



# The Falmouth Classics Winter Newsletter

## Chairman's Welcome

Firstly, a Great Sailing 2020 to all past and future participants, sponsors and advertisers. Entries are steadily coming in for the 2020 event and we hope that the weather will soon improve to enable refitting and re-launching to proceed.

“Pellew”, Luke Powell’s latest project, a 68’ pilot cutter based on the Falmouth Pilot Cutter “Vincent”, will be launched on the 29<sup>th</sup> February at 09.30 at Newham, Truro. Why not watch this memorable event from the east bank of the Truro River.

On September 5th 1870 the Falmouth Town Council took the decision to establish the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners to resolve some of the difficulties of managing the growing port. We are currently in discussion with the Harbour Commissioners as to how we can contribute to the celebrations. We are certainly considering a spectacle within the Parade of Sail and Power, and there will be an article on the history of the port under the management of the Harbour Commissioners in the event programme.

We welcomed two new members of the organising team in December: Viv Rose joins as Parade Director and Gilly Grigg as a member of the parade team.

We are delighted to welcome several sponsors who have committed to supporting the 2020 event since the Autumn newsletter (see below). As we go to press, we are still seeking a title sponsor who would like to be associated with the largest heritage and classic event in the UK taking place in the spectacular surroundings of the River Fal and Falmouth Bay and associated with Falmouth’s very popular International Shanty Festival.

Alongside berths are beginning to be allocated. Do not forget to [enter and ensure your berthing](#)

[preference.](#)

We look forward to seeing you all on the water in June.

Good sailing and fair winds.

Kind regards.

Keith Tullett, Chairman Falmouth Classics Association



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## Sponsors Update

### Partner Sponsors

Falmouth Classics Association is very pleased that the [Royal Cornwall Yacht Club](#) has agreed to be a partner sponsor and to provide facilities and services to support the 2020 event. [The West Briton](#) joins as a partner media sponsor and will provide coverage of the event before and after.

### Major Sponsors

[English Braids](#) is sponsoring the Haven Reception along with the [Dynamite Brewery](#) who will be providing the beer. The [North Coast Wine Company](#), a fleet sponsor, will be also serving rosé wine during the Haven Reception.

[Noble Masts](#), the well-known Bristol manufacturer, will be providing valuable prizes in the form of vouchers towards a mast or spars. No doubt Wesley will be providing competition once again on

the water on board “Jan Rorlan”.

### **Event Sponsors**

[Heather and Lay](#), the Falmouth estate agents, will be sponsoring one of the safety boats whilst [Coast Medic](#), a charity, will provide on the water medical cover. Together both very important contributions to ensure safety afloat.

The [National Maritime Museum Cornwall](#) will be contributing boats to the parade and we will hope to see the winner of K Class in 2019, Curlew, out racing. The Museum will also be providing facilities. [Choaks](#) will help the Haven reception go with a swing by providing a discount for the pasties and [Live Beside the Sea](#) will provide Camel Valley Champagne for the guest reception during the parade.

[RRL the accountants](#) will be sponsoring the distinctive volunteer T Shirts, whilst loyal sponsors, [Pendennis Shipyard](#) and [Freeman's Wharf](#) will once again be providing the Event pennants. These are often to be seen flying on vessels long after the Classics is over and many of you display ones from past years during the event. Joining the Haven to provide moorings is the [Greenbank Hotel](#) who are providing space for some of the smaller open boats.

The owners of [La Peniche](#), the new floating restaurant to be moored in the Haven, will be providing prizes for overall winners and [Musto](#), with their shop in Events Square, will be providing one of their great sailing jackets and some sail bags. They will also be offering a 20% discount on items if you visit with a wrist strap during the event.

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## Parade of Sail & Power

The main parade on Sunday morning will recognise the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners. Therefore, the theme of fancy dress for crews will be the 1870s.

Gentlemen get out the morning coats, reefer jackets, pale trousers, top hats, homburgs and bowlers. Ladies your jacket bodices, trimmed skirts and bustles with bonnets and felt hats.

Alternatively, and more practical - the attire of sailors, fishermen and lifeboat crews of the period. The best dressed crew will be chosen by the guests on M.V Moyanna and will receive a prize.



## Small Boat Parade

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 13.30**

If you own a Classic boat propelled by sail, oars or motor 20' or less, then the Small Boat Parade Director Holly Latham will be delighted to receive an entry from you.

Entry is free but please [complete an online form](#). All participants are eligible for a welcome pack, are able to attend the two receptions and will be eligible for a prize or two. Do come and join the fleet from the National Maritime Museum and create a spectacle for the public in the inner harbour.



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## Rowing & Sculling Competition

**13<sup>th</sup> June 16.30 – 18.00**

For the second year, by kind permission of the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, the start and finish will be at the Club. A great spectacle and the bar will be open. No entry fee but [fill out a form \(to be found online\)](#) or collect one when registering. Bring your own boat or borrow one. There is a category for inflatables. There are prizes for winners.

