



Telltale

Autumn 2001

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Commodore's Corner

Welcome home to the Barnes family after a year of cruising to the Caribbean and back in their Ohlson 38 "Te Bheag". Looking forward to hearing plenty of sailing yarns!

Congratulation to Alan Milton and the "Pepsi" crew in winning the Sigma 33 National Championships at Falmouth in August in a very competitive one-design fleet.

The club was well represented at West Highland Week with Sovereign, Scintilla, Tern and Tiri Moana plus the lady reinforcements (from the Pink Bosun) to Amber Haze.

Other Travellers were the Solings to a breezy Nationals at Fleetwood and the Toppers on a busy circuit. Some LYC Toppers travelled to the Nationals in Wales to join a fleet of 188 boats, a report by Donnie is inside.

Sadly it is time to seek alternative pastimes for Monday and Wednesday evenings now that the points series has come to a close. At least we have the five Sundays in September with organised racing so withdrawal symptoms will be gradual! Perhaps the weather will allow a

Locheil Race for dinghies and a Corran Red for the keelboats?

On the construction front Corries have completed the works for NOSWA and all that remains is for the green box to be moved against the dinghy park fence and the electrical connections to be made. There will be about two days work at the new surge chamber when the filter screens are fitted inside. Although the works caused us some disruption we gained rock barriers to protect the (enlarged) car park and clubhouse against erosion by the winter gales. The mast storage for the Topper masts was built with material largely donated by Corries. Although the slipway was improved and extended a little the concrete deliveries did not coincide with low water spring tides so we still have about four metres left to complete.

Forthcoming attractions; don't forget the Annual General Meeting, please come along and vote for your new committee members on 9th October. The annual Dinner/Dance and Prizegiving is on Saturday 24th November at the Moorings.

Hamish

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ADVERTS AND REMINDERS

Message from Jane Scott, Development Officer, RYA Scotland, 27 July 2001

Royal Findhorn Yacht Club is looking for a centreboard for an albacore - nothing fancy, they use it for rescue boat training. Also they are desperately seeking Senior Instructors, so if you are based up there, and would like to spend more time on the water. Please let me know, and I'll put them in touch with you.

RYA Scotland has some boats for sale:

Europes

334 (based at Port Edgar currently) - yours for offers around £500

365 (based at Cumbrae currently) - yours for offers around £2,500

420s

48766, 48767 and 48769 are all for sale right now - you can have one if you pay us £2,000 for each one. We are looking at using them again, but give us the right offer and one can be yours!

Winterise your boat – If you are not sailing this autumn and do not wish to put your boat on the bonfire how about taking some precautions against the ravages of winter.

1 If at all possible put your boat somewhere under cover.

2. Take the mast down. This prevents it being blown onto other boats.

3 Make sure the cover is tight and that water can drain away.

4 Look at it and other boats occasionally through the winter.

5 Make sure the trolley is in working order and that the boat is securely tied down.

Telltale Contributions:

For the December / Christmas edition the editor would really like a "Christmassy Cartoon". Don't be shy; you must have seen something silly at the Club!

Contributions for Telltale should be sent to Paul Biggin, Kilmallie House, Corpach, Fort William, PH33 7JJ. E-mail Dbi25@aol.com before November 26th.

The next issue will be in December. With luck by then there will be a new editor (not me) elected to the committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/SOCIAL EVENTS

Icicle Series There will be no Icicle series but the Solings and any other Keelboats will be out on the 4 Sundays in September.

AGM – A formal notice will be issued but meanwhile pencil in Tuesday 9th October.

Annual Dance and Prizegiving Laying up Supper Saturday 24th November at the Moorings.

