



Newsletter of the Grafham Flying Fifteen Fleet

April 2022

Captain's Comments

There seems to have been a lot going on this spring. We've had the Ovingtons in March, with a good representation from the club and visitors; updates to the jetty; removal of 5kg of corrector weights; some new members to welcome to the fleet; start of Wednesday racing and this past weekend, the Easter Salver followed by the 2021 Prize Giving and Tea & Cakes.

For the Ovingtons, we welcomed four visiting boats and eight club boats. The winds on Saturday were a bit strong for some, and everybody was relieved to see lighter winds on Sunday. For a full report, [here](#) is the link to the UKFFA page for the event.

With the help of many of you, we've completed the first stage of more permanent fendering on the new jetty. Next stage is targeted for week commencing 11th July - more details will follow once we've got confirmation that the remaining material required has been received.

Thanks to Richard Watson, eight of our boats were able to complete the corrector weight removal in early April and there is a second opportunity on 7th May.

Julian & Harry (3703) and Duncan & Jon (3726) have recently joined the fleet, and Marcus has joined as a crewing member, so if you find your regular crew or helm is not available, put a note on the WhatsApp group chat. Last weekend we also saw Graham return to the helm with a new crew AI.

Wednesday evening racing has restarted, and for new members, the catering team serve an excellent meal afterwards in the upstairs bar.

Good to see six boats out for the Easter Salver - congratulations to Dave and Katy on winning the Easter eggs! This was followed by the 2021 Prize Giving - thanks to Trish and Susie for organising and getting all of the right trophies to the right people - photos of the event below.

There's still lots more to look forward to during the summer and I've including a selection of events.

A reminder, Sue and I are off on our round Britain sail shortly, and Dave & Tim are kindly looking after the Grafham Open for us. We'll see you again end of June.



Full 2021 Prizes

Restart Series

Building Needs – 4042 Geoff Floyd & Colin Gilbert

Spring Series Handicap – 3853 Peter Wolstenholme & Cameron Torbett

Early Summer Series

Grafham Ducks – 3794 Dave Philpott & Graham Wadeley

Acker's Anchor Handicap – 4039 Sue & Andy Rhodes

Late Summer Series

Kircubbin Cup – 3794 Dave Philpott & Graham Wadeley

Grafham Rose Bowl Handicap – 3727 Barry & Katy Wyatt

Wednesday Evening Series

Sweepstake – 3974 Dave Philpott & John Forsdiak

4042 Geoff Floyd & Colin Gilbert

John Clifton Cup Handicap – 3464 Brian Appleyard & Matt Hood

Autumn Series

Early Birds – 4024 Simon Kneller & Graham Wadeley

Autumn Leaves – 3794 Dave & Jenny Philpott

Frostbite – 4039 Sue & Andy Rhodes

Autumn Series Handicap – 3947 Nick Taylor & Ian Dubock

Winter Series

Brass Monkey - 3794 Dave Philpott & Graham Wadeley

Winter Series Cup - 2nd 3550 Les Rant & Susie Sontag

Easter Salver – 3794 Dave Philpott

Briggs Trophy (Open + Ovingtons) – 4024 Simon Kneller & Ashley Painter

Duke of Edinburgh – 3794 Dave Philpott & Pip Chapman

Ron Howard – 4012 Jonathan & Trish Knight

Grafham Fox – 3550 Les Rant & Susie Sontag

Falmouth Flyer – 4084 Tim O'Brien

Upcoming Events

For a full list of the Flying Fifteen Association events, the 2022 fixtures list is at <https://flying15.org.uk/fixtures-and-results/fixture-list> including:

28th and 29th May **Grafham Open and Inland Championships with Classic & Silver Nationals**

7th to 10th July **National Championships at Hayling Island**

18th to 21st August **Uffa Fox 50 Event at Cowes**

20th to 26th August **European Championships at Cowes**

Additionally, we have the remaining Club Flying Fifteen events:

18th September **Ron Howard Trophy**

30th October **Grafham Fox**

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