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Spring 2004 Newsletter

Recent events

Poetry Night in Jan (sailing 'Burns' night) was postponed for a week by snow, but was well attended with visitors from Fortrose Poetry Club and from Bob Pegg and Mhairi, storytellers, and a little street theatre from yours truly.... A fun night with delicious food provided by Meg – we will definitely repeat this next year!!

George Brown's fantastic slide show in February – was just that- fantastic- with shots from an Inverness Sub-Aqua club trip to Fastnet and of the mysterious finds in the Moray Firth, all accompanied with local music and an interesting explanation afterwards.

Thanks to George Brown for an thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The Moray Firth Partnership held a conference that was attended by Helen. This organisation has many facets that can help Chanonry Sailing Club – ranging from beach clean ups to contact with local organisations such as SEPA, to offering assistance with equipment. The contacts made here are already benefiting the club... read on...

Sponsorship for events in the coming season has been offered by **Caley Marina**.

Over many years Caley Marina has been the main CSC club sponsor and their input, both financial and practical is much appreciated. As well as they're being an excellent chandlery! – please try to support this local business that puts so much back into it's local sailing community.

The **Moray Firth Partnership** has also offered Chanonry SC financial support to buy replacement trolleys and covers for some of the club boats. Again, much appreciated assistance with the continued running of the club and enabling CSC to continue to encourage local youth to take up sailing and learn about the marine environment

Martin McLauchlan has produced an excellent range of well designed club jackets sweatshirts etc– all at very reasonable prices please contact Martin on 01349 861930 Martin.McLauchlan@bcs.org.uk

The CSC Committee has put in many hours of hard work to plan for the coming season and revamp the CSC Handbook. Please try and read it – as there have been a few changes. An enormous amount of work has gone into this – thanks are due to all concerned.



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Cancellations and Changes

CSC has been advised to tighten up regarding people aged under 16 sailing at club events. Junior members will now have to have a responsible adult accompanying them at all times at club nights / events. If this adult is not their parent, then a written consent form naming the responsible adult and signed by the parent will have to be brought to the club.

Steve Cockerill has unfortunately had to pull out of the **Boat Whisperer** talk, originally planned for April 28th. He has offered Chanonry alternative dates in the autumn... we will keep u informed ...

Mike Armitage has also had to pull out of the **SOLAS** talk, on Wed 31 March, Mike has offered to do it later in the year. I am at the moment chasing an alternative speaker.... So do still come to this evening and meet up with your friends and enjoy the surprise- whatever it is !!

First Aid Training, unfortunately the course planned for February was cancelled. The club has also lost the services of Sheila Watt as our First Aid Instructor. At the moment CSC is trying to organise another course through the RYA / Red Cross, but unfortunately this will cost us more – as Sheila (along with ALL CSC instructors) provided her expertise for free.

In future could all club members, in the first instance, address any concerns or queries regarding training matters to a member of the CSC committee, or to the CSC Training Vice Commodore Grenville Robinson (01381 620243).

Coming Up - March

Salsa nights – two excellent evenings of tuition, food ,and fun.....all for £2.50

Sat 13 March, Munloch Hall, 6-10pm

Sat 20 March, Victoria Hall, Cromarty, 6pm-late, with live band '**Latitude 57**'

Please book if poss - tel. 01381 600477

Sat 20 / 27 March – Moorings to be laid please have your mooring – properly restored – on the harbour - **ready for laying** by **Friday 19 March**

VHF training - March 26/27th (Fri/Sat) two course provided by Sandy Mackenzie (Invergordon BC) - could take one or two more people -phone Helen – 01381 600539

March 27&28th NoSSS Sailing Training - LochCarron Sailing Club – a weekend of intensive race training from national level coaches – particularly suited to Youths- but not exclusive! Interested? - contact Caroline - 01540 662165 or Grenville - 01381 620243

Wed 31st March
Mystery Social night at club!
7.30pm..

April

Sat 3 & 17 April Crane In
contact George Taylor

Club Maintenance Matters
Saturday 17 April 10am - 4pm
We need help – to get the club house etc ready for the season, rubbish tidy, equipment sort, cleaning windows... all needs to be done and its much more fun doing it with other people
a couple of hours will help enormously...



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April - continued

Sat/Sun 24/25th April NoSSS Training
another weekend of intensive race training from national level coaches – particularly suited to Youths- but not exclusive!

This time **AT Chanonry...**

Interested– contact Caroline- 01540 662165
or ask Grenville - 01381 620243

Sat 24 April 7.30pm

Start of Season Social

Curry up the wind...

