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## MID-SEASON NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

I was trying to think of a title for this newsletter and realised 'mid-season' would be appropriate – another sailing year rushing past! We've had quite a few new members join since the beginning of the season and I'd like to welcome them all to the Club.

There are 2 events imminent. First, on Sunday 27 July we will be remembering our friend Grenville Robinson with a **Sail in Company** from Fortrose Bay to Rosemarkie Bay (the Robinson's home) for lunch then back in the afternoon.

Dinghy and cruiser sailors are all welcome. Safety cover will be provided, but dinghy sailors in particular should of course bear in mind whether they and their boats are suited to the conditions on the day. If owners of cruisers and larger dinghies are able to offer space to others that would be great. There will also be members of Helen Robinson's family visiting who would love the chance to sail around Chanonry Point - if anyone is able to offer a place please let either Helen Jenner ([r.h.jenner@btinternet.com](mailto:r.h.jenner@btinternet.com) or 01463 811080) or Helen Robinson know.

Lunch will be provided at Rosemarkie. We will be arriving around low water, boat owners should make arrangements for anchoring or beaching their boats during lunch. It should be possible to offer a ferry service using the safety boats to within paddling distance of the shore. Dinghies should be ready to depart from Fortrose at 11.30, cruisers should make their own way, aiming to arrive between 12.30 and 13.00. We will set out for the return to Fortrose at around 14.30.

We need an idea of how many hope to take part for catering numbers, so please let Helen Jenner know if you intend to come.

Second of course is our **annual regatta** on 2 & 3 August. While preparation is at an advanced stage, more help over the weekend would always be useful. Pam Hogan is organising the catering and Simon Grey is organising the safety boat cover so if you feel you can help in either of these important areas, please contact Pam (01381 622550) or Simon (07703 404879) directly. Please also note that Friday evening on 1 August is a **pre-regatta tidy-up session** and there will be lots of little jobs to do around the clubhouse, harbour and dinghy park so please turn-up at 7 PM to help. If you do not intend to compete and have a dinghy in the park it would be a great help if you would remove it for the regatta.

While it's old news now, I'd like to record formal congratulations to **Callum MacIver** for his award as the RYAS Young Sailor of the Year and to both Callum & **Jack Evans** for their selection for the Scottish Sailing Squad (Toppers). Callum has been working his way steadily up the class finishes and Jack is showing real consistency finishing



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generally in the top 3 – well done to them both. Callum is also the youngest winner in the Club's history of a race series (the MH Morrison Cup).

The last newsletter gave details of a lot of projects planned or underway. The major project was of course the **trot moorings** and as we all know these are in business now thanks to a lot of hard work from Tim McKeggie, Roxby Robson, Mike Burns, Mike Martin & David Pocock. David, with his Harbour Master hat on, has been collecting dues from a steady stream of visitors. We still have a very few moorings left to lease so if you want one contact David or Roxby. Staying outdoors, the resurfaced main **slipway** seems to be working well as are the refurbished **harbour steps**. Less noticeable perhaps but nevertheless important, the **clubhouse rewiring** is mainly done (there will be a break glass fire alarm installed in the next few weeks in the Clubroom) and the new **fire extinguishers** are in place thanks to a lot of work by Mike Wilson – Mike is now in the process of handing over building custodian to Diarmid Hogan. It was Diarmid who made the shelving in the **side store** and this seems to be working well as a one-stop shop for the safety boat equipment (not quite 'one stop' as the radios remain in the Race Office and the fuel in the fuel store). Diarmid, Roxby & Martin Ball have all been spotted cutting grass in the dinghy park – you too could help with this – the mower is kept in the fuel store! Thanks to Stephen Brown for keeping us topped-up with fuel.

The installation of the trots has meant that we are now able to keep **Wisp**, the club's Leisure 17 micro-cruiser, on a trot mooring rather than in the harbour constrained by the tide. Access to Wisp has been solved by a very generous donation from **Helen Robinson** that has allowed the club to purchase a new inflatable tender. Wisp is there ready for you to sail for a small donation towards maintenance. She goes remarkably well so if you fancy trying her out, please contact Roxby (01381 620028).

