



# Breaking Wind

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### A Note From The Chairman

Ivor Barrett, FPS Chairman



As we approach the last month of the 2018 Sailability sailing season, I can safely say it has been a very busy but successful and enjoyable season for both our sailors and helpers.

To date we have a total of 118 sailor members including those from local schools/colleges (Stepping Stones [6], Abbey [7], Treloar's [2] and Ridgeway [4]). The majority of these members attend the Thursday and/or Saturday morning sessions regularly.

The Thursday afternoon race training sessions are also very well-attended. Thanks to John Townsley and Peter Fitzpatrick for leading the two groups. This year, more sailors have travelled to away racing events with a record 10 FPS boats being towed to the New Forest TT in June.

This has been facilitated by funding from the Dyers' Livery Company for a new 3-boat trailer this year and at least 1 extra tow driver. Our thanks go to Kate Whyatt and Steve Wooding for planning the complicated logistics of travelling to these events and to Peter Etherton for maintaining the schedule of sailors and helpers attending.

This year, our sailors have participated in all nine

Travellers Trophy (TT) events at various locations including Frensham earlier this month, the Hansa Nationals at Notts County in July and the RYA Multiclass at Rutland in August. More details of these events and results are included elsewhere in the newsletter.



### *The Dyers' Funded Trailer Loaded with Cannons Armed*

At the end of June, FPS fielded 3 Hansa teams in the FPSC 10 Hour Race with splendid overall results achieved on a perfect sunny and breezy day. In October, four of our sailors plus helpers will be travelling to Hiroshima in Japan for the Hansa World Championships so more about that in the next exciting edition.

A very successful Youth Fun Day masterminded by Lisa Skirrow was held in August. Unlike last year when the event had to be cancelled due to pouring rain and high winds, this time the weather was ideal.



The weather was also very kind to us on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> July when we held our annual FPS Barbecue. As usual, this was a very popular social occasion and

our thanks go to Carol Clibborn and the Galley Team for organisation ably supported by other dedicated helpers.

Very recently, a fund-raising Race Night was organised by Kate Whyatt to help our sailors attend the Hansa Worlds in Hiroshima. The Clubhouse resounded to both ecstatic cheers of the winners and groans of despair of the losers. Our thanks go to Kate, all who helped and particularly those who parted with their money!

Our two new boats this year, Dido and Melanie, have been well used in the regular sailing sessions on Saturdays and Thursdays and at all events at Frensham. Dido has also tested the waters at New Forest and Carsington in Derbyshire.

Finally, I would like to thank our army of helpers most of whom attend very regularly. None of these activities would be possible without their unstinting support at both Frensham and away events. Furthermore, our youth helpers are essential to running the very popular Saturday morning Youth Group under the watchful eye of Lisa and are vital in making the annual Youth Fun Day so successful.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers especially those with sailing experience who can buddy our less able sailors. Additionally, we will always welcome volunteers to help at our away events and maybe tow boat trailers. However, all help, however much you can give, is always valued.

## Fundraising News

*Brian Grimwood, FPS Trustee responsible for fundraising*



Thanks to the continued generous support from our many new and 'old' supporters, I am pleased to say that our fundraising targets for the current financial year should be met.

We are delighted to report that we been offered very generous on-going financial support for a substantial proportion of the 'fixed costs' associated with our Hansa 303 and 2.3 fleets. Long term FPS supporter Larry Sullivan, through the COINS Foundation:

<http://coinsfoundation.org/> is sponsoring the 303 fleet. Also we welcome a new FPS supporter, Robert Lewis who, through his family charity the Cecil & Hilda Charitable Trust, has funded our youth group activity. A very big thank you to both Larry and Robert.

In the Spring issue of 'Breaking Wind', a fundraising

challenge was issued to all sailor and helper members. The response has been magnificent and includes:

- Tessa Watkiss (sailor); £390 from donations for car parking in her drive during Wimbledon tennis:



- Lucy Edgar (youth helper); £797 from fundraising & awareness events held at Farnborough Hill School.
- Christine Wilmshurst (helper); £476 from a concert by the Waverley Singers in June
- Pride of place however has to go to helper member Bev Quaid! Bev has now raised over £700 from sales at local craft fairs in recent months. Bev has personally made a high proportion of the items sold!! The picture shows Bev in selling mode (!) at Frensham on 1<sup>st</sup> September.



