



Welcome to the third edition of the FHC Newsletter.

The consents have now been filed with the Marine and Fisheries Agency to dredge Falmouth Harbour as part of the Port of Falmouth Development Initiative. This is an exciting step forward in the project, and FHC are now eagerly awaiting their response.

Should you wish to view any of the documentation sent to the MFA, full copies are available in Falmouth Library, the FHC offices and on our website.

Mark Sansom
Harbour Master



Above: the Red Arrows perform over Falmouth Harbour

FHC Host the Red Arrows

Old and young alike were treated to a spectacular aerial display from the Red Arrows on Wednesday 12 August as part of Henri Lloyd Falmouth Week. FHC were proud to sponsor the event, which saw thousands of people flock to the town, taking up positions along the waterfront to watch the 30 minute display.

Despite low cloud cover, the display included some of the Red Arrows' signature formations including the Diamond, Arrow and Concorde. Although unable to show off their full display, the crowds were clearly delighted with what they saw, clapping

and cheering at each breathtaking move they made.

Deputy Harbour Master, Captain Mark Killingback, provided the running commentary on BBC Radio Cornwall for the display and was delighted with the response. He said: "Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are delighted to be able to bring the Red Arrows to Henri Lloyd Falmouth Week.

"I certainly don't think I've ever seen the town so busy, and everyone appeared to have a fantastic time!"

Algae Bloom Affects Wildlife

An Algal Bloom, known as the 'Red Tide,' seriously affected wildlife in the Falmouth and Helford area at the end of August.

The bloom was a natural phenomenon which affected several harbour areas along the South-West coast of England, including St Austell Bay.

Whilst the bloom appeared to have cleared at the end of August, it killed a large number of fish in the Helford area. Near-by mussel and oyster

farms also had to be temporarily closed whilst the bloom was at its worst.

The 'Red Tide,' otherwise known as *Karenia Mikimotoi*, is one of many types of algae that can appear in the sea during warmer months.

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners used their new data-monitoring buoy to monitor the effect of the bloom on water quality (see right for more information).

New Data Monitoring Buoy Launched

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners have become one of only two ports ever to have installed a revolutionary water monitoring buoy in the Carrick Roads.

The SANY Buoy is an EU funded project that monitors current speed and direction, as well as turbidity and salinity levels in the water.

Information from the buoy is fed back to FHC, so that water quality levels can be monitored. The current information will also be extremely

useful in responding to emergency situations, such as oil spills.

The buoy can be found close to the shoreline, between St. Just buoy and Carclase Point.

Information gathered from the buoy can be found on the FHC website.



Above: the SANY buoy in position near St Just

FHC Staff Pass Commercial Yachtmaster Exam With Flying Colours

Yachtmaster examiner Mike Stratton has highly praised the four members of FHC staff who recently sat their Yachtmaster practical exam with him.

Assistant Harbour Master William Davis, Regulation Officer David Townson and Pilot Boat crew members Matthew Seymour and Sandy Proctor all completed the exam at the beginning of September for their

commercially endorsed Yachtmaster Power qualification.

William Davis, who was using the opportunity to convert his Yachtmaster Sail instructor qualification to Yachtmaster Power, conducted the initial training in-house.

Examiner Mike Stratton said "I was extremely impressed by their enthusiasm during the

exam and hard work prior to the exam. Credit [should be given] to Will Davis for getting them up to such a high standard."



Above: Sandy Proctor takes the helm in preparation for the exam

Did You Know...

...that in 1809, the famous poet Lord Byron sailed from Falmouth to Lisbon on the Packet ship "Princess Elizabeth".

Whilst here he stayed at "Wynn's Hotel". The site is now the HSBC bank.

Lord Byron actually wrote a poem about his visit, entitled "Falmouth Roads", which was dated June 30th 1809. You can find a copy of the poem in the history section of our website, falmouthport.co.uk.

FHC Sponsors the 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts



Above: David Ellis and Karen Sumser-Lupson present the cheque

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners presented a cheque for £825 to the 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts Group in July at the Sea Scouts Annual Royal Navy Inspection.

The money has been donated to help fund the purchase of new uniforms. Group Scout Leader Mr Robert Maltby accepted the cheque from FHC Chairman David Ellis and Commissioner Karen Sumser-Lupson.

Damian Gough, one of the Scout leaders, commented, "We are very proud of our Royal Navy accreditation and in order to maintain the high standards the Navy expects, our scouts work extremely hard. The money that FHC has donated towards our uniforms will mean that our Group can continue to maintain their high levels of personal appearance, which is always important in any Navy-related organisation."

Joe and Harriet on Wild Goose Chase!

A pet goose was returned, slightly ruffled but unharmed, to her owner after staff from Falmouth Harbour Commissioners rescued her from the cliffs by Swanpool Beach in March.

Lovingly nicknamed 'Gertrude' by her rescuers, the goose escaped two days earlier and had an injured foot. FHC received a call from the RSCPA asking for assistance in reuniting the goose and her owner after she was seen flying out into the harbour.

Maritime Sustainable Development Officer Harriet Knowles and Boatman Joe Overton

had to scale the rocks at Swanpool in order to capture the goose.

Gertrude is reported to have recovered from her ordeal, but is apparently disappointed that she didn't reach France.



Above: Joe Overton with Gertrude

Do you have any stories or suggestions for our newsletter...?

If you have an interesting story or idea for our newsletter please email

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