Those of you who like to study your handbook will have noted a few **errors** despite extensive proof reading. There were 2 **committee members** missed of the list: Shane Rankin is of course the Rear-Commodore and Helen Jenner remains the Sailing Secretary for this season (a Freudian slip as she wrote that part of the handbook??). I'm also pleased to announce that we have co-opted **3 new members to the committee** (for confirmation at the next AGM) and they are Dave Dunton, Cairren Gourlay and David Pocock – their contributions and experience are very welcome. There are also some errors in the sailing programme & notes pages so if in doubt use the other tables in the handbook (training, cruising etc) or refer to the web-site for the latest news.

The **Fee review** requested from the floor at the last AGM is well under way with a sub group of the committee reviewing the club's finances to ensure we can continue to support all our sailing activities in the medium to long term, and that the costs are shared fairly between members. We will be comparing our income with other clubs and estimating what our funding needs will be for the foreseeable future. The committee intends to consult members about funding options in the late summer. Any proposals for changes to membership and other fees will put to the next AGM. If you have any ideas to put forward now please contact the Treasurer, Richard Robinson.

Those of you who have done safety duties recently will have noticed that we have **new handheld radios**. The inventory is now 3 Standard Horizon HX 270Es so all the handhelds are now the same which should help with 'knobology'. Please rinse of the



radios in fresh water after use then dry off before placing them in the charging bases – the old radios failed because of corrosion of the charging pins. Don't be concerned if the charging light does not illuminate as the chargers are on a timer to avoid cooking the batteries.

The **training** news is that I'm back as the Training Principal for this season and the dinghy training is busy. The adult training, cancelled due to a lack of uptake, has been resurrected with 7 in training over a series of Saturdays – all new members. Richard Evans is busy teaching a Start Racing Course and also providing coaching sessions on Sunday mornings when he is not away supporting Jack & Callum. The coaching sessions are open to all members but you do need to book a place by contacting Richard in advance - remaining dates are 17 August & 14 September. The Junior Sailing School (21 – 25 July) has proven to be highly popular – we've managed to increase the allocation of places from 12 to 18 by hiring 6 Taz dinghies from Findhorn Marina but even so have a waiting list. I will put a winter shore-based programme together before the AGM so if there is anything you want by the way of an RYA shore-based course please let me know.

**Finally**, some nagging. First, there would appear to be some 'members' who have yet to pay their **annual fees** (so technically they are no longer members) – if this has slipped your mind, please act now and forward your renewal form and fee to either Jon Shepherd (Membership Sec) or Richard Robinson (Treasurer). Secondly, if you have a dinghy in the dinghy park please **label your trolley** with your name & telephone number so that we can contact you in the event of a problem and also know what has been abandoned (there appear to be several abandoned dinghies and we will be taking steps to dispose of these). The Blue Peter solution is to make a label from a plastic milk bottle and write your details on with an indelible marker. The Harbour Master has removed a lot of 'rubbish' from the dinghy park and harbour edges – unfortunately not before some of the local youth decided to chuck breeze blocks in to the harbour where they now present a hazard to boats taking the ground. If you own **cradles, road bases/trailers or other bits lying around in the dinghy park or harbour (such as masts)** please remove them before they also end-up in the harbour or the skip.

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- **PS over 30 members have signed-up for an E-distribution of this newsletter. This saves around 35 pence/letter + the planet – please sign-up if you would rather have a soft copy by emailing [r.h.jenner@btinternet.com](mailto:r.h.jenner@btinternet.com) with the subject 'Please sign me up for E-newsletters'**



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**2nd/3rd August 2008**

## Regatta

**Open Handicap Cruisers races,  
Fast and Slow Handicap Dinghy Classes,  
Regatta Beginners (separate racing area)**

& traveller events for

**Scottish Skiffs, Europe, RS300 and Merlin  
Rocket**

Incorporating



## North of Scotland Dinghy Championships



**Briefing:**

**Dinghies @ 12:00**

**First Race Start:**

**Cruisers @ 12:45 – Dinghies @ 13:00**

**Entry: Cruisers & Double-hander £20.00**

**Single-hander £15.00**

**Race Notice etc. on: [www.chanonry.org.uk](http://www.chanonry.org.uk)**

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