Other donations have been gratefully received from Clive Jourdain, Care Farnham, LIDBA, John & Shirley Jeffries and Hart County Council (more about this in the next issue).

A big thank you also to the Borrowes Charitable Trust for another very generous donation which will primarily be used to help fund sailor bursaries and helper costs for the Hansa World Championships in Japan in October (more below).

## A Night At The Races

*Kate Whyatt, FPS Sailing Captain*

A 'Night at the Races' fundraising event was held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September to raise funds to support the four FPS sailors travelling to Japan in October for the Hansa World Championships. 45 'punters' enjoyed



the evening which included 8 horse races, raffle, auction of horses and a fish and chip supper. The event was also supported by numerous friends who purchased horses before the event.



A total of £1100 was raised thanks to the hard work of many on the night and especially Lara Sturgis who secured excellent prizes for all the winning owners as well as naming many of the horses. Thank you also to those who supported the event and provided prizes for all the races.

The four sailors travelling to Japan are Paul Phillips and Tessa Watkiss (Liberty) Margaret Foreman (303 1P) and Lindsay Burns (2.3) and I wish them all the best for what should be an exciting competition.

## FPSC 10 Hour Race

*Kate Whyatt, FPS Sailing Captain*

This year FPS entered three teams into the Frensham Pond Sailing Club 10-hour race at the end of June.

The sailing conditions on the day were perfect with continual sunshine and wind enough for everyone who took part to have a good sail.



FPS entered two 303 2 person teams, Red and Blue, and one Liberty team, with sailors changing and being hoisted in and out of the boats every 50 minutes. A total of 17 Sailability sailors took part along with at least 15 buddies/helpers.



The Liberty team (Paul Phillips, Tessa Watkiss, Michael Everitt and Peter Etherton) were 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with the Blue team placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Red team placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part, let's hope that next year we can get even more boats and sailors out and taking part.

## Youth Group News

*Lisa Skirrow, FPS Youth Group Coordinator*



The Saturday morning Youth Group has had a busy season so far, with the regular sessions being busy.

We have some new younger members this year, some have been recommended by friends and some have joined following our youth fun day in August. Some of these sailors are already sailing solo which is a fantastic achievement.

The youth fun day this year was held in August and we had a great day with some help from the cadets in the main club. We were very pleased to have a day with a reasonable breeze and no rain, following last year's cancellation due to bad weather.



Young sailors enjoyed their Fun Day: Conor fishing for ducks on the left while below William is ready with a water pistol



Some of our young sailors joined the Ten Hour Race teams in July, which was a great experience for them and involved a lot of concentration for the long 50 minute shifts.



Andrew Lebec has gone to a new venture in the West Country and we are sad to lose him. He has been a very regular attendee over the past 6 years and has progressed really well with his sailing. Good Luck to Andrew and hopefully he will come to visit us when he is on holiday.

Lucy Edgar, one of our lovely young coaches, has

gone off to university and we are sad to see her go. Good luck Lucy, and hope to see you back during next season. The end of the season approaches, which means we will soon start our racing series. Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us, with fair winds for our Saturday mornings.

## Hansa Competition News

*Peter Etherton, FPS Hansa Class Captain*

**Thursday Club Racing** continues to thrive with an expanding group of enthusiastic sailors. New members Owen Munford, Keith Warburton and John Reid are all progressing well in Peter Fitzpatrick's Development Group. Miles Norwood has moved up to join John Townsley's advanced race training group and is holding his own against the more experienced racers. The Early Summer series was very closely contested again with James Woosnam (303 1P) 1<sup>st</sup> with 4 wins, Paul Philips (Liberty) 2<sup>nd</sup> also with 4 wins and Peter & Peta Etherton (303 2P) 3<sup>rd</sup> with 2 wins. James is also leading the Late Summer series with 3 wins so far.

**The 2018 Hansa Dutch Nationals** took place in June at Grou Sailing Club in Friesland.



FPS sailor Andy Sheath and crew Reg Hooke duly won the 303 2P class.

Unfortunately Andy and Reg were involved in a 6 car shunt on the way home. No injuries luckily but Andy's van was written off which ended his season early.

