Access race debut. Andy & Kate took a hard fought 3rd in the 303 doubles.



The Superb Nationals Trophies Designed, Made & Donated by FPSC Member Kevin Self

A detailed report on the Nationals is here:

http://www.accessclass.org.uk/sspage-events-traveller_trophy-national_champs.html

Lindsay and Paul P took class wins at Woolverstone before Lindsay, Tessa, Ali & FPS helper Steve Wooding made tracks for the French Access Nationals at Moisson-Lavacourt. Lindsay added the French National trophy to her UK success while Tessa claimed the 303 singles title with Ali taking 4th.

Subsequent 2.3 class wins at Pitsford, Tideway & Rutland have sealed the Northern, Southern & overall TT series for Lindsay with 3 events to go. In the 303 singles class, Tessa and Paul P remain in contention in a finely balanced contest. In the 303 doubles Andy & Kate are well placed while Peter & Peta need 3 good results to make 5 events count. In the meantime, the intrepid Tessa and Ali are in Canada to contest the Mobility Cup at Hamilton, Lake Ontario; More info here: www.mobilitycup2011.ca

"Trofeo Pam"

Richard Smallwood, FPS Sailing Master

The second Access Class European Championships took place on Lake Garda from 25 to 29 May 2011. The event was based at Circolo Vela Gargnano and held in mainly light winds. 41 entrants from 10 countries competed in five classes with UK sailors winning three medals. In addition Team Great Britain, most of whom are in the photograph, also won the "PAM trophy" (foreground) for the top national team.



The GBR team members were:

Alex Hovden & Kate Mannerings Papercourt SC
SKUD 18 – Gold Medal

Lindsay Burns FPS Access 2.3 – Silver Medal

Paul Phillips FPS Access 303 – Bronze Medal

Tessa Watkiss FPS Access 303 – 4th

Alison Grant, FPS Access 303 – 6th

Simon Harle Rutland Access Liberty

Tom Harper NFDS Access Liberty

Judy Figures & Roger Smedley, Grafham SKUD18



PAM – An Italian Idol

PAM was the pseudonym of Marsilio Pasotti, an Italian racing driver born in 1939 in the Brescia region, where the second Access Class European Championships were held on Lake Garda in May 2011.

Driving initially for Fiat Abarth, he later drove for Alfa Romeo and Ferrari, winning many prestigious races and achieving iconic status in Italy and further afield.

Since his premature death in 1989 he has been remembered with great affection in the region. His photograph and other pictures of his exploits are on display in local hotels and sporting clubs.

PAM had many other interests, among which was designing boats to sail on Lake Garda. His widow, one of the sponsors of the European Championships, presented the “Trofeo PAM” for the top-scoring national team at the Access Class European Championships.

Start Sailing

Bruce Dudley, FPS Training Coordinator



16 years ago a Biscay storm abated to a force 9, this was the weather window we waited for and I was introduced to sailing. Out of the factory a 50 foot Beneteau launched me into my new career. I fell sick and woke up 3 days later, met by large steep waves the like of which I have not seen since. ‘Steer’ commanded my skipper, so I did. I just held on and steered a straight line, whatever the wind, the sea, the fish, the whales, birds; sunshine or rain. Just steer a straight line. 28 days later having crossed the North Atlantic I heard the words, ‘OK we’re gonna have to

make a tack.’ In the calm of a warm Caribbean evening I looked at my skipper and said ‘What’s a tack?’

My need for training was obvious and from then until now I have been involved in some way with sail training. The enjoyment of sailing to me is achieving the optimum efficiency from a boat in the conditions at any particular moment. The more we know and understand about sailing and boats, the more enjoyment we can obtain from our sport.

On return to the UK I quickly enrolled onto a Dinghy training program and qualified as an instructor, but my real love was in traditional sailing ships. Living in South Devon I was easily seduced by the majestic Brixham sailing trawlers.



Brixham Sailing Trawler ‘Leader’ at Anchor

By this time I had spent many winters working in a variety of boat yards along that coast and spent the summers in the harbours and creeks both as a boatman and instructor. Following a winter of training for my Yacht Master and assisting with the fit out I was invited to join the crew of ‘Leader’ as 1st mate.

Without a doubt she is to date my personal favourite. 110 tons of wood powered by 3500 sq ft of canvas, she didn’t heel even slightly until the wind blew force 6, at which point she just picked up and moved without effort, the ocean yielding to her timbers. I get a little heady recalling it but I did enjoy sailing with her.

Shortly after joining her crew though, I moved to Scotland, and I left her company. Settling on the Isle of Harris (Outer Hebrides) I created my own sailing centre catering for the schools and various youth projects on the islands.

Choosing a Hobie 15 catamaran, we would sail off the silver sands of Harris’s west coast. Enjoying constant predictable wind in crystal blue water, the business could only grow. I decided the Western

Isles council would do this more effectively than I could as an individual so I returned to Farnham.



This was 4 years ago, when I first became aware of Sailability. An old friend, Keith Harris, got in contact through the magic of Facebook and we started to travel the TT circuit together with his Access 2.3. I discovered a new, and I much more enjoyable side to sailing.

Latterly I have worked odds and ends for Sunsail in Greece, but now I really feel that as a career sailing has been good to me and it's time to stop. My passion for sailing now manifests itself with you at Frensham, with its whimsical winds and strange weed.



Flotilla Sailing in Greece

Having met up with members of Frensham Pond Sailability over the years, at the end of last season Richard, Brian & Nick suggested I take on the Training role, which I am very happy to have done. So, if you are reading this and you have any desire to learn more, whether it be the need to learn a knot or if you wish to undertake instructor training, whoever you are, whatever your involvement with FPS and whatever your wish, let me know if you want some training.

Contact Bruce here: besailing@hotmail.com

Clipper Round The World Race

FPS helper Martin Woodcock is currently sailing round the world in the Clipper 2011-12 race aboard "New York". They are currently approaching Rio de Janeiro lying in 4th place. Martin's blog is here: <http://clipper.psp-logistics.com/> and you can follow his progress via this website: <http://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/index.php>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER:

- 1ST-3RD – 2.4 INLAND NATIONALS RUTLAND
- 17TH – TT10 BRISTOL (SOUTHERN SERIES)
- 18TH – FARNHAM PILGRIM MARATHON (HELP WANTED)
- 24TH – TT11 SWARKESTONE (NORTHERN SERIES)

OCTOBER:

- 28TH – SAILABILITY LAYING UP SUPPER ☺
- 30TH – END OF SAILABILITY SAILING SEASON ☺

NOVEMBER:

- 3RD – FLEET LAYING UP & HELPERS' LUNCH
- 20TH – FPSC WORKING PARTY (AM ONLY)
- 25TH – ANNUAL SAILABILITY FORUM

EACH WEEKEND – 2.4 FROSTBITE TRAINING OXFORD



Look out for FPS on Sailability TV coming soon here: www.ryasailability.tv/

Comments & Contributions

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