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Roles & Responsibilities

Trustees:

Paul Schroeder: Chairman of Trustees
 Simon Crowther: Responsible for Funding
 Lisa Skirrow: Hansa Bosun & FPS Sailing Committee member
 Cathy Cook: Schools & Groups Coordinator
 Tony Machen: Meetings Secretary
 Kate Whyatt: FPSC Commodore
 Judith Riggs: 2.4mR & Hansa 303 Sailor
 Ivor Barrett: Chair of SMC

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Ivor Barrett: Chairman & Membership Secretary
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 Simon Crowther: Fundraising
 Tony Machen: Meetings Secretary
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 Cathy Cook: Schools & Groups Coordinator
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 Heather Schroeder: DBS Coordinator
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 Vacancy: Volunteer Coordinator

Kate Whyatt

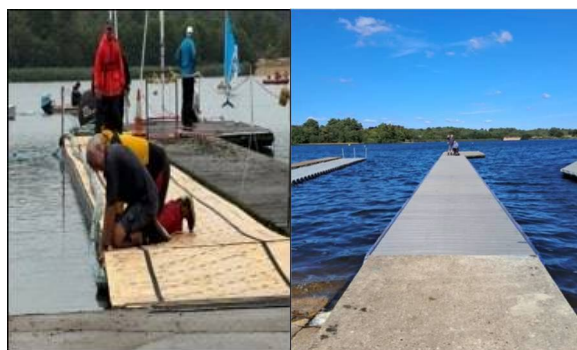
A big thank you to Kate, FPSC Commodore and FPS Sailing Captain from 2018-2025.

A keen GP14 and 2.4mR sailor, Kate's huge commitment to FPS saw us through Covid and she still found time to sail around the world!



2025 Highlights

- Membership/sailing sessions at record levels
 - More participation by Schools & other Groups
 - Thriving Youth & Progress Groups
 - Charity continues to be secure financially
- Sailing Highlights:
- Very busy Thursday & Saturday sessions
 - Jetty 7 replaced thanks to fantastic teamwork



- Two Scott Bader Solent day trips
- Very competitive Thursday afternoon racing
- Success in Hansa events in UK & Australia
- FPS 2.4mR boats competing home and away
- Fantastic Volunteers & Sailors

Schools Review

- The Ridgeway School, Pathways Education, Pond Meadow School and Undershaw sailed in the summer term 2025
- The Green Room School had sessions for the first half of the autumn term.
- Positive outcome - schools appreciated the opportunity and students enjoyed the experience of Sailability

Groups Review

- Shooting Star Hospice returned to Sailability for a one-off event in July
- The Farnham Lions Club hosted a sailing day at Frensham
- The halow Project accessed Sailability for a session at Easter and another during the summer holidays
- Dementia Friendly Hampshire also had two visits during the school holidays



Shooting Stars Visitors

Outcomes:

- Feedback consistently positive
- Communication from schools was greatly improved
- Information from groups regarding sailors' needs was given on request
- The schools and groups were very understanding of the issues while jetties 6 and 7 were out of operation during the season

Objectives for 2026:

Build on the successes of 2025, for example:

- Optimise schools and groups participation whilst maintaining awareness of Sailability overall capacity

Acknowledgements:

- Thank you to all the Sailability volunteers who have given their time to the schools and groups sessions during the 2025 season.

Fundraising Highlights

Major Donors:

- LEO LION Foundation - 303 fleet support
- The Dyers' Livery Company - 2.3 fleet support
- Burrows Trust – Development
- Worshipful Co of Shipwrights C Trust – Training & Education
- Helping Hands - support
- Surrey Community Foundation – new hoist
- Farnham Town Community Fund - sails
- Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust - support
- David Gibbs – new Hansa 303 Rosie III
- Frensham Village Fayre
- Individual donations for Jetty & Pavilion

Financial Highlights

- Strong results thanks to regular donors, local trusts and councils who continued to support the Charity.
- The sailors, volunteers and friends of Sailability who rose to the challenge to donate towards the jetty and pavilion are to be especially thanked.
- Preservation of reserves value with activation of instant and fixed term savings accounts produced significant interest
- We are in a strong position going into 2026

Sailing Awards



The Wisley Foundation Youth Endeavour Cup was awarded to Matthew Lally



The Harry Kennington Cup for Endeavour and Courage was awarded to Yvonne Spencer

2025 Events & Results

The Thursday Afternoon Racing Groups were very well attended once again, a big thank you to race coaches Peter Fitzpatrick, Kristian Davies, John Townsley and Clive Eplett.

