

Telltale Spring 2001



Lochaber Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Corner

Less than three weeks until the Fitting out Supper, dinghy Frostbite Shield and the start of the season. Wayfarer under deep snow, Soling under cover indoors and an invite to race in the President's Cup in the Philippines. So I might not see you on the start line 25<sup>th</sup> March!! However.....I'm reminded that I would then have to find another speaker for the Fitting out Supper so perhaps the drysuit and thermals will resurface.

On the Clubhouse front our catering team provided the usual culinary delights for the Valentines evening and fully justified the improved galley. So book early for the FoS.

The race office refit is underway. The Clubhouse rafters are cleared and your

gear is on the club house floor ready to be collected so that after the FoS the ceiling painting can commence. Looking ahead to the balmy days of summer it would be nice to see a good LYC representation at our local regattas, Oban, Arisaig and Glencoe including the Ardgour and Balnagowan races. Finally, please advertise and recruit for, the RYA dinghy sailing courses starting on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Dinghy Instructors please report availability to Donnie Meldrum the Clubs Principal.

Hamish

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## Telltale Contributions:

Contributions for Telltale should be sent to Paul Biggin, Kilmallie House, Corpach, Fort William, PH33 7JJ. E-mail [Dbi25@aol.com](mailto:Dbi25@aol.com) before the end of May. The next issue will be in June.

### *Your Committee*

Commodore	Hamish Loudon
Vice Commodore	Cherryl Allen
Secretary	Chris Strong
Treasurer	John Harvey
Membership Secretary	Liz Meldrum
Committee	David Cahill, Kim Cameron, Ted Carr, Annie Jukes, Sandy Lorimer, Liz Loudon, Fergus McCall, Tony Wallace, Lynne Wilson

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### *Committee Duties*

Dinghy Convenor	Kim
Keelboat Convenor	Liz
Cruising Convenor	Dinghy and Keelboat Convenors
Race Marks	Tony and Sandy
Junior Sailing	Junior Rep. or Donnie
Training	Donnie (as RYA sailing school principal)
Catering	David and Lynne
Rescue Boats	Chris
Property Maintenance (Clubhouse, Downies)	Fergus, plus Lynne, Tony and Ted
Dinghy Parks	Ted plus Cherryl Allan
Club Boats	Fergus McCall plus Donnie.
Functions / Social events	to be determined for each event
Publicity	Liz Loudon
Telltale	Paul Biggin (will continue but not on the committee)
Rota	Keelboats – Liz ; Dinghies - Kim
Regatta	to be arranged!
Travellers events`	ditto
Handbook	Kim
Development	Cherryl and Hamish
W.H.I.S.C.A. rep	Hamish
Junior Representative	to be selected!

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### *CONGRATULATIONS*

Belated congratulations to Brian Fallows who at the end of last year qualified as a Senior Instructor. Well done.

### *COMMISERATIONS*

Annie Jukes has had to resign as she has moved to another job down south!

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

The new **Club Handbook** is now available and has been sent to members who have remembered to re-join for this season. Don't forget cheques etc to Liz Meldrum 13 Perth Place, Fort William, PH33 6UL please. Since the handbook was published some changes have come to note. E.g. Tom McGlennon now owns Mirror OOPS. If you notice any further errors then please let Kim Cameron know. Do not assume he is telepathic!

**Clubhouse/Property:** A programme of works was discussed by the committee. Roof and gable repairs are already in hand (Roddy Black). This includes the "valley" between the changing rooms. In the Kitchen/Galley new cupboards were fitted, adjustments to the layout were made, and a new cooker obtained all in time for the Valentines do. The OOD's office refurbishment is being done as a DIY job by Fergus. Sign boards for the entrance have been ordered. An extension to the slipway is being planned. Other work including improvements to the lighting and heating, work on the dinghy parks and painting are on hold except for a spring tidy up.

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## Meldrums in the Blues

This sounds like Donnie after Hamish beats him again but this time the Meldrums are happy to be in the Blues, well at least Sarah and Stuart are. In a fairly unique family double, both have been awarded Full Blues by their respective Universities. Sarah is a member of the Glasgow University Sailing Team who have just

The **Rafters** have been cleared to permit work within the roof space. – Collect your gear which is now on the floor; claim it or lose it – see boat jumble below!

