



Puerto Pollença, septiembre 2020.

Words from the President.

Normally we would be having our Annual General Meeting about now, but due to COVID this is not possible. We will try to set up a ZOOM meeting before the end of the year – the agenda to be published shortly, with the usual voting for committee members.

This 2020 year has obviously been unusual, especially for sports and our sport of sailing , we lost the European championships which were to be held in France which I know was a disappointment for many, and our calendar has been vastly reduced but I feel that the ff Pollença fleet has been luckier than most – we managed to be fairly active and have unlike most countries actually managed to have our championships. Of course the championships were missing many overseas competitors which was unfortunate, but nevertheless we managed a good turn-out of boats – 11 which under normal circumstances would have been perhaps 15 or 16 ! This is a tremendous achievement and I feel the fleet is strong. Could it be that we are the biggest one-design keel boat fleet in Spain in terms of regular competitors? Does anyone know of a larger fleet? This success is due to several factors, apart from the fact that the ff is a wonderful boat, so I would personally like to thank: -

REAL CLUB NAUTICO POLLENÇA.

- Fleet Captain Michael BEECKEN. Once again keeping us together, organising racing, creator/upgrader/carer of the wonderful GERTRUD, website builder and updater. All this with a smile. -

- Secretary Stephen BABBAGE. Keeping communications going with the various administration groups and for the ISLANDER articles which give us spectacular top-class exposure. -

- Treasurer and measurer Steve PARRY. Thanks for the numbers/ accounts and for those of you have never had a sail rejected by Steve, don't worry, that pleasure is still to come.

- Ff International representative Michael CLOUGH. Working in the back-ground to ensure we are taken seriously within the organisation. Maybe soon the European Championships will return to Mallorca?

So what's for 2021? I am sure that we will learn to live in relative harmony with this virus and will begin to move again, perhaps at a slower, more thoughtful pace. Boat owners please pay promptly the fees with the marina office – we would like to keep a good name with RCNPP.

Hopefully we will have our full calendar next year, and will welcome back those who have not been able to join in this year. Please try to encourage any friendly sailors to come and join the fleet to see and feel for themselves a wonderful ff.