Contact **Meg - 01381 620100** to
book Get the wind in your sails - a
fantastic feast for £8 ...don't miss it

Wed 28th April, 7.30pm

Club Familiarisation

an extremely useful reminder for when you
come to use boats again – try and come

May

Start of Sunday Racing on **2nd May**

Start of Wednesday Racing on **5th May**

Start of Friday club nights on **7th May**

Sat 8 May, 11am-4pm 'Have a Go' Day –
the CSC annual open day when we open the
club to visitors... lots of help needed – to
bring / rig / sail boats with visitors in them, to
bring / lend / sort out buoyancy aids and
clothing for visitors, to record who goes
where (and check they return)..to mention but
a few tasks... **CAN YOU HELP ???**
please contact Shane (01463 220941) or
Helen (late April on- 01381 600539)
with offers of help...

This year at the same time the RNLI are
holding a **Sale** in the clubhouse and are
willing to have a few car boots(£5) in front of
the clubhouse.... . please contact Marjorie
Taylor on 01381 620861

Race Training –Richard Evans, Ben Yeats
and Olivia Robinson are coaching these
sessions this year – a great chance to learn
how to race from the best.....£5 a session

Tuesdays 11 & 25 May

8 & 22 June 7.30pm

June

Sat 5 June plus Sat 19 June

RYA levels 1 / 2, 3 Training Course

Contact Ian Cameron to book ..asap

(the course fills up quickly...)

Tel. 01463 793575

12/13 June RS Travellers weekend

come and see / join in this top level racing
from this exciting class of boat.... And meet
the visiting sailors at the Sat evening social

Friday 18 June Barbeque at the Harbour

to welcome Cromarty BC boats on their way
to the West Coast, 8pm >>

Sunday 20 June Ness Cup

Open long distance race around the
firth...great fun to watch as well as to do...

Saturday 26 June Sponsored 12 hr race

How will we do it ??? come and find out and
sponsor someone -if you can....we're raising
funds for new CSC club boats...

COMING SOON...

CSC ANNUAL REGATTA

**7 / 8th August - with visiting
Fireballs & RS300s too - a HOT
weekend**

My final request is – if you get any good
photos of the club, people , boats or events
that could be used in press releases please
contact

mid April – Helen 01381 600539

mid May – Shane 01463 220941

mid June & July – Richard 01381 620746

mid August – Ben 01463 233338



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I'm putting some extra information from elsewhere on the final page of this newsletter and details of how to get further information about these events - if anything grabs your imagination.

Enjoy your sailing! Helen

Save the North Sea.

A campaign aimed at reducing the amount of marine litter dumped in the north sea. As part of the campaign they are running an Individual Blue Flag (IBF) programme, similar to the Blue Flag for beaches, the programme recognises good environmental practice.

The IBF can be awarded to interested boat owners/users wanting to contribute to Save the North Sea Project. The boat owner signs an environmental code of conduct declaring that he/she will act according to the issues outlined. There is no cost, unless people want to purchase a blue flag to fly from the boat (this costs £15).

To sign up log on to the website www.savethenorthsea.com and click on the IBF link (UK).

Cromarty Boat Club have been busy planning for their West Coast Cruise in June , – if you are interested in joining contact commodore@cromartyboatclub.org.uk

Are you interested in competing in Topper or Laser or RS Travellers info on all these on the RYA Scotland website <http://www.ryascotland.org.uk> and <http://www.laser-scotland.org.uk>

Celtic Watersports festival in Galicia Spain in July – see www.celticwatergames.com

Interested in training as a Race Officer Course at Findhorn SC on April 3, 10am, £20 Contact Iona Cornish iona@icornish.freeserve.co.uk

NSYA Open Events Programme

More details on www.nsy.org.uk

MAY

- 1/2. LCC Opening Regatta
- 22/23 NSYA Dinghy Championships & North of Scotland Schools Champs
- 29th Varris Cup

JUNE

- 5/6. East Regatta
- 11/12. Dramming Jug
- 12/13 RS Travellers
- 19/20 Pentland Firth Midsummer Regatta
- 20th Ness Cup - Dinghies and Cruisers
- 26th MFCR

JULY

- 3rd. Stavanger - Banff Race
- 3/4. RFYC Dinghy Regatta inc Laser 4000, Europe & Blaze Trav
- 5/9 Findhorn Week
- 16/17/18 Orkney Challenge
- 17/18 Laser Scottish Champs SVSC
- 17/18 Topper and Oppie Traveller SVSC
- 17/18 Catamaran Traveller
- 20/21 Cruiser Series NSYA
- 31/1 Aug Davidson Pairs /Cromarty Regatta RFYC / LCC / CBC

AUGUST

- 1/6 National 18 Dinghy Champs RFYC
- 7/8 Gael Force Regatta LCC
CSC Dinghy Regatta
- 14/15 West Regatta & End Season Race IBC
- 21/22 All Clubs Lybster Muster
- 28/29 Invergordon Dinghy Regatta IBC



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