

2023 Highlights, 2024 Priorities & Key Dates

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Roles & Responsibilities

Trustees:

Philip Knights: Chairman of Trustees & Volunteer

Simon Crowther: Responsible for Funding

Lisa Skirrow: Hansa Bosun & Sailing Committee member

Cathy Cook: Schools & Groups Coordinator

Paul Schroeder: 2.4mR Sailor

Tony Machen: Meetings Secretary

Phil Mutton: Training Coordinator & Sailing Committee member

Rob Anstey: FPSC Commodore

Ivor Barrett: Chair of SMC

Sailability Management Committee (SMC):

Ivor Barrett: Chairman & Sailor Membership Secretary

Kate Whyatt: Sailing Captain

Marialaura Aymerich: Finance Officer

Simon Crowther: Fundraising, Deputy Sailing Captain

Tony Machen: Meetings Secretary

Michael Buttler: Marketing & PR Officer

Cathy Cook: Schools & Groups Coordinator

Lisa Skirrow: Hansa Bosun

Paul Schroeder: 2.4mR Sailor

Heather Schroeder/Katie Apse: Volunteer Coordinator (Shared)

2023 Highlights

- Membership at record levels
 - 41 new sailors, 34 under 19 years old
- More participation by Schools & other Groups
- Thriving Youth & Progress Groups
- Increase in size of Hansa fleet
- Charity continues to be secure financially

Sailing Highlights:

- Pre-season induction training
- Three Solent day trips
- Four schools sailing regularly
- Five new Hansa boats
- Busy Thursday & Saturday sessions
- Competitive Thursday afternoon racing
- Success in Hansa away events
- 3 x 2.4mR boats active at home and away
- Fantastic Volunteers: 98 with 6 new additions

The New Hansa Boats:



Long-time FPS volunteer Julian Behmber and his wife Joy very kindly donated "2J's". They wanted their bequest to be enjoyed while they were still alive. Fitted with a servo, this 2.3 is the ideal boat for sailors with limited hand function. A second 2.3, "Calypso" was purchased thanks to the generosity of the Farnham Town Council Community Fund and the Community Fund for

Surrey, which bring together donors and local good causes to facilitate projects like this, aimed at helping the disadvantaged in our community. "Calypso" is pictured below:



A courageous and very competitive young sailor, Harry Kennington sadly passed away last July. He generously donated his beloved "Blue Falcon" to the club to be enjoyed by others. Harry is much missed but we will remember him always.



The Schuyleman family donated "Neil Kymatik":



Cranleigh Golf Club have long been supporters of Sailability and its activities. A year's fundraising activities at the Club, particularly a very successful Pro-Am Tournament, raised enough to fund a new 303, named "Fairwinds", following a competition to find a suitable name.



Schools Review

- Undershaw, The Abbey and The Ridgeway schools participated in the summer term 2023
- Undershaw (pictured below) returned for the first half of the autumn term
- Positive outcome - schools appreciated the opportunity and students enjoyed the experience of Sailability
- Pathways Education attended taster sessions towards the end of the season



Groups Review

- Shooting Star Hospice had a session in the summer for the first time
- Woodlarks Camp returned to Sailability after a gap of four years
- Both visits were very successful, positive feedback from sailors, staff and volunteers

Issues Noted:

- Responsiveness of schools was variable and needs addressing
- Information from groups regarding sailors' needs was patchy

Objectives for 2024:

Build on the successes of 2023, for example:

- Optimise the schools' participation
- Potentially increase the number of group sessions
- Develop strategies to improve the issues noted above



A Shooting Star visitor sailing with Kim Davies

Fundraising Highlights

Major Donors:

- COINS Foundation - 303 fleet support
- The Dyers' Livery Company - 2.3 fleet support
- Cranleigh Golf Club
- Paul & Hong Davies
- The Barnett Charitable Trust
- The Hedley Foundation
- Surrey Community fund
- Mr & Mrs J Behmber
- Farnham Town Council Community Fund
- Mark Pardey
- Schuyleman Smith

Donor Introductions 2022-2023:

- Crondall Entertainers – Brian Stallybrass
- Hedley Foundation – Lisa Skirrow
- Allaspex group – Nick Wyatt
- Harry Kennington -303 Blue Falcon
- Schuyleman & Smith – 303 Neil Kymatik
- Paul & Hong Davies – 303 doc.paul
- Julian Behmber – 2.3 2J's

Financial Highlights

- Strong results thanks to regular donors and local trusts and councils who continued to support the Charity.
- Switch to CAF Donate fundraising platform reduces platform charges and takes advantage of synergies between CAF Donate and CAF Bank.

- Preservation of reserves value with activation of instant and fixed term savings accounts (no longer than 12m).
- The fleet turnaround plans continue and fleet expanded thanks to the generosity of members.

Sailing Awards

Youth & Progress Groups:



The Wisley Foundation Youth Endeavour Cup was awarded to Sam Burnip. The Harry Kennington Cup for endeavour and courage was awarded to Andrea Mitchell and the Lions Endeavour Trophy went to Lauren Dempsie:



Lara Sturgis was highly commended in the Farnham Sports Council Awards.



The Haslemere Sport Award for the Disabled was posthumously awarded to Harry Kennington and presented to his mother.



The Sailing Captain's Trophy was awarded to Hong Davies:



Sailing Results

The Thursday afternoon Racing Groups were very well attended once again, our thanks to race coaches Peter Fitzpatrick and John Townsley.