If you have an **E Mail** address, please inform technologically the secretary at [farrow3@lineone.net](mailto:farrow3@lineone.net) and Commodore at [h1002@post.almac.co.uk](mailto:h1002@post.almac.co.uk)

**The Scottish Boat Jumble** - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Harbour side, Irvine, Ayrshire. Info. by 'phoning 07721 888789 or email [john.boatjumble@btinternet.com](mailto:john.boatjumble@btinternet.com). A fascinating collection of stuff, to buy or sell.

**Committee:** Annie Jukes has resigned and there is no junior representative, there are no co-opted members as yet.

Chris Strong, Hon. Sec

won the Girls' Scottish League and Stuart is member of the Strathclyde University Team who have just won the Boys' Scottish League to add to their World Championships. Both will now represent Scotland at the British Universities' Championships at Easter. All they need to do now is to pass their Exams!

*RYA Scotland News Tit-bits - March 2001*

The RYAS AGM is taking place on Saturday 24th March at 11am, in the sportscotland building at South Gyle, Edinburgh. Everyone is welcome to attend, and this is one of the ways of keeping up with the activities of the organisation, and it's plans.

There is a new monthly emailed newsletter from RYAS, if you are interested in receiving a copy, please email RYAS -

[jane@ryascotland.freemove.co.uk](mailto:jane@ryascotland.freemove.co.uk).

This newsletter is not available by snail mail - email only I'm afraid.

There are a couple of Instructor Conferences on the horizon - Dinghy Instructors and Powerboat Instructors are at Port Edgar on Sat 21st April, and Dinghy Instructors and Windsurfing Instructors are at Cumbrae on Saturday 28th April. We've decided to combine them this year, as we are trying to a) keep the costs down, and b) we can access more resources this way. Yes, that means that we have 2 Conferences for the Dinghy guys, and only 1 for the others, but we'll see how things pan out, and may change it for next year. It also means that those of you who hold both or all three qualifications, can kill 2 birds with one stone, as you can attend them both. Invitations will be sent out directly to Instructors.

This year we will be introducing Training providers, so if you want any

training held in your club, please give me a call at RYAS, and we will set something up.

Club based Instructor training grants - there are grants available through RYAS to help with the costs of attending this type of training. All you need to do is contact RYAS with the details of costs, by the end of March, May and August. We do expect that you will commit to your club for a minimum of 2 years, and that your application is endorsed by the club.

Child Protection Policy information is now available, by email and snail mail, so if you would like to send yourself to sleep, please get in touch.

RYAS will be looking into areas concerning volunteer training this year, as this is the year of the Volunteer, we would welcome any thoughts you may have on how we could help your club to improve things for your volunteers.

I am always happy to hear from both individuals and clubs, so please feel free to contact me -

Jane Scott - RYAS Development Officer - Tel - 0131 317 7388, Fax - 0131 317 8566, email -

[jane@ryascotland.freemove.co.uk](mailto:jane@ryascotland.freemove.co.uk).

Jane Scott  
Development Officer  
RYA Scotland

## Membership fees

Fees and Subscriptions: Year 2001 rates  
agreed as follows

Single:	£52	up to	£55
Family	£62	up to	£68
Junior	£18	no change	
Unemployed and Students		no change	
Country single	£18	up to	£20
Country family	£25	up to	£28

Storage

Up to 12'	£14	up to	£15
Over 12'	£19	up to	£20
Juniors boats	£9	up to	£10
Race Fees		No change	

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## New Members

A message received from Abigail

“I just wanted to put a thank you in Telltale for the lovely flowers that we got from the Club when the baby was born. For your

information her name is Corran Mae.”  
Welcome to a new addition to the Club courtesy of Catherine MacKinnon – her new daughter Br~~X~~ghde.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/SOCIAL EVENTS

### Prize Giving

This is the do you missed last year. 39 enjoyed an evening out at the Ben Nevis Inn, Achintee Farm. A cozy do with good food and an open fire.

### Fitting out Supper

24<sup>th</sup> March at the Clubhouse – Further details and tickets from Cheryl Allan ( [cherry.l@ntlworld.com](mailto:cherry.l@ntlworld.com) )

### Frostbite Race

25<sup>th</sup> March

### Sailing Programme

See your handbook or the duty rotas below

## 2001 Sail Training courses

### Adults

Next year courses for adults will be held over the three weekends 21/22<sup>nd</sup> April, 28/29<sup>th</sup> April and 5/6<sup>th</sup> May. Candidates for this course usually appear at the last minute or too late. They find out about it by word of mouth in spite of posters, radio, etc. So spread the word please. Give names to Donnie Meldrum.

