

SEAS THE DAY

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ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The FCC Annual Prize Giving and Dinner Dance took place in November at The Inn at Charlestown. The event was a glorious mixture of Hollywood glam (ladies!), wolfish charm (gents!) and fab live music (The Ruckus Ceilidh Band!).

There is something wonderful about getting together and celebrating our club. The prizegiving is a short part of it all and most of the night focuses on chat, dancing and drinks.

George and Christian presented the racing trophies with their usual inimitable panache-congratulations to Louise, Calloo, Django and Moonshadow.

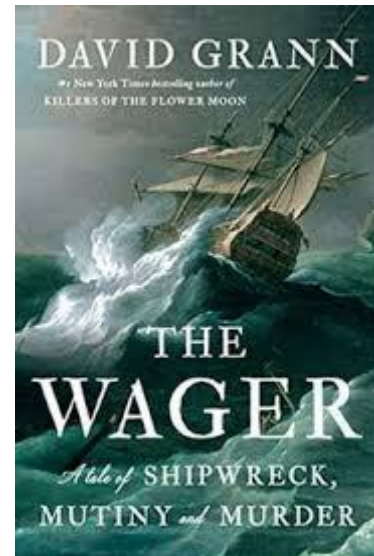
Roger presented the cruising trophies to Gavin and Clare Carter and also to George McKay.

The first Spirit of Sailing trophy was awarded to a very deserving Graeme Mackenzie for his quiet commitment to our club.

The background work put in by Erik and Lesley is much appreciated. Look out for next year's event – spaces are always tight.



BOOK REVIEW



The Wager is a tale of life on HMS Wager, a man-of-war sailing in the 18th Century. David Grann (author of Killers of the Flower Moon) has researched extensively and brings this story of mutiny, shipwreck and treason to life.

Available to borrow in our club library.

Welcome to David Leslie and Jane Miller who will be out on the water on a Hunter Liberty 22 next season. We are very glad to have you on board!

AGM

This year's AGM was designed to be as member friendly as possible by holding a hybrid virtual/in person meeting to allow as many people to join as possible. Whilst there were a few challenges, it was heartening to have ten members join from afar.

The meeting was an opportunity for healthy debate and it was encouraging to have multiple perspectives on matters discussed. In this way, members can really feel their voice counts.

Decisions were made to move forward with painting the clubhouse. Of course, a listed building requires careful regulation so it may take a bit of time!



We agreed to gather insurance details to reassure members that all boats have third party cover.

David Gray will be leading a sub-committee to look at the pros and cons of buying an FCC yacht for members' use. If you would like to be part of this group please contact David.

The club has agreed to donate £1000 to the Limekilns Heritage Pier Trust as a sign of our support to these volunteers attempting to preserve the pier so many of our members use.

COMMODORE'S CHATTER

With a few exceptions, the demographics of our club make it unlikely that we'll be early adopters of new technology. It was therefore pleasing to see that ten members joined our recent AGM via Teams, not new technology I know but a step in the right direction.

We adopt new technology because of its economic benefits or because it just makes our lives easier and I hope that was the case for the members who used Teams at the AGM. That said, I will make sure that I have a better handle on things at my end next year!

There are two other projects that we're working on - maximising the benefits of Facebook and improving the WIFI in the Clubhouse. Instagram might have to wait until we rope in a Club Member – we know who you are, Insta users!

Club committee meetings are open to all and if you would like to know what is happening at the Club, or would like to offer to help in any way then please come along.

What do you call a sail with only two corners?

"I haven't got a clew!"





SPOTLIGHT ON....

Nan Whetton

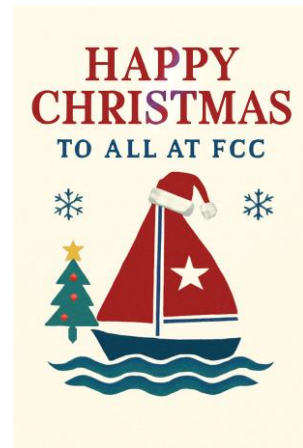
Nan is an absolute treasure within the club! She supports every event going and has a great knowledge about the club over the years.

First sailing experience: When I was about 17 friends took me out on their small yacht on the Forth. I can't remember much about it but obviously wasn't put off as when Phil and I met in the mid 80s I knew he had a boat and was keen to go sailing with him. He had a classic 24ft wooden sloop - Tiade Apa the first which was a dream to sail - and the rest as they say is history!!

Which do you prefer - power or sail? Being the co-owner of a motor boat I should say I'm a fan of power! However if I'm being truthful I miss the peace and quiet of sailing. I just love it when all you hear is the sound of the wind in the sails and waves on the hull.

Dream sailing destination: I've been lucky enough to have had amazing sailing holidays in Greece, Turkey and Croatia over the years. My favourite destination has to be Croatia for the scenery - which I think is not unlike the West Coast of Scotland with better weather and warmer seas.

Favourite annual social event at FCC: It has to be the Commodore's Party which always seems to bring together a good crowd of members to talk all things boaty.



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.