

How time flies it's August already!

The Newlyn Fish Festival is fast approaching, just to remind you it's August Bank Holiday Monday 26 August. It's our biggest fund raising event of the year; if you are able to spare some time do try to come along and help, even if it's an hour or two it will be appreciated by your fellow members. The funds raised all go towards the maintenance cost of Happy Return. If you are able to help please contact us. The Fish Festival doesn't have to be all work there are many interesting stands. Bring the family there is lots to see and do, it's a good day out for all the family.

We are well into our season now so if you haven't joined us yet for a sail why not book your berth for:- The Lonely Anchorages in Scilly, there are still berths available but hurry Happy Return sets sail at 9.00am on Monday 12th August 2013. **Members Please Contact Skippers - You have their numbers.**

If you are unable to spend five days away why not join us for a bay sail there are three to choose from,
Sunday 18th August an afternoon sail muster at 12 noon - skipper **Bob Glanville**
Thursday 22nd August evening sail muster at 5.30pm - skipper **Mike Halse**
Saturday 24th August late afternoon sail finishing in Newlyn muster 4.30pm - skipper **Alan Macrae**
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Last month Happy Return did a long weekend trip in early July eastward up the coast with Peter May as skipper. Happy Return left on Friday but with very light winds, she eventually rounded Lizard point and anchored for the first night off Cadgwith. After eating on board the crew pumped up the dinghy and motored ashore to stretch their legs and enjoy some liquid refreshment to find the Cadgwith singers were singing in the village pub, a very enjoyable end to a day's sail. On Saturday there were again very light winds however they reached the village of Portscatho and anchored off for the night. On Sunday morning they were asked to move as they had unknowingly anchored on the course of the swimming section of the annual triathlon! So it was up anchor and not wanting to miss the race, move to another anchorage clear of the swimming course. No sooner had they anchored than they were watching the swimmers pass, none of the crew joined them! Then it was a motor sail up the coast to Mevagissey finally tying up on the Victoria pier. After everything was secure and ship shape it was time to go ashore for a meal and some liquid refreshment to celebrate the skippers birthday. On Monday they set sail and returned back down the coast finally picking up a mooring at St Mawes. The weather was still so good the crew got the dinghy out and explored the Percuil river as far as they were able. Leaving on Tuesday to return to Penzance the wind was very fickle but abeam the Helford river they picked up a nice breeze to round Lizard point as there was time in hand to catch the tide to moor in our berth on the North Arm the skipper decided to anchor off Kynance Cove for a spot of fishing. Unfortunately when it was time to up anchor and set sail for Penzance the wind had completely died so it was on with the motor. Half way across the bay the wind piped up but unfortunately it was dead on the nose so it was motor all the way home.

Hope to see you on board soon,

Fair winds and tides,

Neil.