### Juniors

The junior training will begin on 5/6<sup>th</sup> May overlapping with the adult course

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**RYA Level 2 Dinghy Sailing Course**

**Lochaber Yacht Club** will be running an RYA level 2 Dinghy Sailing Course over three consecutive Thursday evenings and weekends beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> April.

The cost of the course will be £25 (covers the cost of Safety Boat Fuel, Handbooks and Certificates). If you are not a Club member you will have to join prior to the training. The annual membership subscriptions are Adult £55, Family £68 and Junior/Student/Unemployed £18.

Perfect attendance is strongly recommended, as it is very difficult to cater for absentees resulting in them not completing the course.

An improvers course leading on to RYA Level 3 will follow on immediately after the Level 2 course on Thursday evenings. There will also be race training later in the year for those interested.

A limited amount of sailing kit is available but it would be convenient if you could provide yourself with warm clothes, waterproofs, a buoyancy aid and a wetsuit.

The course will be limited in numbers and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to take part complete the following form and send it to:

D Meldrum, 13, Perth Place, Fort William. PH33 6UL (Phone 704352)

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Lochaber Yacht Club RYA Level 2 Dinghy Sailing Course

Name: ..... Age if under 18: .....

Address: .....

Phone: ..... Email..... Enrolment fee (£25) enclosed:  
.....

Next of kin or friend to be contacted in the case of an emergency:

Name: ..... Phone: .....

If you cannot swim 50 metres or have a medical condition, which could affect your health or safety, please indicate below. These will not preclude you from the course but we need to know in case special arrangements need to be made for your safety.

I can/cannot swim 50 metres.

I have the following medical condition(s): .....

Signed (Parent or Guardian if under 18): .....

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### Oinghy ROTA

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Start Driver</b>	<b>Crew</b>	<b>OOD</b>	<b>Assistant</b>
Please can the OOD check before each event that his/her team is going to turn up. If the dates don't suit then it is up to the individual to arrange a swap, if all else fails then please give me a ring but at least a few days before the event.					
Sun March 25	FROSTBITE SHIELD	1400 C Strong	S Hemm	A Cahill	M Austin
Wed Mar 28	Points 1 (1)	1900 B Fallows	C Ankers	C Fallows	A Campbell
Wed Apr 4	Points 1 (2)	1900 B Waugh	D Douglas	A Heger	M Ferguson
Wed Apr 11	Points 1 (3)	1930 A Hope	A Ross	D Lytham	C Cooper
Wed Apr 18	Points 1 (4)	1930 D Meldrum	F Wild	C Allan	E MacKay
Wed Apr 25	Points 1 (5)	1930 D Robertson	M MacDougall	D Cahill	J Weir-McCall
Wed May 2	Points 1 (6)	1930 H Loudon	S Lorimer	C MacDonald	S Darby
Wed May 9	Points 1 (7)	1930 K Falconer	R MacVicar	P Milton	C Paul
Wed May 16	Points 1 (8)	1930 K Cameron	I Fleming	H Jeffrey	M Cameron
Wed May 23	Points 2 (1)	1930 L Loudon	T Carr	K Thomson	M Zagorski
Wed May 30	Points 2 (2)	1930 H Methold	L Wilson	G Smith	G Thomson
Wed Jun 6	Points 2 (3)	1930 C Strong	S Hemm	J Shearer	M Austin
Sun Jun 10	BLACK ROCK	1300 R Rumney P Biggin	J Diamond S Lorimer	A.MacKenna	D Cairns
Wed Jun 13	Points 2 (4)	1930 A Hope	A Ross	D Lytham	R Cahill
Wed Jun 20	Points 2 (5)	1930 B Fallows	C Ankers	C Fallows	A Campbell
Wed Jun 27	Points 2 (6)	1930 H Loudon	D Douglas	C MacDonald	S Darby
Sun Jul 1	LOCHEIL RACE	1430 R Rumney B Waugh	C Allan F McCall	P Lister	M Zagorski
Wed Jul 4	Points 2 (7)	1930 C Strong	S Hemm	A Cahill	M Austin
Wed Jul 11	Points 3 (1)	1930 D Meldrum	F Wild	K Cameron	E MacKay
Wed Jul 18	Points 3 (2)	1930 D Robertson	M MacDougall	D Cahill	J Weir-McCall
Wed Jul 25	Points 3 (3)	1930 H Methold	L Wilson	G Smith	G Thomson
Wed Aug 1	Points 3 (4)	1930 K Falconer	R MacVicar	P Milton	C Paul
Wed Aug 8	Points 3 (5)	1930 K Cameron	I Fleming	H Jeffrey	M Cameron
Wed Aug 15	Points 3 (6)	1900 L Loudon	T Carr	K Thomson	A Harrop
Wed Aug 22	Points 3 (7)	1300 P Biggin	S Lorimer	P Lister	D Cairns
Sun Aug 26	NO DUFFERS CUP	1400 A Hope	D Meldrum	D Cahill	S Austin
Wed Aug 29	Points 3 (8)	1900 H Loudon	D Douglas	C MacDonald	S Darby
Sun Sep 2	PURSUIT RACE	1400 B Fallows	C Ankers	C Fallows	H Barnes