An opportunity to beat the locals, particularly the skipper of “Hardiesse”, the current sculling champion!

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## Haven Public Opening

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00 -11.00 and then 16.00 – 18.00**

We will collect for Falmouth RNLI in the morning and Coastmedic in the afternoon. Skippers are asked to display information about their boat at these times.

Offers for open boats welcome – please email Don at: [dj.garman@btinternet.com](mailto:dj.garman@btinternet.com)

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## Merchandise

The [caps](#), [black hoodies](#), [polo shirts](#) and [T Shirts](#) with gold printing are selling well.

Orders will need to be submitted by May 31st. For T shirt orders this will ensure your boat name is included.

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## Classics Maritime Village

The village has two exhibition spaces left.

Currently featuring the Royal Navy, Teamac (marine paints), Traditional Boat Supplies (a great source of traditional chandlery), RNLI, Falmouth Marine School, Clean Ocean Sailing, Drascombe Boats and Cornish Marine, Cornish Wear, marine related craft stands and Dartmouth English Gin providing a chance to taste and buy.



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## Falmouth International Shanty Festival

The Shanty Festival will get underway from 13.00 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. There will be an increase in the number of groups performing to 68, some familiar and some new, whilst the Church Street car park will provide the venue for an additional stage.

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## Interesting Entries

### **Anny**

Anny was built in 1930 in Denmark by Carstensen and Henriksen of Skagen, originally as a fishing vessel.

She fished until 1972, with a period under German control during WWII. In 1972 she was converted to a topsail schooner, following which she worked in Europe and the Caribbean and undertook a world tour. Anny came home to Charlestown in July 2019 to a warm Cornish welcome, after delivery from Germany by the Charlestown Harbour Team.

She now runs day trips, cruises and attends maritime festivals around Europe, including Charlestown's own annual Classic Sail Festival.



### **Mascotte**

This vessel, once a regular participant returns for 2020. The largest Newport pilot cutter, she was

built by Thomas Cox 1904. Mascotte is currently in the process of starting a new life in sail training and charter under the Richard Clapham Sailing Trust, recently founded in memory of Mascotte's long term skipper.



### **Pellew**

**A** faithful recreation by Luke Powell of Working Sail of the Falmouth Pilot Cutter "Vincent", originally built in 1851 and worked the pilot trade from her home in St Mawes.

She will be launched in February 2020 for the Falmouth Pilot Cutter CIC, a non-for-profit community interest company. After launch she will be used for sail training and charter from Falmouth with any profit used to train young people in traditional sailing and boat skills. 2020 will be her first year out on the water sailing and her first Falmouth Classics.





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## West Country Classics Series

Participate in Falmouth, Fowey and Dartmouth Classics and be eligible for an overall class award.

For more information visit [www.westcountryclassics.org](http://www.westcountryclassics.org)

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## New Event – Tresanton Classics

**7<sup>th</sup> June**

A race followed by a champagne reception.

The boats the Tresanton Classics is hoping to attract are Pipers, Sunbeams, Rustler 24s and 23s and 8m yachts. Tresanton Hotel's Pinuccia and the Fife Rosemary II, currently at Penpol Boatyard, will be participating.

Visit: <https://www.rustler24piper.com/events> for further details

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## Opportunities Afloat During The Classics

“**Anny**” a 1930s topsail schooner will be in Falmouth for the duration of the event. She will be offering daily four-hour sails from 10.30 – 14.30 on Friday and Saturday to watch the racing and to sail in Falmouth Bay. The daily fee is £75 which includes lunch and refreshments. No sailing experience is required, but guests will have the opportunity to help sail the boat if they wish. Sponsors might like to consider a block booking. Information: [www.charlestownharbour.co/anny](http://www.charlestownharbour.co/anny). To book contact: [jess@charlestownharbour.com](mailto:jess@charlestownharbour.com) or phone 01726 70241

**Blue River Table’s “Tethra”**, a beautiful classic motor boat, is available to charter during the Classics. Enjoy watching the racing afloat or participating in the parade whilst enjoying the excellent refreshments the crew of Charlotte and Jess can provide. A great opportunity for sponsors who wish to use the Classics as a corporate event. Visit [www.bluerivertable.co.uk](http://www.bluerivertable.co.uk) and contact [info@bluerivertable.co.uk](mailto:info@bluerivertable.co.uk) for details.



**Pellew** sail on Luke Powell’s recreation of a Falmouth Pilot Cutter for the whole Classics weekend - races and parade. Visit [info@workingsail.co.uk](mailto:info@workingsail.co.uk)

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## Classic Boat Awards 2020

Falmouth and the Falmouth Classics is extremely well represented in the annual Classic Boat Awards.

The award nominees for 2020 feature five Falmouth boats in the different categories, four 2019 Classic participants and one Classic’s skipper. Visit [www.awards.classicboat.co.uk](http://www.awards.classicboat.co.uk) and vote for your top contenders for each category.

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[Get in touch](#) to find out more about [opportunities to become a patron](#) for The Falmouth Classics 2020. To read more, please visit the [website](#).

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