

2013 SAILING PROGRAMME

Kevin Holliday has stood down as Sailing Secretary and the committee has co-opted David Bell to this key position. David, a very experienced dinghy racer and cruising sailor (co-winner of the 2012 Cruiserscope Trophy), is assisted by a sub-committee comprising Mike Burns, Adrian Hodges, Tim Lloyd and Iain Morton with additional support from Richard Evans. Adrian Hodges has taken on specific responsibility for the rostering of safety and race officer duties. Mike Burns is leading on the yacht racing and cruise-in-company programme both of which will be published separately although some events are included below.

For the 2013 season, the sailing programme (with some cruiser events to follow) is:

- **Sundays:**
 - Warm-up races: 7 April.
 - Fraser Mackenzie Cup: 14 April - 9 June. (12 races over 6 Sundays.)
 - Chanonry Trophy: 16 June - 28 July. (12 races over 6 Sundays.)
 - Harbour Rose Bowl: 11 August to 15 September. (10 races over 5 Sundays.)
 - Drysuit Diehards: 29 September - 1 December. (18 races over 9 Sundays.)

- **Other Weekend events:**
 - 11 May: Nessie Cup and Lifeboat Day.
 - 12 May: Ness Cup (Open passage race for cruisers and dinghies to Kilmuir and back).
 - 18 May: Cruise-in-Company (primarily for cruisers but depending on destination might also be suitable for some dinghies).
 - 30 June: Grenville's sail (yacht and dinghy cruise to Rosemarkie).
 - 20 July: Cruiser Regatta.
 - 3-4 August: Chanonry Dinghy Regatta.
 - 14 September: Black Isle Challenge Cup (Open cruiser race).
 - 22 September: Club Championship.
 - One-day Series events on the first Sunday of May, June, September and October.
 - 29 December: Cold Turkey Sail.

- **Wednesday Evening events:**
 - MH Morrison Cup: 17 April – 12 June. (9 Wednesdays/races.)
 - Wednesday Summer Series: 19 June - 3 July. (3 Wednesdays/races.)
 - Chanonry Quaich: 10 July - 5 September. (9 Wednesdays/races.)

- **Friday evening** “social” sailing starts on 12 April but its continuance beyond the end of May will depend on sufficient sailors turning up to justify rostering safety crews; “use it or lose it”!

We are trialling a slightly different format for Sunday racing. Although the two series races will still have a 2pm start, there will be an additional race/training event beginning at 11.30am. The 11.30 race/event will encompass different courses – such

as one suited to the skiffs – or perhaps some team-racing or match racing sessions. More details will be published later on these ideas.

The change in Sunday format is in response to member feedback asking for the club to be made more “sociable” rather than just a race venue. We hope members will eat lunch together or just have a coffee upstairs between races. On the same theme, we are going to calculate and announce race results (extremely easy on sailwave – courses available) upstairs and have a short and very informal debrief with an opportunity for the race officer, safety crews and sailors to say how the day has gone. Winners, again informally, will be invited to explain their tactics so all can learn for future races. None of these initiatives might work, but the committee are trying them to see if they prove popular; comments and ideas are very welcome (email: commodore@chanonry.org.uk).

Meanwhile, it is important to fill the various duty rosters for the start of the season. Between now and the end of February members may volunteer for the dates of their choice via dutyman. At the beginning of March, Adrian will fill the empty slots by allocating duties to those members who have not volunteered for safety and race officer duties. To leave space for those who join the club after the start of the season, or who have yet to complete their powerboat and safety training courses, Adrian has currently loaded only the roster until the end of July. Later in the year, the roster will be opened for the remainder of the season. Sundays are being rostered as one event but have been loaded in dutyman as two – morning and afternoon. This means it is possible to swap “half” duties so members may do, say, safety officer in the morning and still race in the afternoon – or vice versa.

Everyone wants to sail and race, but this relies on all members accepting their share of the race/safety officer duties which for this season is approximately 5 each. If any advice is needed on duties, how to volunteer, or how to access dutyman, please contact Adrian Hodges who is very happy to assist (email: dutyman@chanonry.org.uk). For any questions on the sailing programme, please contact David Bell (email: sailing@chanonry.org.uk). Contact Mike Burns (cruising@chanonry.org.uk) for details of cruiser events or if you wish to crew on a yacht. Information on race officer, powerboat and safety training may be obtained from Marisa Astill-Brown (training@chanonry.org.uk).