John & Clive's Group:

- 1st Lynne Swan - 303 2P
- 2nd Judith Riggs - 2.4mR
- 3rd Mike Everitt - Liberty
- 4th Paul Phillips - Liberty
- 5th James Woosnam – 303 1P
- 6th Peter Etherton - Liberty



Peter & Kristian's Group:

- 1st Andy Robson – 303 1P
Greg Parker – 2.3
- 2nd Colin Freeman – 303 2P
- 3rd Bill Trower – 303 1P
- 4th Andrew Lebec – 2.3
- 5th Sarah Parker – 2.3



The Richard Smallwood Trophy pursuit races were strongly contested as always and Judith Riggs showed how well she has adapted to racing a 2.4 by claiming the trophy (the second for a 2.4!)



The FPSC 10 Hour Race this year was contested by several FPS sailors in four teams, the 2.4mR team finished an excellent 2nd while the Hansa teams were led by the 303 Blue team in 7th, Liberty team 10th and the 303 Red team 11th.

The Frensham TT in October saw 34 boats with over 40 sailors take part, the busiest TT to date.



The jetty team did a fantastic job of getting everybody afloat in good time, sadly the wind did not cooperate. RO John Townsley worked his magic to get in two races which had the sailors looking to catch every breath of wind.



The 2.3 series was already won by Lindsay Burns but second overall was still up for grabs with Lara Sturgis 1 point clear of Andrew Lebec. With all to play for, Lara won the first race to put the pressure on Andrew.



He rose to the occasion and won the crucial final race to take the TT win & 2nd place overall. Competing in her first TT, Sarah Parker finished in 3rd place ahead of 2.3 coach Kristian Davies who sacrificed his race to mentor the others.



Dominating the 303 2P series with 6 wins already Chesil's Lynn & Stuart Swan saw off stiff competition on the day from the FPS crew of Kate Hedley & Jen Rust and Rutland's Paula Roddy & Dave Luetchford to claim their 7th win. Colin Freeman & Stuart Griffiths finished 10th.



Leading the 303 1P series, James Woosnam was keen to consolidate his lead over Rutland's Logan Bell. However, FPS sailor Kim Davies enjoyed the light winds and claimed her first TT win ahead of the versatile Judith Riggs in 2nd place. James finished 3rd which secured the series for him.



This year the usual contest in the Liberty class between Paul Phillips and David Durston was disrupted by Rutland's Paul Pearson, just 1 point behind David with Paul Phillips also in contention.



Keeping a Liberty moving in very light wind is very tricky but Paul Pearson got it spot on in race 1 and took a convincing win ahead of FPS sailors Mike Everitt 2nd and Tessa Watkiss 3rd.



Race 2 was now critical for David and he duly won it, Paul Phillips took 2nd but Paul Pearson's 3rd place was enough for him to claim the TT win & the 2025 series.

A big thank you to all the FPS helpers who rigged the boats and got everybody on and off the water in good time.



The combined 2025 TT series results of the FPS sailors were enough for FPS to take the Ben Ainslie Trophy for a record 18th consecutive year.

The 2025 Hansa UK National Championship

was held in mixed conditions at the Portland & Weymouth National Sailing Academy. The 29 entries including three crews from Oman Sail and nine from FPS. Our sailors did very well again with podium places in 3 of the 4 classes.

Lindsay Burns and Andrew Lebec took 1st and 3rd in the 2.3 class. Andrew was also awarded the Endeavour Trophy for persevering in the very tough conditions on Day 2



Rory McKinna dominated the 303 1P class while Margaret Foreman's consistency netted her 3rd place overall for FPS with James Woosnam 5th and Katie Apse 7th. Lara Sturgis & Jenna Berry made their debut in the 303 2P class and finished a worthy 8th in far from ideal conditions.