**The 2018 Hansa UK Nationals** Six FPS sailors arrived in July to a warm welcome and even warmer weather at the scenic Notts County Sailing Club. With a 29 boat entry across the 4 classes the racing was competitive and hard work as we had very little wind for the first two days, a more reasonable wind set in on Sunday morning as the mercury hit the 30's.



*Notts County SC © David Eberlin*

The biggest problem was weed and lots of it! It compromised most sailors' racing at some point and

some more so than others. This made the racing a bit of a lottery but also made for some very close results as many of the front runners were slowed by weed. Despite all of this FPS sailors did well with two National Champions and three runners up.



Lindsay Burns & Jessica Campbell had 3 wins each in the 2.3 class; the final race went to Lindsay to take the title.

Michael Everitt took the 303 1P title with 4 wins from 7 races, chased hard by runner up James Woosnam.



In the 303 2P class New Forest's Natalia & Alan Hillman were in a class of their own with 7 straight wins. The runner up position was more closely contested with Peter & Peta Etherton taking the place from the Chesil pair of Philip Hall & Dave Ankers.



*A Combined 303 Race Start © David Eberlin*

The Liberty class was very close with 6 different race winners and the top 3 separated by just 3 points. Tessa Watkiss had a narrow lead to defend going in to the final day, but Rutland's Chris Emmet took the final race to pip runner up Tessa by just 1 point. Paul Phillips finished 5th overall despite taking a win, having been badly affected by weed.



*The Nationals Prize Winners © Viv Weston*

Many thanks to all the team at Notts County for



hosting the event, to Pauline for feeding us so well and to David Eberlin & Viv Weston for the photos – there are lots more here:

<http://ncsc.org.uk/2018/07/13/hansa-national-2018/>

**The RYA Multiclass Regatta:** Adding to their Nationals wins, Lindsay Burns won the 2.3 class and Michael Everitt won the 303 1P class. Last year's Champion of Champions Paul Philips claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Liberty class and Michael went on to emulate Paul by winning the prestigious Ted Ellis Trophy for the Champion of Champions pursuit race, staying ahead of a 50 strong Multiclass fleet.



2018 has been an excellent season for Michael Everitt, pictured here with his Hansa Nationals and RYA Multiclass Trophies – well done Michael!

**The Hansa Traveller Trophy Series:** FPS sailors consolidated their early run of TT success with good results at Northampton, Bristol and New Forest: a hat trick of wins for Paul Phillips, a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> apiece for Michael Everitt & James Woosnam, a 2<sup>nd</sup> for Harry Kennington and a 3<sup>rd</sup> for Katie Apse in her first season.

Next up was Burghfield, where FPS sailors won all 4 classes, for only the second time ever.



Five FPS sailors made the trip north to Carsington to find sun but little wind (a recurring feature this year) which curtailed racing. A fifth win for Lindsay Burns sealed the 2.3 TT series for her and a fourth win for James put him in pole position for the 303 1P series.



A sunny day with a cool 10-16 knot NW wind was a welcome sight at Oxford and made for great racing.  
© Richard Johnson

Lindsay took the 2.3 win with Greg Parker 3<sup>rd</sup> while in the 303 1P class all rested on the final race with Margaret Foreman and James Woosnam on equal points. James forged ahead to take the overall win and claim the 303 1P series. The 303 2P class also went to the wire with Peter & Peta Etherton needing the win in

the final race to pip Chesil rivals Philip Hall & David Ankers. FPS sailors Colin Freeman & Paul Kingston finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, their best result to date.

With several boats on their way to Japan the three strong Liberty fleet still had very good close racing.



Chris Emmet sailed consistently to take the overall Liberty win with Paul Phillips keeping his series hopes alive with 2<sup>nd</sup> place ahead of David Durston.

Frensham hosted the final event on 5<sup>th</sup> September with 24 entries, a record 15 of them from FPS. The 2.3 class was an all Frensham affair which went to Lindsay Burns, holding off a strong challenge from last year's winner 17 year old Harry Kennington with Greg Parker 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lara Sturgis 4th.



Harry crossing the finish line in race 3 ahead of Lindsay.

13 year old Miles Norwood won the first 303 1P race and finished a fine 4th overall on his TT debut, competing against much more experienced sailors.



