

HOT TOPICS

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Fed News for

Fed Members

Project Kraken One Hot Topic very relevant to many of our members has been the theft of high value property, especially high performance RIBS, small tenders, inflatables and outboard engines of all sizes. The huge market for these items has attracted Eastern European gangs who target marinas and other places used for storing high value marine assets. They are skilled criminals, who will buy British registered vehicles to carry out crime and are quite prepared to move large vessels into shallow waters in order to remove large engines. The police are highly interested in any sightings or CCTV footage of these people or the vehicles they use. Four people in Sussex and Hampshire have recently been arrested for handling stolen goods and two Eastern European gangs have left the UK as a result of joint force police targeting but together we and the police can achieve more.

You can help tackle crime by joining Project Kraken , registering via a local web-site:

Hampshire: www.hampshire.police.uk/kraken

Sussex: www.sussex.police.uk/projects/kraken/projectkraken-registration

These are the benefits:

- You have a one-stop route to the police who share intelligence with all neighbouring forces
- You can register your vessel so details can be flashed to other forces should it be stolen
- There is upto date information on crime trends and issues via the Kraken web-site

and do, please, monitor the web-site www.stolenboats.org.uk which lists all stolen boats and gear.

Artemis 20 - a Yacht with a Difference.

There was a new fleet at Fed Week this year - the Artemis 20. This is a 2 man keel boat designed to be modern, stylish, flexible and exciting to sail. Well, what's new about that; Fed Week is the place where you can see lots of super-fast dinghies. True but unlike the Artemis, they are not designed for disabled sailors, who can leave their wheel chairs on dry land and compete with the rest of us on equal terms.

The **Even Keel** project (based here in Chichester Harbour) worked with RYA Sailability to provide five of the yachts, as well as competitor support. **Even Keel** aims to break-down the barriers between ability and disability and it was inspiring to see this happen at Fed Week with the Artemis mixing it with Finns, Elites, Flying 15s and International Moths! This was the first time disabled sailors competed in a main-stream regatta and even had to battle the same 25 knot winds as the other competitors.

Even Keel are keen to encourage any person with a disability to give sailing a try. Anyone interested

please make contact via the web-site: www.theevenkeel.com. So let's all spread the word about this new opportunity!

-- And you **must** check out the Fed Week video at: www.ryasailability.tv/feature.aspx?id=212r91n44&title=Fed%20Week%202011



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Cobnor Activity Centre Re-development at Cobnor Point!

This year, both our sailing school members have opened £1m+ developments and in June the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex opened a new activities hub (the Martin Beale Building) for Cobnor Activity Centre. Visitors can now enjoy the latest wi-fi and multi-media equipment, while the new residential facilities have been praised by teachers and leaders



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Youngsters come here to enjoy sailing, canoeing, kayaking, archery, climbing and

mountain biking. Isn't it encouraging to know how much is happening in our lovely harbour environment to help youngsters develop their self-confidence and sailing skills. We wish them continued success in all their activities.

Thornham Marina one of the harbour's best kept secrets!

[Sailing gets much of our focus in the Federation, so we are trying to redress this with periodic articles about our many other members, especially marinas and boatyards]

Located in the quiet reaches of the Thorney Channel, Thornham Marina is perhaps a bit off the beaten track but aims to provide a very personal and friendly welcome to visitors and clients alike



and what could be more friendly than their mascot, Willy the Whale!

Thornham Marina is popular for winter storage due to large areas of hard standing, providing

space for 300 boats. Refurbishment plans for 2011/12 will provide a new slipway and shower block, while pontoons and swinging moorings will be re-organised to cater for larger boats. Other features include:

- a fully submersible lift, so the keel bottom is never more than 1 - 2 feet from the ground
- free client taxi service within a 20 mile radius
- free storage of cradles and trailers

The usual range of marina support services is on hand and, interestingly, visitors may be able to pop

in to see progress on the Boat Project. Individual timber donations (1,200 separate pieces of wood have been contributed to date) are being used to build a 30 foot boat in the run-up to the 2012 Olympic Games. Early next summer it will go on show in various parts of the country.

Marine Management Organisation

Have you heard of this new body? If not, you may like to check it out on the internet. This is a new body, established by Act of Parliament, which has taken over responsibility for issuing licenses in the marine environment which is relevant to club and commercial developments. Rumour has it that fees levied for one of these new licenses may bring tears to the eye.

Fed Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded that our AGM will be held on Saturday, December 3rd (10.15) at Emsworth Sailing Club

St. Wilfrid's Challenge

Quite possibly not too many of our cruiser friends achieve such a close view of the Nab Tower as this one - unless of they are competing in the annual charity race on behalf of St. Wilfrid's Hospice. This year, the event attracted over 40 entrants from clubs across the south of England and £14,940 in donations has been pledged so far for St. Wilfrid's, although further donations are thought likely. Congratulations to the organisers, the Inn Shore Cruising Club, whose 9 boats raised the highest donation of £5,874 and also to Itchenor Sailing Club who raised £3,108 with 14 entrants. CYC, Bosham and ECA each entered one boat, which rather suggests there are quite a few Fed members who have yet to discover St. Wilfrid's challenge. Perhaps in 2012?