FPS sailors did well in the Liberty class, the conditions ideal for Mike Everitt with 5 wins from 8 races, David Durston held onto 2nd with Paul Phillips 3rd and Tessa Watkiss 6th.

The Hansa & Para World Championships

Eighteen nations competed at the Championships hosted by the Royal Prince Albert Yacht Club on Pittwater in New South Wales. Team GB included FPS sailors Tessa Watkiss and Paul Phillips, both competing in the Liberty class of 32 boats.



The competition was as challenging as the weather but both did very well, Paul finishing 4th overall in the Liberty Open class while Tessa claimed 3rd place in the Liberty Servo class.



The 2025 Navicap Challenge the Yacht Club de Monaco has organized the Elena Sivoldaeva Trophy in early December since 2022. Sailors of all ages, abilities and nationalities come together to compete in teams of two in Hansa 303 boats.



FPS was represented for the first time by Lara Sturgis sailing with Moya Summers and Katie Apse sailing with helm & driver James Woosnam.

Blue skies and superyachts made for a very different background to a gloomy December at Frensham. The sailors enjoyed the experience and the hospitality laid on by the Yacht Club and even had time to wheel around the F1 circuit!



FPSC Pursuit Races As well as the various events at home and away, several FPS sailors took part in the Club's weekly pursuit races with some success: James Woosnam 8th, Paul Phillips 9th, Kris Davies 10th, Kim Davies 14th, Judith Riggs 26th and Mike Everitt 42nd out of 194 entrants. Well done to all our sailors and thank you helpers for a great year!

Sports Awards

The Lions Endeavour Trophy was awarded to Sarah Parker. Sarah's sailing has improved significantly thanks to Kristian's coaching and 3rd place in the Frensham TT was her reward.



The Sailing Captain's Trophy was awarded to Development & 2.3 Coach Kristian Davies. Kris has made a real difference as shown by the results his sailors have achieved.



Farnham Sports Awards 2025



Jetty Master Sean Devoto received the Mayor of Waverley's Award for being highly commended in the Volunteer of the Year Category

Hansa Class Captain James Woosnam received the Disability Sports Award



Sport Haslemere Awards 2025



Jolyon Ellwood-Russell was the deserving winner of the Sport Award for the Disabled.

Sailing In The Solent

Several sailors enjoyed the opportunity to sail and helm the RoRo Sailing Project's catamaran "The Spirit of Scott Bader" in July & August thanks to sponsorship from the Sally Burrows Trust.



Public Relations

For many years FPS PR officer Michael Buttler has ensured that all our activities and sporting successes at home and away are regularly reported in local newspapers and on social media: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) and X (formerly [Twitter](#)).

Michael's reporting has raised awareness and helped to bring us several new sailors and volunteers for which we thank him and wish him well. Chris Gay will now be responsible for marketing and PR.

2026 Priorities

- Continue providing a fun and safe sailing environment
- Welcome new volunteers & sailors
- Encourage more use of FPS 2.4mR keelboats
- Encourage more sailors to participate in Club racing and external events (TTs, etc)
- Final decisions on additional facilities
- Recruit a Finance Officer

Proposed 2026 Training

Grahame Pembleton is now responsible for training

- Pre-season training for both Thursday and Saturday volunteers
- Refresher training for powerboat helm & crew
- First Aid
- Hoisting
- Rigging: 2.4, Stratos & Hansa dinghies
- Buddying
- Disability Awareness
- Safeguarding

Contact Grahame for more details and dates.

2026 Dates For Your Diaries

- Jan-March 2nd Thursdays Cream Teas
3rd Thursdays Group Walks
- 21-22 February Dinghy & Watersports Show (Volunteers needed to man the stand)
- 2nd April: 1st FPS sailing day followed by the Fitting Out Supper immediately after sailing
- 14th October: Frensham TT & Prizegiving (for all Hansa events see the Class [website](#))

Thank You To All Our Helpers!

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

