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Mid Winter 2003-04 Newsletter

Wishing you all a Happy Xmas and a fit and prosperous New Year for 2004

First a couple of bits of news

Drysuit Diehards series was won by Shane Rankin with Steve Bramwell only just second

Club clothing is in – if you want to collect or order more- contact Martin - 01349 861930
Martin.McLauchlan@bcs.org.uk

Cold Turkey Event – a race on 27 December!
Starting at 12 noon weather providing
If you want to check that sailing is going ahead please contact Shane (01463 220941 or 07775 821274) on the morning of the 27th Dec

Due to other involvements - we are not having a social event associated with this race - just socialising amongst the competitors who are there....

HOT NEWS – AT CHANONRY.....

At the moment I'm trying to arrange a must for all you dinghy sailors -

Boat Whisperer talk by **Steve Cockerill**
- for sometime in January / February....

Steve who is behind Rooster Sailing is the present GB Laser Radial Champion and was last years Apprentice Master World Champion and has sailed many other dinghies to national standard – his talk is on how to sail faster !!!

Cruisers Dates for 2004 – Lots for you to join in...and see **Training** and **Cromarty BC**

Moorings - please remove your moorings from the harbour and service them ready for next season - please have your prepared mooring on the harbour **ready for laying by Friday 19 March**

Crane in - Saturday 3 and 17 April

May 1&2 Lossiemouth Opening Regatta

Sat 8 May CSC Have a go day,
high tide is 3.40 pm , it would be good to have a couple of cruisers offering opportunities to go for a short sail / cruise Can you help? Please co-ordinate with George Taylor

May 28 & 29 Varris Cup, Lossiemouth CC

June 5/6 East Regatta. Banff SC

June 11&12 Dramming Jug, R Findhorn YC

Friday 18 June, Barbecue 8 pm on ...
with visiting boats from Cromarty BC on their way to their Caledonian Canal / West Coast cruise week..come welcome them...if you want to join them – see flyer at end of newsletter

Sunday 20 June Ness Cup. Chanonry SC

Jun 26 M F Cruiser Race Invergordon BC
July 5-9 Findhorn Week

July 16/17/18, NSYA Orkney Challenge Race

July 20/21, NSYA Cruiser series – Orkney

July 31/1 Aug, Davidson Pairs/Cromarty Regatta

Aug 14/15, West Regatta, Invergordon BC

Aug 20/21, All Clubs Lybster Muster

Sept 4/5, All Clubs Helmsdale Muster

Sept 11/12, Fleetwood Trophy, R Findhorn YC



Dinghy Dates

Steve Cockerill - -Boat Whisperer talk

Watch out for update on e-mail – if you aren't part of the e-mail group, please phone Helen (01381 600539) and she will let you know details as they are arranged

CSC race duty/ rescue boat familiarisation

(where everything is and how to start them!) will be on **Wednesday 28th April - 7.30pm** - an extremely useful reminder for when you do your duties – so try and come along

Club Racing starts Sunday 2nd May , 1pm
Wednesday 5th May, 7pm

Friday Club Sailing starts Friday 7th May

Have a Go Day - Sat 8 May 10am - 5pm

If you have any friends who have shown a glimmer of interest in sailing, let them know about the 'have a go day' when they will get an opportunity for a 'hands on' introduction.

Which also means – can you come and help – in wet gear to sail a boat, help with launching and coming ashore, or in dry gear to help with meeting people and explaining what goes on, lifejackets and equipment checking , taking names and numbers of people on boats etc....

**Sat 22/23 May NSYA and NoS Schools
Dinghy Champs** Nairn SC

Other particular dates to remember at CSC

June 12/13 **RS Traveller Event**
Friday 19th June **Barbecue at club 8pm on...**
June 21st **Ness Cup**
August 7/8th **CSC Regatta**, and RS300 Traveller
Sept 6th **Topper Knockout Competition**
Sept 26th **CSC Championships**

In between there are 3 series of Sunday races and 2 series of Wednesday races planned - plus other events, such as a club sail to a barbecue, a 12 hour race and more...

Details will be in Club Handbook

Training

First Aid Course

RYA First Aid course is organised for Sunday 29 February 1pm, please contact Sheila Watt (01463 225498) if you wish to take part.

GMDSS VHF/DSC Short Range Certificate training day has provisionally been arranged for

Saturday 27 March at CSC Clubhouse

Cost £60 for full day course or £30 for half day upgrade course, but if fully booked then it'll be cheaper - maximum 6 places

Please let Helen know if you want to attend by end January (tel 01381 600539)

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Dinghy Race Training

We have two squad weekends that you may wish to join in....