The results for John's Racing Group:

- 1st James Woosnam
- 2nd Mike Everitt
- 3rd Judith Riggs

The results for Peter's Development Group

- 1st Owen Munford
- 2nd Andy Robson
- 3rd Greg Parker

The Richard Smallwood Trophy was strongly contested by the FPS fleet over the two regattas



- 1st – Mike Everitt
- 2nd – Chris Gay
- 3rd – Paul Phillips

The FPSC 10 Hour Race was contested by four teams, the 2.4mR team claiming 2nd overall with Hansa 303 Red team 6th, Hansa 303 Blue team 11th and the Liberty team 13th.



The Hansa Traveller Trophy Series was contested over nine events with the Frensham TT being the final event. Coming into the event Lindsay Burns had already secured the 2.3 series. David Durston and Rory McKinna were leading the Liberty and 303 1-person fleets respectively.

All FPS sailors Paul Phillips and Mike Everitt needed to do was win to secure the overall series! This proved to be challenging in the very strong and gusty wind conditions but both were up to the challenge and claimed the wins.



Rory McKinna & Mike Everitt fight it out



Close racing between Paul Phillips & David Durston

The results of Lindsay Burns, Mike Everitt & Paul Phillips were enough for FPS to take the Ben Ainslie Trophy for a record 16th consecutive year.



The Hansa UK National Championships were held at Rutland in variable conditions. FPS sailors did well to finish on the podium in all 4 classes. Lindsay Burns took the 2.3 honours with Andrew Lebec 2nd and Lara Sturgis 3rd. Mike Everitt came 2nd in the 303 1P, James Woosnam 2nd and Harry Holland 3rd in the 303 2P and Paul Phillips was 2nd in the Liberty class.

The Hansa UK World Championships were held in Portimao, Portugal. Katie Apse, Kim Davies, Lara Sturgis, Lindsay Burns, Tessa Watkiss, Andrew Lebec, James Woosnam, Mike Everitt & Paul Phillips joined 12 other GB sailors and sailors from 17 other nations who entered a total of 189 boats across 4 classes: 87 Hansa 303 1P, 75 Hansa 303 2P, 17 Liberty's and 10 Hansa 2.3s.



A busy fleet race start

There was some unusually inclement weather but the organisers still managed to provide an almost complete programme of racing as well as the very popular social events in the evenings.



One of the most popular social events was Lara's 30th birthday which was celebrated in some style by all the Frensham sailors & volunteers!

In the 303-1P fleet Rory McKinna was 3rd overall following a strong finish. Mike Everitt did well to finish 16th in such a large fleet. A fantastic result was achieved by Paul Phillips in the Liberty fleet, finishing 2nd in a very competitive fleet.



Rory McKinna & Paul Phillips



Team GB Sailors & Supporters

Sailing In The Solent

Several sailors enjoyed the opportunity to sail and helm the RoRo Sailing Project's catamaran "The Spirit of Scott Bader" thanks to sponsorship from Farnham Lions.





Hong & Doc Paul Davies aboard the Scott Bader

2024 Objectives

- Continue to promote away events for sailors
- Maximise provision for schools and groups
- Provide volunteer training in safeguarding
- Sailability Activity Centre Project

2024 Training Dates

In preparation for the 2024 season a programme of training has been devised and was advertised in a recent email to all members. Dates as follows:

RYA First Aid - Thursday 7th March (Four volunteers in full time work or education will be offered a place on courses on a Saturday, TBA).

Powerboat Helm - Annual Refresher Scheduled for Wednesday 13th & Wednesday 20th March. Saturday 16th is earmarked for those volunteers who normally attend FPS only a Saturday.

Powerboat Crew course - Three members have expressed a wish to be trained. Training dates are yet to be decided.

Refresher training - Thursday 21st March

Immediately after lunch following 'Fitting Out' in the morning. This course is for experienced volunteers. As at 10 Jan three have expressed a wish to attend.

Induction training - Thursday 28th March from 09:30 - 12:30. This course is primarily for new volunteers in 2024 who have or are in the process of joining Sailability. The course is also open to other volunteers who would like to attend.

2024 Key Dates

- 5th February – Farnham Sports Awards
- 8th February – Cream Tea
- 22nd February - Group Accessible Walk
Alice Holt Forest

- 24th-25th February – RYA Dinghy Show
- 14th March – Cream Tea
- 21st March – Fitting out day
- 22nd March – Fitting out supper
- 4th April – 1st Sailability session
- 11th July – 1st Richard Smallwood regatta
- 2nd October – Hansa TT & Series Prizegiving
- 10th October – 2nd Richard Smallwood regatta
- 31st October – Final Sailability session
- 1st November – Laying-up supper
- 7th November – Winterisation day

2024 Hansa Class Events

Do check the Hansa Class [website](#) for changes and to register your interest in any event:

Wednesday 17th April – Frampton TT

Wednesday 1st May – New Forest TT

Wednesday 15th May – Notts County TT

Fri-Sun 31st May-2 June: UK Nationals
Whitefriars

Saturday 15th June – Burghfield TT

Wednesday 10th July – Carsington TT

Saturday 27th July – Northampton TT

Wednesday 28th August – Birmingham TT

Saturday 14th-21st September – European
Championships, Sneek, The Netherlands

Wednesday 2nd October – Frensham TT

Public Relations

Thanks to the efforts of FPS PR officer Michael Buttler all our activities and regattas are regularly reported in local newspapers and on social media. Lots more news and photos on

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

and X (formerly [Twitter](#)):

Thank You To All Our Helpers!

None of these activities could happen without the support of our fantastic helpers who turn out in all weathers so that we can sail.

