

Chanonry Sailing Club Newsletter – 18 August 2013

Ness Cup – 25 August

The Ness Cup Passage Race, one of the Club's premier annual events, postponed because of bad weather, is being held on Sunday 25th August at 2pm. This is an open event for experienced cruiser and dinghy sailors raced over a long-distance course in the Inverness Firth. All race fees go to the RNLI. There will be a short pre-race competitors' brief from the Race Officer at 1pm.

Throughout the day, food and refreshments will be available in the clubroom for participants and spectators. Full information, including sailing instructions and notice of race can be found on the club website: www.chanonry.org.uk/ness-cup.

30th Anniversary Black Isle Challenge Cup (BICC) – 14 September

This is a very special running of this classic club race for cruisers. Comprising one long race for both Slow and Fast handicap boats this event is open to all cruisers from our neighbours at Invergordon, Cromarty, Findhorn, Nairn - as well of course as Chanonry. Following on from a very successful Cruiser Regatta in July we would love to finish the competitive season with as many Chanonry boats on the start line as possible. Come on Cruisers; finish the season with a flourish even if only to exercise those weeds on your bottom!

The race starts at 11am and the Sailing Instructions/Entry Forms will be published shortly. Any skipper needing advice on what is required to enter the race or anyone wanting to crew on one of the competitors' boats should contact either Diarmid Hogan on ondiarmid7@btinternet.com or Mike Burns on mikeburns@ecosse.net.

If you are not participating, spectators are very welcome. We use the same start line as the dinghies albeit a little longer due to depth restrictions so you can get right up close to the action; a congested start can often prove to be real spectacle. After the race there will be a social gathering in the clubhouse with hot food on offer and the bar open.

All club members are welcome to attend the social event but especially skippers who would like advice on entering the competitive (but very laid back) world of cruiser racing next season; there will be a wealth of experience on hand. We, as a Club, are very keen to give young sailors an opportunity to race aboard yachts. If there are any dinghy sailors or even novices interested in stepping up to cruiser racing this would be a great opportunity to meet cruiser skippers and bag a berth. If you just want to come along to talk boat stuff there will be people there who can talk a lot of stuff!

As well as a prize giving for the BICC event, there will also be a separate end-of-season prize-giving ceremony for those who have been participating in the MYA (Moray Yacht Axis) series of races throughout the season.

For any information or advice on the above event please contact either Diarmid Hogan (diarmid7@btinternet.com) or Mike Burns (mikeburns@ecosse.net).

Cruise in Company

There have been two 'cruise in company' events so far this season. The last to the old McDermotts base back in June was a real winner. Who can forget the sight of eight boats making their way, in single file, along a pre-plotted circuitous route into the hidden gem of the old base? And then G&T's on the Commodore's poop deck!

We would like to do at least one more such event before the crane out in October and, ideally, we would like to make it an over-night stop. Two obvious locations are either the Old Bar or Munloch Bay. The weekend 7/8 September looks a possible date. Anyone with suggestions for destinations or interested in participating in such a voyage please contact Mike Burns (mikeburns@ecosse.net)

Duties

Adrian Hodges has put a lot of effort into managing the roster of race and safety officer duties. He is now looking for some volunteers to fill the last few slots in the "Drysuit Diehard" series leading up to Christmas. If you are willing to help, please get in touch with Adrian (dutyman@chanonry.org.uk).

Powerboat Courses

Helen Jenner is planning some additional powerboat courses later this year. If anyone is interested in a place on one of these courses please contact Helen

(r.h.jenner@btinternet.com)

Dinghy Race Changes

The Junior Racing scheduled for the Sunday morning on 8 September will be replaced by the Junior Match Racing that was cancelled earlier in the year. Anyone interested should contact the Sailing Secretary, David Bell (sailing@chanonry.org.uk).

Bargain Nautical Publications

A wide range of nautical publications can be ordered through the Club's RYA account thus saving 20-30% off the recommended retail price. The Club rounds-up the reduced price slightly to cover P&P but most of the saving is passed on as a membership perk. To make delivery cost effective, the orders are aggregated but one is normally placed every 6 weeks or so and delivery is generally within 5 days.

This link takes you to the RYA shop: <http://www.rya.org.uk/Shop/Pages/default.aspx>.

Ordering through the Club saves nearly 30% on these prices for RYA publications and nearly 20% on items sourced from outside the RYA.

As an example, an Admiralty Leisure Chart Portfolio for the east coast of Scotland containing 21 charts including the Caledonian Canal (Publisher: UKHO, Edition: 2nd, Product Code: SCF5617) would normally cost £45.65 delivered; it's just £36 delivered via the Club.

Contact the Training Principal (training@chanonry.org.uk) to place an order or obtain price information.

Cruiserscope Trophy

This trophy is awarded each year for the most interesting log of a cruise undertaken by a yacht or a dinghy. Last year the trophy was awarded for a Wayfarer cruise from Findhorn to Chanonry. If you might be interested in entering please contact the Sailing Secretary (sailing@chanonry.org.uk).