## KEELBOAT CONVENOR'S CORNER

### FIRST

As I'm sure you know, the Vernal Equinox is on March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have paid your subs and received your Handbook and Tide Tables, you will also know that the first full moon thereafter is 8<sup>th</sup> April. The first Sunday after that is Easter Day, and .....Easter Monday (16<sup>th</sup> April) is the first race of the first points series. If you haven't rolled your boat into the water by then, you can't have your first 1st of the season.

### SECOND

On the second Thursday in May, Clubnight begins. This is not an exclusively dinghy event, nor is it for level 3 students only. It is an occasion for social sailing, and an opportunity to introduce new members to the club. Not everyone wants to 'do the course', and others are unable to commit themselves to 3 weekends. Why not come along, have a fun sail and introduce new (and old) members to keelboats?

### THIRD

Well, I suppose the Three were Wise Monkeys, not Brass Monkeys, but the connection does afford me the opportunity to remind you that the Brass Monkey will be sailed on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. It's also your last opportunity for racing practice before the three regattas. Let's try to have a good Lochaber keelboat representation at all three – Oban on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Glencoe on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and our own on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### LAST - BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST!

Check the Rota and make sure that you (or your rep.) turn up at the right time on the right day. And please, if you have any suggestions (or moans) SPEAK TO ME!

Liz

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## Soling for Sale

GBR30 "Frozin" is for sale, the one with the shiny blue hull!  
Complete with two sets of sails, new standing rigging and equipment required by Class rules. All control lines renewed. Ready to race in the Soling fleet or sail for fun. Includes four wheel road trailer. Local mooring available for rent.  
Price £1800 ono.

Contact Hamish Loudon Tel FW 702370 Fax 703360 E-Mail [h1002@post.almac.co.uk](mailto:h1002@post.almac.co.uk) (note, the letter after h is lima and not the digit one!)

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## Soling Events

16/17 June at LYC Regatta, Soling Travellers  
22/23 Sept at Granton, Scottish Championships  
6/7 Oct at Kielder Water, Inland Championships.



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### Lochaber Yacht Club - Keelboat ROTA

Date	Event	Start	H.W.	OOD
Mon 16 Apr	Points 1 (1)	1930	1247	Serendipity
Mon 23 Apr	Points 1 (2)	1930	1908	Schonbrun
Mon 30 Apr	Points 1 (3)	1930	1153	Didima IV
Mon 7 May	Points 1 (4)	1930	1904	Scintilla
Mon 14 May	Points 1 (5)	1930	2340	Hussoling
Sun 20 May	BRASS MONKEY	1400	1732	Goldie
Mon 21 May	Points 1 (6)	1930	1805	Scapa
Mon 28 May	Points 1 (7)	1930	2254	Rascal
Mon 4 Jun	Points 1 (8)	1930	1806	Sprite
Mon 11 Jun	Points 2 (1)	1930	2206	Solaris
Mon 18 Jun	Points 2 (2)	1930	2254	Trilleachean
Fri 22 Jun	TOBERMORY RACE	2030	1936	Didima IV
Mon 25 Jun	Points 2 (3)	1930	2154	Serendipity
Mon 2 Jul	Points 2 (4)	1930	1706	Schonbrun
6-8 Jul	ROUND MULL RACE (OSC)		1939	
Mon 9 Jul	Points 2 (5)	1930	2128	Scintilla
Sat 14 Jul	BALNAGOWAN	1300	1227	Hussoling
Mon 16 Jul	Points 2 (6)	1930	1512	Goldie
Sat 21 Jul	ARDGOUR DOUBLE (GBC)		1854	
Sun 22 Jul	BALNAGOWAN (GBC)		1955	
Mon 23 Jul	Points 2 (7)	1930	2059	Scapa
Mon 30 Jul	Points 2 (8)	1930	1554	Rascal
Mon 6 Aug	Points 3 (1)	1930	2035	Sprite
8-10 Aug	ARISAIG REGATTA			
Sat 11 Aug	CORRAN RED	1400	1049	Solaris
Mon 13 Aug	Points 3 (2)	1900	1226	Trilleachean
Mon 20 Aug	Points 3 (3)	1900	2003	Didima IV
Sat 25 Aug	JUNIOR HELM	1400	1116	Serendipity
Mon 27 Aug	Points 3 (4)	1900	1403	Schonbrunn
Sun 2 Sep	Closing Muster & Pursuit Race	1400	1907	
Sun 9 Sep	Points 3 (5)	1400	1013	Scintilla
Sun 16 Sep	Points 3 (6)	1400	1827	Hussoling
Sun 23 Sep	Points 3 (7)	1400	1035	Goldie
Sun 30 Sep	Points 3 (8)	1400	1808	Scapa

