

Last summer Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club hosted the Firefly nationals; this is a dinghy class that is popular with all ages, Fireflies is also popular with university sailing clubs. In the lead-up to the event our safety crew was checking the safety boats and found that the transom (back of the boat) on our main boat 'Giles' was rotten and she was taking on water. Luckily for the club, our safety crew managed to do a temporary repair which enabled Giles to be used until the end of the season.

Our safety boats are used weekly for club racing, and sailing, and our youth sailing section attracts 40+10-18-year-olds. Our youth sailing teaches kids to sail and obtain their RYA qualifications.

With Giles needing a new transom we involved some design improvements, these improvements meant that her current engine was too short. The repairs alone are costing in the region of £4,500. The support of Felixstowe Town Council, enabled us to proceed with the repairs and the replacement engine.

Giles will now be back in action to support local sailors of all ages for many more years.

Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club offers competitive and pleasure sailing with an active youth section, we have an active yacht section that organises many cruises around the region and further afield, and are the home to Felixstowe Rowing Club. We are also popular with social members who enjoy the club, its great views and friendly atmosphere. www.ffsc.co.uk

