

SATURDAY 30th MAY

THE LAUNCH OF SCOTT'S NEW SAILING PUNT.

What better way to start our sailing season than with the launch of a new boat?



Plans for the day are falling into place, though the timings are only approximate and details may change.

There should be a chance to get most members afloat in the other boats who wish to. Please let me know if this appeals to you. (By the way, our annual subs, £25, are now due!)

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon from one of the lodges adjacent to the old slipway.

During the morning (low water) the jumbo *William Paynter* will be brought from her winter refit and off-loaded next to *Celeste* in the harbour to await the incoming tide.

Around 1.pm. Launch ceremony. Janette Eathorne will open proceedings on the old slipway with some of her Down'long anecdotes. Her brother William Thomas will then bless Scott's new boat. (Janette and William were our neighbours when we lived in the Old Bakehouse at the top of Dicks Hill in the 1950's). William is standing in for Matthew Care who has blessed all the others but, sadly, is not well enough on this occasion. William has also offered the services of St.Ives Community Choir which he directs so, all in all, we can be sure that this will be a very 'St.Ives event' in itself.

Once in the water, Scott's boat will be joined by Peter's identical boat and my original punt - in all, 6 traditional boats that I've built in connection with the Jumbo Association.

Around 3pm. The jumbos and the sailing punts will join a race to Hayle Bar and back with members of St.Ives Sailing Club. (Best viewed from the end of Smeaton's Pier).

Early side of 5pm. Scully race from the beach in front of the Sloop Inn. (For a description of scully racing and links to a video, please go to www.stivesjumbo.com)

Early evening onwards. The Castle Inn, Fore St.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Meanwhile, here's one from the archives showing my father, Dicon, mother (in the bows) and her twin sisters off Carbis Bay beach in the early 30's - all adding to a sense of deja vu! (The punt looks very like Peter's and Scott's).

Best wishes
Jonny