The owner of the named boat is responsible for arranging an OOD for the events as listed

**The Quiz night**

For those of you who missed Ted's night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March here is a sample of the great technical skill required. The quiz night was well attended with Donnie proving yet again that we don't all know the same sailing rules, Liz tied us in bandages and Ted had us drawing designs for storage of the Topper masts. (see below the winning design provided by the juniors) An excellent snack? was provided thanks to the David and Hilary!

- 1 What is meant by a "backing wind"?
  - 2 The wind blows which way round a High Pressure system?
  - 3 What is meant by "furling" a sail?
  - 4 What are "limber" holes?
  - 5 The book "Mr Midshipman Easy" was written by whom?
  - 6 What is meant by "close hauled"?
  - 7 A "killick" is?
  - 8 How long is a fathom in feet?
  - 9 A three part question (if you like)  
What do sailors mean by "Fiddlers Green"?  
Which famous yachtsman/airman wrote the book "Fiddlers Green"?  
What nationality was he?
  - 10 What is meant by the expression - "Sling your hook"?
  - 11 What is a "soft eyed splice"?
  - 12 How many separate locks comprise the staircase at Banavie?
- Answers further on.

**Application for Dinghy Park space**

Please return to:

Membership Secretary Liz Meldrum, 13 Perth Place, Fort William, PH33 6UL

Please allocate space in the Dinghy Park for my boat. I agree to the following conditions.

- 1. The boat shall be kept on a launching trolley in good working condition.
- 2. The mast shall be taken down in the winter or in other periods when the boat is not in use for prolonged periods.
- 3. The boat shall be insured. (If further explanation for these conditions is required, please speak to a member of the committee.)

Name of Owner	Type of boat
.....	.....
Sail number	Boat Name
.....	.....
Fee enclosed (less than 12ft £15, over 12ft £20, Junior £10)	Signature.....

**Lochaber Yacht Club      Application for Membership**

Please return to:

Membership Secretary Liz Meldrum, 13Perth Place, Fort William, PH33 6UL

Full name:

Address: ..... e-mail .....  
Postcode ..... Telephone number .....

Type of Membership required: .....

Single (£55) Family (£68)

Junior, Student, Unemployed £18

Country, (living over 75 miles away) (£20 single, £28 family)

Age if under 18:.....

Dates of birth of children if family membership:

(Family Membership includes all children under the age of 15).....

Sailing experience and boat owned, if any: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Proposed: ..... Seconded: .....

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**Application for space in Downies**

Please return to:

Membership Secretary Liz Meldrum, 13Perth Place, Fort William, PH33 6UL

If you intend to keep a dinghy in Downies, please send details and fee.

Name. Type of Dinghy  
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I agree to the following rules. The dinghy must be clearly marked with its name or the name of the boat for which it is the tender. The dinghy must be insured.

