



Chanonry Sailing Club
The Harbour, Fortrose, IV10 8TP
Sailing report to Annual General Meeting
Friday 10 December 2021.

This report communicates a synopsis on Sailing activity within the Club.

Sailing

Towards the start of the year Board noted the lack of Sailing Secretary. Heavy workloads associated with Covid, SCIO conversion and trying to provide a development pathway for the future, along with the picking up Harbour, Slipway and Mooring issues took away Board capacity to pick up the remit of the Sailing Secretary role. We further appealed to the membership for a Sailing Secretary but with the ongoing vacancy a decision was made to programme Wednesday evening and Sunday Sailing events as per recent years as far as Covid would allow (events being cancelled until lockdown eased, and where possible substituted by socially distanced recreational alternatives). We also decided to facilitate larger events only if individuals were prepared to take on the organisation to ensure safety risks were managed appropriately.

On the dinghy front, as the season progressed Fridays were used for Adult Training and some 'come and try' sessions for non-members. Interest in beginner sailing appears to be high and it is understood we have some new members interested in dinghy sailing. Sunday recreational sailing was promoted successfully, and part way through the season we renamed the Sunday race events Recreational sailing and racing to encourage broader participation. Attempts at encouraging some focus on laser sailing continue; given the large number of lasers in the dinghy park this should, with member support be an easy win.

The Light support boat Meikle continues to support member organised activity outside the Club calendar and occasional club racing safety cover.

Gavin Campsie stepped up to organise the Ness Cup on the 13th June and with some support from Richard Evans put all the paperwork in place for the event, only for the weather to conspire against the best made plans.

Over the weekend 24th to 25th July 9 boats attended the Scottish Musto Skiff traveller event, which included 5 visitors and 4 club boats. The event was organised by Ben Yeats and Jon Bailey with the support of Richard Evans. Richard has been doing some succession management and running through and passing on the key documentation required to run an event (which is

appreciated). The event was supported by many volunteers. The class has already requested a return for 2022 combined with a training day; the thought is that this would attract more participants from the south and should be run alongside the Dinghy regatta.

The Moray Yacht Axis (MYA) cruiser race calendar was heavily impacted due to Covid with only a handful of events taking place. The Cruiser Regatta scheduled for 7th August was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Black Isle Challenge Cup went off well on Saturday 11th September with 13 entries (7 from CSC); thanks to Ben Yeats for undertaking the Race Officer duties.

Sailing in numbers:

Number of club organised sailing events delivered	56
Number of sailors taking part	128
Number of external events delivered	2
Number of member organised events	52

Thanks to all the safety crews, water-taxi drivers and race officers who helped all this take place. Thanks for those who have undertaken maintenance and repairs on the Club owned boats. I would like to highlight Diarmid Hogan for his efforts around the Race Marks. Likewise, Diarmid Hogan and Tim McKeggie for work on the moorings and planning the crane out in the autumn. A big thank you also to Malcolm Wilson (son of Mike Wilson) who became a guest member and undertook the banksman duty at crane out in October – very much appreciated.

James Dargie (with input from Ben Yeats, Calum Pearson and Sandra Hogg)

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