



Chanonry Sailing Club Newsletter

November 2013

Annual General Meeting – 1st December

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at **5pm on Sunday 1st December**. Following the meeting, hot food will be served and then the prize-giving will take place. The bar will be open during the evening.

It takes considerable commitment and effort from committee members and other volunteers to run the Club. It is not a happy accident that ribs are serviced and available for club events, VHF radios are charged and ready to collect, race officers and safety crews trained and rostered, the galley stocked, and much much more besides. Please do make the effort to attend the AGM so that your views can be heard and, where possible, to offer your support.

On the subject of the committee, some potential volunteers have been discouraged from taking posts because it is seen as too big a challenge to move straight to a role such as Sailing Secretary or Treasurer. Hence, we are trying to arrange for the new general members to understudy office bearers with a view perhaps subsequently to take over those positions. Already for 2014, David Finlayson, Mairi Macleod, Alan Hardie and Tim Lloyd have volunteered to stand as general members on that premise.

We are still interested in finding deputies for George Hogg (treasurer) and Richard Evans (in his webmaster role).

Training Courses

Our Training Principal, Richard Jenner, is looking to run a series of shore-based courses this winter including (depending on demand):

- VHF
- Race officer
- Using Sailwave for race results
- Splicing – basic and advanced
- Navigation
- First aid
- Racing rules

If any cruiser owners are interested in formal training courses leading to RYA qualifications please contact Richard Jenner (training@chanonry.org.uk) for more information.

The first of the HMS Race Coaching courses will take place 7/8th December. Please contact Richard Evans (coaching@hmsailing.org.uk) for bookings.

The second HMS Race Coaching course on 21/22nd December will be a special session led by Olympic coach Jon Emmet; this weekend is for Lasers only (Standard/Radial/4.7). Again, contact Richard Evans or view the HMS website for more information – www.hmsailing.org.uk/hms-coaching.html.

St Ayles Skiff

Donnie McLeod is chairing the sub-group taking forward the building of a rowing skiff over the winter. We hope to work in partnership with Avoch, who are also building a skiff, by sharing equipment and expertise. Donnie (tighaneas@btinternet.com) is very keen to hear from any members who would like to assist with this project.

New Training Dinghies

We have recently added a Tera and a Wanderer (a double-hander) to the Club's training fleet, and before the start of next season we hope to add a further Tera (giving us 6 in total) and a second Wanderer. Although the prime purpose of these boats is to train newcomers, all will be available for hire when not being used for their primary purpose.

Cruiserscope Trophy

Entries are invited for the Cruiserscope Trophy. This is awarded for the best account of a cruise made during the season. The trophy is available to both cruisers and dinghies; past winners have included a yacht circumnavigating the north of Scotland and a Wayfarer battling from Findhorn to Fortrose. Entries to Donnie McLeod (tighaneas@btinternet.com) by 18th November please.

Moorings

By the time this newsletter is circulated, all the cruiser moorings should have been recovered. Strogs for collection are under Saria on the harbour wall.

Many thanks to all who have helped make the 2013 season successful despite some challenging weather, and I hope to see you at the AGM on the 1st December.



*David Pocock
Commodore 2013*