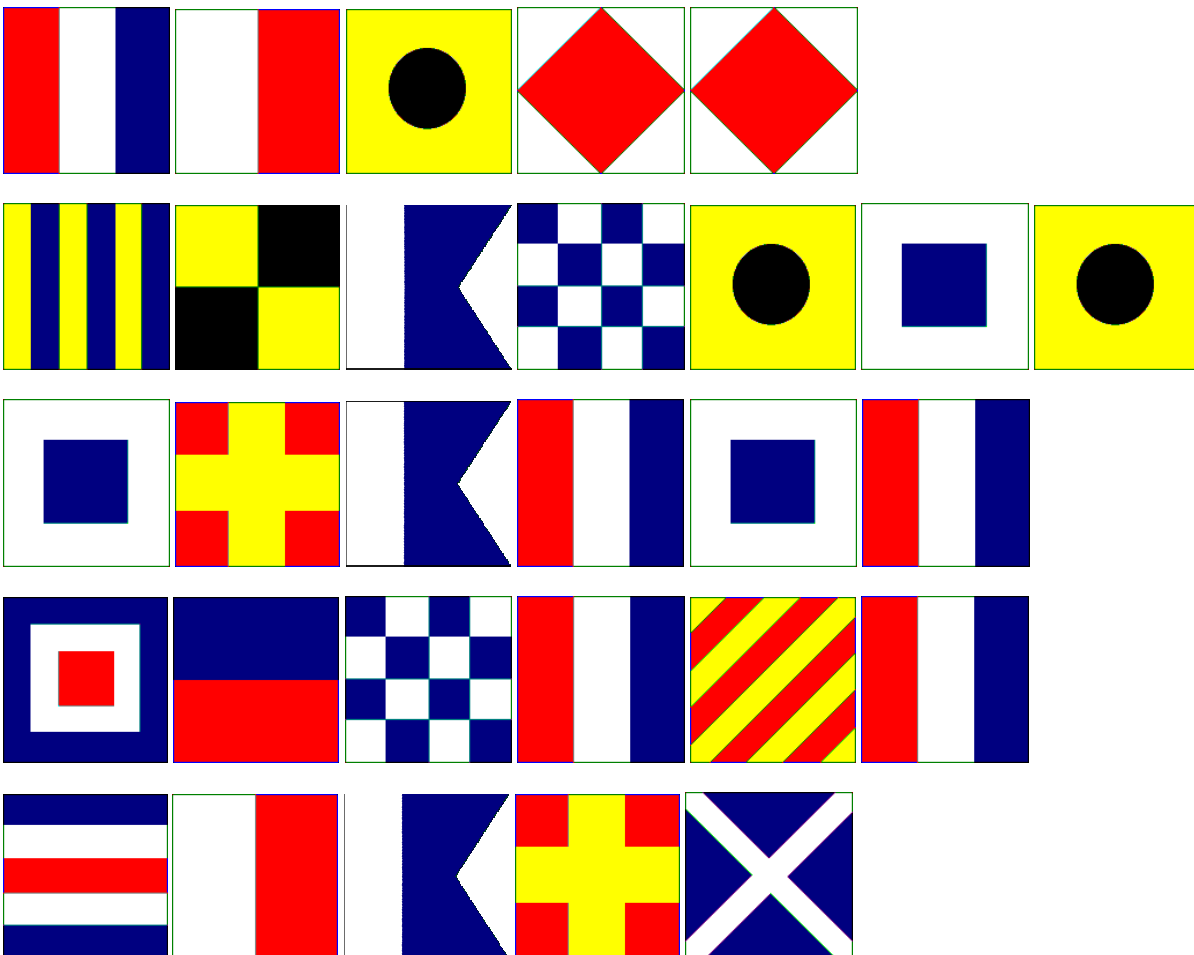
Fees enclosed: (under 12 feet £15, over 12 feet £20)

Signature.....

Answers to Ted's quiz

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| <p>1.A wind shifting against the sun. That is an ant-clockwise shift.<br/>         2.Clockwise<br/>         3.Gathering it up along a boom or yard.<br/>         4.Holes in the floors at the bilge to allow the free passage of bilge water fore and aft.<br/>         5.Capt. Frederick Marryat RN.</p> | <p>6.Sailing close to the wind-that is pointing as high as possible.<br/>         7.A small anchor<br/>         8. Six feet<br/>         9.Heaven ;Ernst Gann; American<br/>         10.Move off<br/>         11.An eye splice with no thimble<br/>         12.Eight</p> |
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If you missed the quiz then try to work out the following message without consulting the code book. The words and the letters are a bit mixed up! Quite a few of the flags should be well recognised as they are used for race management. The flags come to you with great difficulty in Black and White just to make it a bit harder!



A topper mast storage unit designed by the RS2000 team of juniors. Note the readiness for departure to a destination unknown.

