



Autumn 2014 Newsletter

Cruiser News from Diarmid Hogan

For most cruiser owners the end of a very brief 5-month sailing season looms large with planned crane outs programmed for 24th and 27th September. For those lucky enough to have the marina as an alternative bolt hole there may be a few more weeks sailing before the winter weather finally kicks in.

However before contemplating digging out the various components of your cradle or servicing those seized wheels on your trailer, we have one final club event with which to top out the season – the Black Island Challenge Cup on 20th September. Last season's special 30th anniversary BICC get-together was a real triumph with a turnout of 15 yachts - 7 of which were CSC boats. For our Cruiser Regatta in July we had a turnout of 6 boats and 5 for the Ness Cup so there is obviously some interest in racing within the club; let's see if we can improve on these numbers for the last event. Check out the website for details of the format of the BICC.

Details of the crane out at the end of the month will be circulated by Peter Illingworth direct to all cruiser owners. However it is worthy of note that space on-shore is going to be at a particular premium this year with more cruisers than ever opting for winter storage at the club and given that the dinghy season will still be ongoing into December I would ask that all tenders are removed from the dinghy park area as soon as possible after crane out to allow re-location of those dinghies currently stored along the harbour wall. Please also remember to secure all deck-based loose items (mainly associated with your mast) which may generate noise during windy conditions over the winter storage period. As tolerant as our neighbours are a constant cacophony of flapping tarpaulins and whistling shrouds must surely begin to grate!

Remember to turn out on 20 September for the BICC! Dinghy sailors contact Diarmid if you want to try crewing on a big boat.

Dinghy News from the Sailing Secretary – David Bell

Although the season is winding down after the summer holidays there is still plenty happening in the club and at the moment the weather is still pleasantly warm for sailing so try and make the most of it.

The Club Championships is on the 21st September with a start time 14.00. We have some excellent sailors in the Club as well as many good up and coming sailors so let's make it a true reflection of the Club's depth of sailing experience. Even some of us older ones could spring a surprise!

The following weekend on the 28th September the Drysuit Diehards Series begins with the first 2 races of an 18-race series ending on 30th November. Start Time 14.00 but note that from Sunday 26th October the earlier Start Time of 13.00 for the rest of the season. Last year we opened this Series to sailors outside of the club for a membership fee of £20 for the full Series or £2.50 for a single Sunday. Monies into the Honesty Box in the Galley upstairs. For all those members who have contacts in other clubs locally do encourage them to come along. There may be some limited dinghy parking space for visitors wishing to leave their boat for the series but this will dependent upon those club members that have finished sailing for the season taking their boats away.

Sunday 5th October is the final One-Day Event with a Start Time of 14.00. In the morning, Team Racing has been scheduled for 11.30. Previous morning sessions on the day of One-Day Events have been poorly attended this season. For the Team Racing to work I need a commitment of at least 6 Laser Radials and at least 6 sailors who need not be the owners so long as owners are willing to lend their boats. It would be good to get this to work as we have a member of the World Team Racing Championship squad, Debs Steele, giving us some coaching in mid-November. Please contact me,

dbell1424@btinternet.com, as early as possible if you are willing for your Laser Radial to be used and/or if you are wanting to take part.

In early November the Skiff Sailors are arranging for a National Coach to give them some tips.

28th December is the Cold Turkey Race

The Cruiserscope Trophy – David Bell

Open to all members, this trophy is an annual award for the best cruising log. Logs can be for cruises of any length and entrants must submit their logs before the AGM in any year. To be sure that yours is considered it is recommended that you submit it to the Commodore a month before the AGM.

Cruiser or Dinghy, share your experiences and it is hoped to publish all entries on the web, so we can sit down on a cold winter's evening and enjoy the summer gone by and learn from our fellow sailors' experiences and perhaps be a little inspired to plan an adventure for the coming year.

News from the Training Principal – Richard Jenner

We now have 6 new Dinghy Instructors in the club having gained their qualifications on 8 August after an intensive week. Congratulations to Natalie Dunton, Thomas Hardie, Magnus Henry, Dee Lloyd, Charlie Wilson and Malcolm Wilson. Thanks also to The Prince George Gift Fund and Foundation Scotland for a large grant towards fees.

As David Bell has mentioned, bookmark your diary for 15/16 November. We have Debs Steele, current ISAF Team Racing World Champion, visiting the club - the exact format of the weekend is under discussion and when we have a plan it will go on the website with an email to all via DutyMan.

The winters' HMS Race Coaching weekends are being planned at various venues across the Highlands; some at Fortrose – further details on the HMS web site at www.hmsailing.org.uk soon. Provisional dates are

- 1/2 November
- 22/23 November
- 6/7 December
- 7/8 March
- 21/22 March
- 4/5 April - reserve date although it is Easter!

Club Clothing – Helen Jenner

Club Clothing with an embroidered Chanonry Sailing Club logo is now available direct from the supplier Dallas Designs of Elgin (<http://www.dallasdesignsltd.co.uk/>) - click into Club Clothing (bottom of their home page).



You will find a list of priced items including polo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, softshells and baseball caps including adult and junior sizes. Delivery is a standard £4.50 so the more you order the better the deal! You can order direct from the website with payment by card or Paypal. You can also order any other item from their catalogue but would have to contact them direct for a price. Ideal Christmas presents for the sailor in your life?

Diary Date – AGM – Club Secretary Steve Bramwell

The AGM will be held at 7pm on the 28th November. Finger food will be available and the bar will be open.