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## Chanonry Sailing Club Summer Newsletter

It now is beginning to really feel like summer and the club seems to be set for a busy time. It has been great to get back to sailing against old rivals and also to welcome new faces to the club.

### Harbour

Space is becoming an increasing problem in the dinghy park. The park has been reorganised but we have more to do and about 10 boats that belonged to ex-members have been removed. To further assist in this work, please remember that it is a condition of leaving boats in the dinghy park that they have their owners name on them. You may also have noticed that years of accumulated sailing junk has been removed and please help us keep the area clear and tidy.

As I am writing this I understand a workboat is on its way to remove some of the debris and silt from the Harbour floor. I hope this will improve things for harbour users.

### Wisp

A reminder that the club owns Wisp, a Leisure 17 sailing cruiser with an outboard engine (see <http://www.msogphotosite.com/MSOG/pdfpage/leisure17bro78.pdf> ). She is kept on a trot mooring, accessed by her tender Gren. Wisp is a great little boat, ideal for dinghy sailors who would like to take their family or friends for a sail. She is available to any club member who can sail provided they have attended a briefing session. Contact Dave Dunton for more information.

### Training

Adult dinghy training is well underway and we've been making good use of the 4 new Topaz dinghies that belong to the Avoch Sea Scouts. As a gesture of goodwill, the club has purchased 2 launch trolleys for the Topaz so that all 4 boats can now be used without lifting.

Details for the junior summer schools have been agreed with RYA Scotland: -



- The club will run a Stage2/3 course on a volunteer basis from 20 - 24 July (cost £150 each – limit 12).
- The RYAS instructor will then support Sea Scout training at Chanonry from 27 – 31 July before teaching a Stage 1 week from 3 – 7 August. The Stage 1 week will have a morning group (up to 6) and an afternoon group (also up to 6) with an age restriction of 8 – 14 years. The cost/junior is £80. Please book places with Richard Jenner @ [r.h.jenner@btinternet.com](mailto:r.h.jenner@btinternet.com)

While the basic dinghy training is going well, there was too little support for either the Club Race Officer Course or the Start Racing Course – should you be interested please contact Richard Jenner as either course can be re-instated with ‘demand’.

Powerboat training has had a great boost this year with 20 level 2 certificates issued and more to come. The Sunday morning safety boat skills sessions are also being well supported. The next event is a junior powerboat level 2 course 25 & 26 July – contact Helen Jenner @ [r.h.jenner@btinternet.com](mailto:r.h.jenner@btinternet.com) if interested.

### Lettoch

I can report significant progress. We are presently in negotiation to sell this plot of land. It was gifted to the club many years ago and selling it has proved to be a complicated and lengthy process. Many thanks to Joe Duncan who, as a partner of Anderson Shaw and Gilbert, is undertaking the conveyancing for us for no fee.

### Sailing & Social Programme

Windy weather has meant the cancellation of **dinghy racing** on a few occasions so far this year – let’s hope for a better summer! Racing turn-out has been very mixed, anything from 2 to 10 boats, for those of you who haven’t really got going yet this year, your Race Officer, Safety Boat crews and fellow sailors would like to see you on the water. **Friday evenings** have been quiet – these are an ideal opportunity to get on the water without the “excitement” of racing, please do take advantage of them. You can find details in your handbook.

**Brown Cup** – the Loch Earn Sailing Club Scandia Scottish Schools’ Sailing Championships was competed for by Jack, Callum and Susannah as Fortrose Academy this year and they came 4th - Susannah as guest sailor! All did very well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Susannah was delighted to be in front of many boats, Callum was 6th in the Topper fleet and Jack first in the handicap fleet after having a titanic battle with Lorenzo Chiavarini of Lomond School.

James Burns continues his very successful Keelboat racing season in his Sonata, winning wherever he goes.



**STOP PRESS** - Richard and Jack Evans, sailing their RS200, won the North of Scotland Dinghy Championship held at Lochaber SC on 20/ 21 June, 37 years after Richard won the GP14 class at the same club with his father, Jack. Richard Jenner came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same event. -Well done to all.

**Cruiser activities** are also underway with some members taking part in racing in the Firth and others taking their boats west to cruise. Don't forget that towards the end of the year we will be looking for entries for the "Best Log" award, so get writing now.

**Regatta (1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> OF August)** -. As there are no traveller classes, all racing this year will be on handicap. This is an ideal opportunity for those of you who have started racing but feel a bit overwhelmed by the idea of a really big event so do come along and have a go.

Racing will be on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Details will be available on the club website nearer the time.

If you do not intend to sail please consider helping, either ashore or on the water – if you can help on either day please let Helen Jenner know.

We have pre-booked good weather and look forward to seeing you there!

This year BBQ food will be available as well as the Regatta Dinner. This dinner is open to everyone – not just for those taking part. Just let us know on the day if you are coming.

### **Ness Cup (Saturday 22<sup>ND</sup> August) -**

Due to too much wind in May (we forgot to pre-book the good weather) the RNLI Ness Cup has been postponed to Saturday 22 August. The race start will be at lunchtime, there will be refreshments afterwards. This is a fun day in aid of the RNLI – again details on the website nearer the time.

Bacon rolls etc first thing and snacks will be available during the day. Hot food will be available after the race.

**Topper Traveller (4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> July)** - Food will be available from 10.30am on Saturday and 8.30am on Sunday. Come along for a bacon roll etc and to support all the sailors taking part in this event. There will be a Regatta Dinner at around 5.00pm after the Saturday racing. This will be an informal but sumptuous banquet!



Any offers of assistance with running any of these events, please contact Helen Jenner: 01463 811080 or [r.h.jenner@btinternet.com](mailto:r.h.jenner@btinternet.com)

Any offers of assistance with catering for any of these events, please contact Pam Moncur: 07816582143 or [pammoncur@hotmail.com](mailto:pammoncur@hotmail.com)

## Communications

I am aware that a great deal of responsibility for running the club simply falls to the committee and there is a risk that other club members might feel left out of the decision making process. We will endeavour to keep you informed via these newsletters and club members are also entitled to attend our committee meetings. They will be on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> October and the AGM is on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, all at 7.30pm at the clubhouse. Minutes will be posted on the website.

The website remains an invaluable reference source and the updated health & safety policy can be found there and we will continue to keep you updated via the Yahoo group. Being a member of the Yahoo group [chanonrysc@yahogroups.com](mailto:chanonrysc@yahogroups.com) doesn't expose you to spam or unwelcome e-mails and can only be used by members of the Club. To register contact Richard Evans, our Webmaster [cscwebmaster@chanonry.org.uk](mailto:cscwebmaster@chanonry.org.uk). The Dutyman website is also up and running and I have found it invaluable to confirm my duties or indeed arrange a swap and I am grateful for the email reminders of imminent duties. More details on the club website.

## And finally, Volunteering

Many thanks to all of you who have given of your time to keep the club running. The club is dependent on volunteers for all it does and we have a busy programme ahead in the coming months. If you have any time to spare, please contact Pam or Helen as above. On this subject I am hugely grateful to the committee and other club members who have made my job so enjoyable and easy.

I hope you have had as much fun afloat as me this year. Highlights for me have been sailing with a Minke Whale and Dolphins in bright sunshine and fair winds on the west, low points were forgetting to put the bung in my Laser before going racing, twice! But somehow I am going to have to make more time for weeding...

Miles