4/5 April NoSY Squad which is at national squad / experienced racer standard

24/25 April NoSS squad which is at starting to race / younger sailors standard

– if you are interested in either ...please contact Grenville – 01381 620243

We are also planning to run our own race training at Chanonry in a similar way to last year..i.e. evenings in May and June – dates tbc

RYA Level 1 / 2 / 3 Dinghy Sailing courses

are to be run on **Saturdays 5 & 19 June** and on one further Saturday in September (tbc) please contact Ian Cameron (01463 793 575) to book onto these courses

Club Maintenance Matters

Saturday 17 April 10am - 4pm

We are having a pre-season Maintenance Day – can you come and help us get ready - contact Martin 01463 811 949

– or simply turn up !



Club Boats

We are still looking for dry storage for the GP's, Achat and rescue boats – do you know anyone with a spare steading / garage / shed
Please contact Helen 01381 600539 if u do

DINGHY PARK ADVICE

Our boats are in a particularly windy spot and certain safety precautions **always** need to be followed to prevent accidents.

Always tie your boat (and trailer) to the ground - there are wires in the dinghy park to tie to – with dinghies you need to tie from the wire to the mast -tie a knot around your mast- and then tie back to the wire on the other side of the boat - to stop your boat being toppled over – or blown away

If you leave your mast up please **tie your stays and wires so that they don't rattle onto your mast** – this noise on windy days is really irritating if you happen to live close to the club. If you are not sailing in the near future, for less wind resistance, it's often better to take masts down.

Please **do not move other boats** unless you absolutely have to - if you do.....

tie any moved boats back down securely - in their original position and orientation

We remind you that you have agreed to keep all boats and equipment used or left at the club insured for at least £2 million third party damage as a condition of your CSC club membership.

Any boat or equipment that is not so insured must be removed from the Dinghy Park immediately



Winter Social Events

We've had a fantastic south american night – with delicious food and a fun quiz devised by Meg and Bonny – thanks for a great evening

Dec 27th Social attached to **Cold Turkey Race** has been cancelled due to lots of people being away / busy... but I'm sure the competitors will still socialise !

Coming up

WED 28th January

The poetry of Sailing.....our alternative
to Burns night - with stovies/food...

WED 25th February

Talk - hopefully George Brown
diving talk

WED 31st March

Talk - trying for sailing round the world

SAT 24th April

Start of Season Social Curry
up the wind.....

All above start at 7.30pm

Contact Meg – 01381 620100 - for details

Finally at a recent RYA sports development meeting Chanonry SC shone as a well organised and active club. This does take a lot of work from all concerned and this all becomes easier if we all join in and support each other.

We have a really valuable working club – lets maintain it - and show our appreciation of the effort and work that others put in and which underlies all our activities.

In other words use the following much appreciated phrases...

Thanks for..... & I'll do..... to help

And really finally Thanks.....
to all the people that have worked to put this little lot together and get it out to all members



CROMARTY BOAT CLUB

Cordially invite you to join them for

Jock Wingates Saturday lectures:

Seamanship

covering rigging of a sailing yacht, basic sailing theory, knots etc.

Collision Regulations - self explanatory!

Racing rules and procedures

Race management - come along and learn how to organise and run a yacht race. its not difficult

(for exact details - contact Jock Wingate on 01463 792305)

Royal Hotel, Cromarty at 1100 on Saturdays

Jan 10th & 31st, Feb 14th & 28th, March 13th & 27th, April 10th & 24th

George Selvesters Sunday lectures:

Navigation & Tidal Calculations

Anyone wishing to attend should purchase basic navigation equipment

- contact George for list - discounts may be available (01381 600315)

Royal Hotel Cromarty at 11.00 on Sundays

Jan 18th, Feb 8th & 22nd, March 7th & 21st, April 4th

CROMARTY B.C. WEST COAST CRUISE

26th June - 2nd July:

Cruise - West Coast from / to Corpach

organiser - Jock Wingate

Boats to transit Caledonian Canal June 19th / 20th - outward.

Boats transit back either 2nd / 3rd July or weekend after.

There is some variability in this schedule with one or two boats going earlier and one or two staying longer on the west coast after joining in the cruise

If you are interested in joining in - planning is going on NOW - so.....

please contact Gavin Meldrum, 01381 610423 (commodore@cromartyboatclub.org)

and find out details of the Cruise planning meeting - likely to be held in January 04