



Welcome to the first edition of our new, re-vamped bi-annual

newsletter, designed to update you on what's going on in Falmouth Harbour. This issue it gives me great pleasure to introduce our new Chairman and Deputy Chairman, as well as updating you on our community involvement.

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email, or have anything to add to the next edition, please let us know by emailing aa@falmouthport.co.uk.

Mark Sansom
Harbour Master



Tall Ships Lead The Way!

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners were proud to welcome 20 tall ships into port this month, for the start of the Funchal 500 Tall Ships Regatta. Harbour Master Mark Sansom coordinated the parade of sail from the pilot boat Arrow, and all of FHC's harbour craft were in use, assisting with port operations and channel clearance.

Falmouth Pilot Captain Nicolas Martin was onboard the Mir when she sailed past Pendennis Point. He said, "The atmosphere onboard was electric. The sheer number of people that turned out on the shore and afloat made the event

something I will never forget. Every inch of shoreline was packed with spectators and everything that could float was out to escort us to sea. The crew were amazed and delighted by the number of people that turned out to see them off."

It is estimated that over 2,000 boats took to the water that day. However, despite the number of craft, there were very few incidents reported, and the day was a great success for everyone involved.

For press releases and photos of the event please visit our website, www.falmouthport.co.uk.

Julia Goldsworthy Bids Farewell To Former Chairman Andrew Bell As A New FHC Chair Takes The Reins

Andrew Bell, Chairman of Falmouth Harbour Commissioners, stepped down at the April AGM after three years in the role. Andrew performed his last official duty as Chairman by hosting Julia Goldsworthy at the BPA Annual Conference in London. Andrew will continue to be a member of the Board



ABOVE: Andrew Bell with Julia Goldsworthy

until the end of this year. Deputy Chairman Peter Morgan also stepped down, although Peter will continue to serve as a commissioner.

As Chairman, Andrew Bell has overseen the start of the Environmental Impact Assessment on the dredging of a new approach channel, the introduction

of dedicated Harbour Enforcement Officers and the purchase of new Pilot Boat 'Arrow' which was commissioned in 2006. He also saw the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners turnover increase by 45% in their last financial year.

Stepping into Andrew and Peter's shoes are David Ellis, newly elected Chairman, and Peter Fish, Deputy Chairman. Only a few months into their new roles, they have already attended



ABOVE: David Ellis (right) and Peter Fish

several engagements on behalf of FHC. No doubt both Peter and David will become familiar faces within the town before long!

New On-Line Survey

We now have a new on-line survey reviewing our leisure service facilities. The survey is quick and easy to fill out, and your feedback is invaluable in ensuring we provide you with the best possible service. So if you have recently used any of our leisure services why not log on to our web site www.falmouthport.co.uk and let us know what you thought?

FHC Sponsor Falmouth and Penryn Sea Cadets

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners were pleased to help the Falmouth and Penryn Sea Cadets in July, by donating £1,000 towards their new minibus.

The Harbour Commissioners felt that would be a great opportunity to show our support towards

the clubs and societies teaching young people to enjoy the water in a responsible way.



ABOVE: David Ellis with members of the Sea Cadets

Did You Know...?

There were 425 acts of pilotage in May 2008- a new record for Falmouth Harbour! Due to the record numbers of shipping movements recently it has become necessary for Falmouth Harbour Commissioners to recruit an additional pilot, bringing the total number of pilots up to six. Captain Alex Head completed his training in June, and is now a fully fledged member of the Falmouth Pilots Partnership.

Two Vessels Fined For Polluting

So far, 2008 has seen Falmouth Harbour Commissioners successfully prosecute two vessels for polluting the harbour waters.

The owners of the fishing vessel 'Olivia Jean' were taken to court at the beginning of May and fined £1,000 plus costs for charges under the Merchant Shipping Act. This was following an incident in September 2007, when the vessel spilt oil over the side whilst refuelling at the bunker barge 'Falmouth Jubilee'.

More recently, the owners of the motor vessel 'Jet' were fined £10,000 plus costs. The court case, which took place in June, followed an incident in February where the ship spilt oil over the side whilst taking fuel from the bunker vessel 'Whitstar'. The incident was quickly contained by the actions of the bunker barge and the pilot boat, 'Arrow,' who between them quickly deployed a boom to contain the slick. The oil was then quickly and efficiently cleared by FHC's oil spill responders DV Howells.

FHC Chair Presents Prizes at Falmouth Week



ABOVE: David Ellis presents Falmouth Week prizes

FHC Chairman David Ellis was proud to present the end-of-week prizes for this year's Falmouth Week. Dave presented the first prize

awards to all those who had battled wind, rain and challenging swell to become champions in their own class.

New Staff at FHC

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff members Mary Stribley, Matthew Seymour and Steve Bond. Mary joins us as the new Finance and Administration Assistant, whilst Matt and Steve are our newest additions to the pilot boat crew. Welcome aboard!

FHC Sponsor 'Team Falmouth' at the J24 World Championships

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners were pleased to sponsor local J24 racers 'Team Falmouth' prior to the J24 World Championships in June.

The crew of the 24ft keel boat, named Roger Rabbit,



have raced locally for a number of years and fought extremely hard to qualify for the Championships, held in Sardinia.

We are extremely pleased to report that the team came 32nd overall, a fantastic effort

considering they were racing against just short of 80 of the world's best J24 sailors. Well done Team Falmouth!



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