



# March 2014 Newsletter

## Sailing Matters

The first dinghy event of the season is an informal warm-up race at 2pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April then followed by:

- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm - the start of the Fraser Mackenzie Cup series
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm - the start of the MHZ Morrison Cup series
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm - the first Friday Evening Social Sail
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am - Boat Tuning
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm - May One-Day Event

After last year's trial of Sunday Morning sailing sessions, it has been decided to reduce these to just four which will coincide with the monthly One-Day events. If anyone has ideas of what they would like to occur on these mornings (eg, practice starts, team racing, etc) please let David Bell know ([sailing@chanonry.org.uk](mailto:sailing@chanonry.org.uk)).

There will still be training/coaching courses or safety boat training on many Sunday mornings run by Richard Evans and Helen Jenner respectively.

The cruiser crane-in is planned, weather permitting, for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April with the first race in the Moray Yachting Series taking place at Cromarty on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. As last year, Diarmid Hogan ([diarmid7@btinternet.com](mailto:diarmid7@btinternet.com)) will be very happy to find berths for any members wishing to crew on yachts either for races or cruises.

Dutyman has been loaded with race and safety officer duties for the whole season and members are requested to volunteer now for their preferred dates.

## Training Matters

The Club's bid was successful for another Eric Twiname Trust subsidized RS Tera dinghy with both Pro & Race rigs. This will bring the Tera fleet, an RYA Recognised Junior Class, to the ideal size of 6 boats (all with dual rigs) for the 'junior juniors' with scope for racing and coaching before moving-up to Pathway boats such as the Topper. Boat #6 should be ready for collection by early April and if anyone is in the Dundee area and could collect from Wormit, please let Richard Jenner ([training@chanonry.org.uk](mailto:training@chanonry.org.uk)) know.

Both of the Club's Wanderer dinghies have been readied for training purposes and details of how to book them for private use will be circulated shortly.

Sunday morning Safety Boat Skills sessions are guided by a Powerboat Instructor and provide an ideal opportunity for safety crews of all levels of experience (or none!) to brush up their skills. The sessions start at 10am and finish at lunch time.

Numbers are limited so please let [training@chanonry.org.uk](mailto:training@chanonry.org.uk) know if you wish to attend.

Issue #4 of the training programme has gone to the webmaster for inclusion on the website and contains new information on some club coaching and safety boat skills sessions.

The RYA publications page on the club website (members' only area) has been overhauled for 2014 with updated prices for members and a link to the full RYA on-line shop. We've simplified matters by quoting the book price with discount but without P&P. The delivery charge is a flat £4.95 so the normal method will be to aggregate at least 5 orders and spread delivery equally at £0.99 each but we are flexible so if you are in a hurry, we can always order if you can cover delivery charges. The books take typically 3 working days to arrive and the discount is 30% on RYA publications and 20% on other publications bought via the RYA account.

We are still looking for an **Assistant Training Principal to help with course administration**. No sailing experience is necessary and it would be an ideal way for a "junior's parent" to help with the running of the Club. If you are interested please contact Richard Jenner via [training@chanonry.org.uk](mailto:training@chanonry.org.uk) or call 01463 811080.

### **Harbour Notes**

"Phantom Island", the shoal a hundred metres to the south east of the slipway, continues to grow and a white marker buoy has been placed on the west edge of the shallows. Except at high tides, boats are advised to stay on the harbour side of the buoy.

During the winter, the harbour bar has also regrown and it currently extends for about 20m from the end of the harbour wall and is over 1m high in places. We hope to have it removed by a local contractor shortly but meanwhile boats should take care to avoid the bar when entering or leaving the harbour.

### **St Ayles Skiff**

Work is well underway and the elements of the skiff are being built and made ready for assembly. So far, the ribs, stems and stern have been formed and work is in hand on the hog and keel. We have had solid support from our friends in Avoch and Ullapool, and the Sea Scout's accommodation has been ideal for the build. Avoch are a few weeks ahead of us with their boat so we can learn from their experience and Ullapool have now built three skiffs and their knowledge and advice has been very helpful.

Everyone is invited to visit the project at Avoch Community Centre to see progress and perhaps lend a hand. We have build sessions on Sundays 1400 -1600 and Wednesday evenings 1900 - 2100. Contact Donnie McLeod ([tighaneas@btinternet.com](mailto:tighaneas@btinternet.com)) for any information.

### **Club Website**

Richard Evans has nearly finished the mammoth task of updating the Club website. A new password to access the members' area is in use for the 2014 season and this was issued with the new membership cards.

## **RNLI Boat Jumble**

A Boat Jumble is being held at the RNLI Station at North Kessock on Saturday 29 March from 12-4pm. Soup, tea and coffee will be available and the new lifeboat will be on display.

## **Jubilee Sailing Trust**

The Jubilee Sailing Trust is a UK-based charity that owns and operates the only two tall ships in the world designed and built to enable all physical abilities to go sailing.

Both ships, Tenacious and Lord Nelson, sail around the world and everybody gets the chance to participate in all aspects of running the ship - from setting the sails and helming the ship to climbing aloft and taking a watch. Currently, Lord Nelson is in Argentina and Tenacious is in the Mediterranean heading home in the Spring to take part in the Tall Ships Races in July.

The Trust offers a 10% discount to yacht club members and further information is available from the website ([www.jst.org.uk](http://www.jst.org.uk)) or [benedict.placidi@jst.org.uk](mailto:benedict.placidi@jst.org.uk) or 023 8042 6841.