



## Falmouth Harbour Commissioners

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Falmouth Harbour Commissioners play vital role in Falmouth Week**

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners will once again sponsor Falmouth Week's spectacular firework display, which takes place on 15 August at 10pm, marking the end of the week long celebration of sailing.

The annual firework display has been sponsored by the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners for more than 10 years. This year a donation of £3,000 was made towards the display which is a focal point of this long standing event.

As well as supporting the entertainment programme, the Harbour Commissioners also play a major role in ensuring sailors and teams competing in events over the week long festival remain safe, both whilst out at sea and when moored within the harbour.

Falmouth Week is one of the busiest weeks in Falmouth and the level of activity in the harbour is no exception. With so many visitors in the town and additional vessels on the water, extra vigilance and consideration is needed to ensure that everyone enjoys their time at sea.

Harbour Master Mark Sansom is appealing to all those on the water, whether taking part in the racing or spectating to take extra care this year. "We are aware that the number of recreational craft enjoying the water continues to increase year on year" he said. "Falmouth Week is always busy and we are reminding all those out on the water to make sure that they maintain a proper

lookout and proceed at a safe speed, minimising their wash when passing other vessels.

“We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys Falmouth Week and part of this includes promoting safety at sea.”

As part of their safety campaign Falmouth Harbour Commissioners is also endorsing the current campaign, headed by The Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in collaboration with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Royal Yachting Association, promoting lifejacket awareness.

Falmouth Week starts this Saturday, 9 August through until Sunday, 16 August. Anyone seeking information about harbour use and safety at sea during this period is asked to contact Falmouth Harbour Commissioners on 01326 312285.

**Ends.**

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**Notes to Editors:**

Falmouth Harbour, including the Carrick Roads, is reputed to be the third largest natural harbour in the world. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are a statutory port authority with responsibility for the Inner Harbour at Falmouth (excluding Falmouth Docks), the Penryn River up as far as Boyers Cellars, the southern part of the Carrick Roads and a large part of Falmouth Bay. As well as providing regulation of its Harbour Area the Commissioners provide small craft facilities for residents and visitors.

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners is a statutory port undertaking created by an act of parliament in 1870. It operates as a trust port and has a board of eight commissioners who act as trustees. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are committed to operating the harbour in an open and accountable manner and welcome feedback from harbour users.

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