

Cruiser Report 2018:

Racing:

Two cruisers Joker and Havana Breeze competed in the Ness Cup race held on 3rd June; Joker was first cruiser, while a third cruiser sailed the course.

CSC boats competed in many of the Moray Yacht Axis Open Regatta series races. In the fast class CSC were represented by Hava (who was highest placed of all the CSC boats this year with a 3rd), Tandoori and Joker; and in the slow class by Blackfoot and De-Esse. Both the CSC Cruiser Regatta and Black Isle Challenge Cup events hosted by CSC form part of the series.

Saturday 11th August saw boats from CSC and other MYA clubs compete in the CSC Cruiser Regatta.

The Black Isle Challenge cup was held on Saturday 15th September, followed by the post-race series prize giving.

Thanks are due to the race officials, water taxi crews and for the hospitality catering laid on post events – much appreciated.

Cruising:

Individual cruising members sailed their boats to varying degrees. At least 6 boats spent time cruising on the west coast (Clover, Joker, Monkey Business, Shanty, Stakkr and **<insert name of Bramwell/ McLeod/ Cherry boat>**), others sailed more locally in the Inverness and Moray Firths, North Rising got as far as Helmsdale.

Moorings and craning operations:

The club continues to have a number of moorings available to cruising members with suitable sized vessels; at highly competitive rates compared to marina berthing charges. There have been no incidents with club provided mooring equipment, which is an indication the dive contractors arranged by the Harbour Master are doing a good job. Recent mooring maintenance and craning operations have been supported by a good turnout of cruising members supported by water-taxi and dive operation boat handlers – thanks to all. Mooring costs could be cheaper but only if we attract more cruisers to the moorings.

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