The Liberty class was closely fought between Chris Emmet, David Durston and local helms Paul Phillips and Tessa Watkiss, both in contention for the overall TT series title. Chris claimed the TT win, leaving Paul to claim the Series from Tessa on countback. With the 303 2P Series already won by Natalia & Alan Hillman the key battle was for the runner up spot, the Ethertons just holding off a strong challenge from Steve Kitson & Jane Knight in the final race.



The Series winning performances of Lindsay, James and Paul ensured that the Frensham team won the Ben Ainslie TT Team Trophy, for the 12<sup>th</sup> time! Full race reports & results can be found here:

<https://www.yachtsandyachting.com/class/Hansa/>  
<http://www.hansaclass.org.uk/page-results.html>

A big thank you to Ivor, Kate W, Steve Wooding and all the helpers who have worked so hard this season to support our sailors, we could not do this without you!

**The Hansa Worlds Hiroshima:** Read a report in the next issue, in the meantime you can follow it here:

<http://2018hansaworlds.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/2018hansaworlds/>

<http://sail.jpn.com/2018hansa/entry18hansa/index.html>

## The 2.4 World Championships

*Kate Hedley, FPS Sailor*



The Worlds this year were held in Gävle, Sweden in August, sailing in the briny, tide-less Baltic Sea.

There were 5 Brits in the 72 entries, 4 from Frensham: Megan Pascoe, Nev Millard, Steve Bullmore and me plus Poole's Johnny Currell. Sailing started with a practice race on the Monday, with a plan for 3\*75 minute races a day from Tuesday to Friday. To say finding the windward mark was difficult would be an understatement, you couldn't really see it from the start line, it must have been at least mile away.

Light winds Monday & Tuesday meant we were sent to the outside area, so another 1.5hrs sailing before & after racing.



By Wednesday we were behind schedule so it was decided that Thursday would be 4 races, 4\*75mins = 300 mins/ 5 hours + sailing out and in between races, it was a very long day on the water! Fortunately we were on the inside sailing area.



Meg was very consistent in her sailing, with Johnny Currell & Steve Bullmore putting in some good results too.

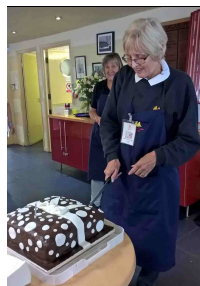
Nev and I struggled with the large fleet and the choppy, seeming windless rounding of the windward mark, along with missing wind shifts on the large expanse of water, where transits aren't really good enough. On the final day Meg is laying 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, but still has a chance of pulling it out of the bag. Stellan Berlin, a multiple World Champion whose only threat is Megan, plays tactics and sails her down the fleet in the first race on Friday, tacking on her every move. He finished

16th in that race, Meg in 17th, sealing Meg's fate to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall - a blindingly good result in a very competitive fleet. Stellan got his comeuppance, becoming submerged in the final race, yes it can even happen to a world champion!



Meg, Steve and Jonny sailed well to complete the last race. Nev, having at last found his form (beating them all to the windward mark) unfortunately suffered pump failure and had to retire at the gate mark. I had persuaded myself that one more exhilarating race, before packing up for home, was just what I needed, only to have my shroud break 2 minutes into the last race (I was devastated- not!). I did however have a thrilling 40 minute surf back to the club in 35 knots, with the starboard shroud just hanging on, the gybe at the end was something to behold! Significant results: Megan 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady, 1<sup>st</sup> Disabled sailor & the Youth prize! Johnny was 3<sup>rd</sup> Disabled.

## Happy Birthday Sally!



On reaching LXX Sally Townsley was presented with cards, flowers and this magnificent cake baked by Jane Wheeler – very tasty it was too!

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER:

27<sup>TH</sup> – FPS AUTUMN MINI REGATTA & TEA

OCTOBER:

11<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup> – HANSA WORLDS, HIROSHIMA, JAPAN

26<sup>TH</sup> – LAYING UP SUPPER

27<sup>TH</sup> – LAST SAILABILITY SESSION

NOVEMBER:

1<sup>ST</sup> – LAYING UP WORKING PARTY & HELPERS LUNCH

22<sup>ND</sup> – SAILABILITY FORUM

## BREAKING NEWS!

FPS sailor Tessa Watkiss has won the Sport Award for the Disabled at the recent Haslemere Sports Awards ceremony.

