

SEAS THE DAY

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A CLASSY JOINT!

It may seem strange to still be talking about about Christmas in February but it would be remiss not to flag up the excellent festive Mulled Wine Evening. Our new social secretary, Alan Fyfe, organised a super evening and our wonderful clubhouse provided the most sparkly ambience for us.



Our beautiful clubhouse is available for private use by members. There will be no charge for such a booking but a club member must be present and the clubhouse must be cleared up afterwards. The bar can only be used if an FCC trained bar person is serving. To book the lounge please contact Alan Carter.

Alan (Fyfe) has organised a wine tasting on March 6th – get the date in your diary.

Dates for the diary

February 7th 2.10pm– Italy v Scotland Rugby Match in clubhouse

February 14th 4.40pm Scotland v England Rugby Match in clubhouse

February 21st 4.40pm Wales v Scotland Rugby Match in clubhouse

March 6th Wine Tasting

March 7th 2.10pm Scotland v France Rugby Match in clubhouse

March 14th 2.10pm Ireland v Scotland Rugby Match in clubhouse

April 18th -19th Crane in

May 9th – Commodore's Party

June 28th Raft Race

October 10th/11th – Crane Out

November 7th – Dinner Dance

Welcome to Ian Paterson. Ian lives in Charlestown and is bringing a Hurley 20 to our club. We are very glad to have you on board!

It's a Yes from Them!

After an incredibly long, drawn out (and painful!) process we have finally been given the go ahead to paint the clubhouse. The committee are currently in the process of arranging quotes but it is a testimony to the determination of those involved that things are where they are. So well done Roger and Gary!

And It's a Thanks to Us!

On behalf of the trustees and members of Limekilns Heritage Trust I would like to thank you, the committee and members of FCC for this generous donation towards the restoration of Limekilns pier.

I can confirm £1,000 was received in the Trusts bank account on 25th November 2025.

Your generous support is much appreciated and will continue to boost our ongoing funding efforts to preserve this important part of our local heritage, and we look forward to sharing progress updates as the restoration project moves forward.

Please pass on our gratitude to the club in supporting this cause, and we hope to welcome you and members of FCC to view the improvements at Limekilns pier in the near future.

FCC's donation to the Trust will be shared with members at our AGM later this month and promoted in news on our website.

Best wishes

Gavin (Limekilns Heritage Trust Secretary)

COMMODORE'S CHATTER

This is the time of year when boat maintenance is on hold, as we wait for the weather to improve and maybe regret that we didn't get on with a few more jobs in the Autumn. However, the spring is not far away and there is much to look forward to.

In the run up to Crane In and over Crane In weekend itself there are great chances to catch up with familiar faces and to meet the new club members.

The racing/cruising calendar is now out and I hope there is something on it for every taste. We have made some changes to our normal Regatta weekend this year with racing and a BBQ on the Saturday and a community raft race on the Sunday. More about the raft race to follow but there will be the opportunity to enter a raft or to be part of an FCC flotilla.

Here's hoping for fair winds and following seas, Roger

A very nervous first-time crew member says to the skipper, "Do boats like this sink often?"

"Not too often," replied the skipper. "Usually it's only the once."



Tech Support

Firstly, a massive thank you to Michael Walker who has changed the privacy setting of our Facebook page from private to public. We felt that a private page was underselling the Club. However, **WE NEED MORE CONTENT** as anyone joining after the change cannot see historic content. With the help of Michael and Jenna we also now have an Instagram presence.

Secondly, we are soon to have fast fibre connection!

No more calls of “Can you all switch off your wifi so David Gray can pay at the bar!”.

No more “I’m sorry Rab. We’ve lost you again” during committee meetings!

There is a minor glitch with the cable needing to run over our neighbour’s roof therefore necessitating more communication with our landlord!

We really should consider inviting Tess, from Broomhall Estates to our Christmas event next year. The poor lass must be sick of us!

What’s the Story?



For more details ask Ian Maul!

Sail GB

The 2026 SailGP, known officially as the Rolex SailGP 2026 Championship, is underway to the joy of many members! This global series features cutting-edge, 50-foot foiling catamarans called F50s that race at blistering speeds — often faster than the wind itself — in stadium-style venues across multiple continents.

The 2026 season spans an 11-month calendar beginning in January and concluding with a grand finale in late November. Races are staged across iconic harbours and coastal cities, with the UK hosting the Championship in Portsmouth on 25th -26th July.

Eleven regular season events build toward a winner-takes-all Grand Final — a high-stakes showdown where crowned champions earn not only prestige but significant prize money and global recognition.

In 2026's opening event at the Oracle Perth Sail Grand Prix, reigning champions Emirates GBR demonstrated their dominance by winning the season opener in strong conditions off Fremantle. SailGP continues to push boundaries in both athletic performance and sustainability, with initiatives like the Impact League rewarding teams for social and environmental leadership alongside racing results.

Overall, SailGP 2026 highlights the rapid growth of professional sailing — combining elite competition, technological innovation and a truly global sporting footprint that brings the thrill of high-speed foiling to cities and fans around the world.

You can catch this on TNT sports and youtube.





SPOTLIGHT ON....

Tom Lovekin

Tom joined FCC in 2025. Since then he has thrown himself into club life and is an active user of our WhatsApp group. Tom is often seen around the boatyard so so say hello!

First sailing experience: Dinghy sailing at Thames Young Mariners, a tiny flooded gravel quarry at Twickenham when I was 14, followed by a succession of family sailing holidays on the Norfolk Broads. I only actually sailed on the sea once, from Hamble to Cowes and back in a little trailer sailer owned by a colleague of my Father's.

Day job: There are questions that everyone asks an archaeologist; have you found any skeletons (yes loads), have you met Baldrick (no), have you ever found a mosaic (yes), have you found any gold (no), have you found an unexploded bomb (yes, that was a memorable day at work).

First boat: I have long been aware of the Hurley's and their legendary seaworthiness, but what struck my first about Linnet was the build quality. Leaky windows aside she is a very well built boat and equally importantly all her lines have been led aft which means that she can be sailed like a modern boat.

Dream boat: I should probably name one of the fantasy 'lottery' boats that sailors speak of: Oysters, Hallberg Rassys', Malos' or Rustlers, but I must admit as a teenager I always wanted a Vancouver 27.

FOR SALE

Westerly Pageant 23ft 'Peggy' for sale – £2550 (for quick sale).

Contact Robin Bruce on 07980 551985 or

email robkiBruce@gmail.com

for further information

'Panache' International Bilge

Keeler – one of the last ones

made- 1977. £1500 or £1700

with outboard. Tel Jack on

07719010820

Seadog 30 Ketch Motor Sailer

'Jacarah' For Sale – £10,000

Contact Robert Peebles on

07766585739 for further

information/viewing

Further details on club website.

All contact details are in the Members' Section of the website.