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## **WEEKEND OF PRIZES AND RECOGNITION**

Trophies and congratulations were the theme at Chanonry Sailing Club last weekend following its 49<sup>th</sup> AGM. Trophies came courtesy of CSC and its forerunners. Prizes courtesy of generous and long-standing sponsor Caley Marina.

The young and the older were recognised in the annual prizegiving for their success in dinghy sailing. Niall Ferguson was awarded the Junior Endeavour Trophy for his determined efforts by new Commodore, Shane Rankin. Lifelong sailor Robert McIndoe won the Chanonry Trophy in his Olympic class Finn dinghy.

There were prizes and silverware for Steve Bramwell and Richard and Val Evans. Steve dominated the Wednesday evenings through the season to pick up trophies for both series in his newly acquired hi-tech Phantom class dinghy.

Richard and Val Evans won the early and late season series, winning the Fraser MacKenzie Cup and the Harbour Rosebowl in their RS 200 class dinghy. Richard and Val's finely honed racing skills had benefited yet again from racing at the Scottish level in the traveller series for the RS 200.

A month previously Steve pipped Richard and Val in the Club's Annual Championships in a keen fleet of sailors. Over the same weekend, sailing twins, Rachel and Emma Stevenson, in their Olympic 420 class won the annual Ladies trophy.

Richard and Val won the newly endowed trophy for best aggregate results over the season – the Watson Memorial Quiach, endowed after the death of long standing member and local GP, Dave Watson of Munloch.

Ben Yeats, a keen and competitive sailor, who was third earlier in the year at the UK National Championships for his RS300 class, won the Club's annual, post Christmas Cold Turkey event.

The keenly contested Laser class was dominated by Mike Gough who won both the Rowat Memorial and Wylie Martin Trophies.

The sailors of bigger boats were also recognised. Claire Skea's log account of her round Scotland trip, via the Forth/Clyde and Caledonian Canals in her father's Corribee class yacht won the Cruiserscope Trophy. The Corribee was the class in which Dame Ellen MacArthur took her first steps in long distance sailing.

Out-going Commodore, Helen Rowson was recognised with the Senior Endeavour Trophy for her tireless effort for the Club during her two years.

The Club goes from strength to strength and is developing plans to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006.