Bonfire – Saturday 3rd November, light up time 1830 hrs. The format will be the same as last year with a BBQ for a modest fee. Bring your own sparklers and drinks but no fireworks please. Contributions of wood and dry paper (please no tyres or spring mattresses) are welcome. The fire will be built on Saturday from about 1400 hrs please come and help. **All Guys are welcome!**

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REGATTA RESULTS

Solings

Crew Names		Race					Total	Less Disc.	Final
		1	2	3	4	5			
Start Times ---		Sat 12,31	Sat 15,00	Sat 16,15	Sun 10,30	Sun 12,00			
Boat Name									
Chris Dodgshon, Liz Loudon, Macolm Garrington	Goldie	9	2	2	1	2	16	7	1
Alan Milton, David Robertson, Jon Fitzgerald	Sprite	9	4	3	3	4	23	14	3
Hamish Loudon, Andrew MacKenna, John Wilson	Solaris	9	5	1	4	3	22	13	2
Simon MacDonald, Sandy Lorimer, David Cahill	Trilleachan	9	9		7	7	32	23	7
John Jamieson, John McLaren, Duncan Fraser	Chieftain	9	6	5	2	5	27	18	5
Keith Hull, Ken Hathaway, John Steven	Lord of the Isles	9	1	6	5	6	27	18	5
Harry Jeffrey, Alison Heger, James Ball	Shanchar	9	7	7	8	9	40	31	8
Roy Manifold, David Haines, Keith Falconer	Just in Time	9	3	4	6	1	23	14	3

Keelboats

		Race					Total	Final	
		1	2	3	4	5			
Start Times ---		Sat 12,38	Sat 15,06	No Race	Sun 10,36	No race			
Peter Lister, Lynne Wilson, et al	Serendipity	5	5		5		15	15	4
Marian Austin, Sandy Austin, Andy Rogers, et al	Scintilla	1	1		2		4	4	1
Jean Aitken, Bob Aitken	Didima IV	2	2		1		5	5	2
Walter Biggin, Jim Shearer, Henry Methold, et al	Schonbrunn	5	3		3		11	11	3

Fast Dinghies

		Race					Total	Less Disc.	Final Pos.
		1	2	3	4	5			
Start Times ---		Sat 12,44	Sat 15,18	Sat 16,21	Sun 10,42	Sun 12,06			
Jamie Cameron, Helen Muluana	Animal	6	2	2	3	3	16	10	2
Donnie Meldrum	Aquilla	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	1
Jenny Fisher	Photon	6	6	6	6	6	30	24	5
Amy Cahill	Question	6	6	6	2	2	22	16	4
Roddy MacVicar, Paul Milton	No Name	2	3	3	4	4	16	12	3

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Slow Dinghies

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Less Disc.	Final Pos.
	Start Times ---	Sat 12,50	Sat 15,24	Sat 16,27	Sun 10,48	Sun 12,12			
Michael Cameron	Jump	2	1	1	1	1	6	4	1
Dawn macRae	Goofy	10	10	10	10	10	50	40	8
Rebecca Hyde	Tango	10	10	10	10	10	50	40	8
Kyle MacIntyre	Top Hat	10	4	5	5	5	29	19	5
Megan Austin	Little Miss	1	2	2	10	10	25	15	4
	Naughty								
Richard Findlayson	Navy Blue	10	10	10	4	4	38	28	6
Steven Darby	Phoenix	3	3	3	2	2	13	10	2
Craig Paul	Crazy Town	4	5	4	3	3	19	14	3
Alistair Shepherd	OB	10	10	10	10	6	46	36	7

Lochaber Yacht Club Open Weekend

On 22nd/23rd July LYC held its biggest ever regatta with 68 boats. This was made up of 15 lasers, 6 laser radials and no less than 47 toppers. These boats came from as far as Thurso in the north, Peterhead in the east, Lochcarron in the west and Largs and North Berwick in the south.

Saturday morning didn't promise much and when the light south westerly died away at 11 o'clock things did not look good. The wind gods did, however, smile on us and by noon there was a 12 knot SW which held for most of the afternoon. A port hand course was set on the west of the loch and racing started on time at 1 pm. Things looked fortuitous when the committee boat anchor finally gripped and a pink buoy was in exactly the right place for the start line but! The racing went like clockwork until the last start of the last sequence when, with 2 minutes to the start a fishing boat came along and lifted the start mark. Another mark was quickly laid and the toppers got away just before the lasers came round. Lesson learnt! The wind eventually got very light but all boats managed to finish the last race of the day. Sunday morning brought back the 12 knots south-westerly with a fairly strong ebb tide, which created problems with the committee boat, which decided she preferred to lie across

the wind/tide. The lasers in the first start also got caught out resulting in a general recall. It was the toppers turn to get caught out in the second race and the resultant black flag resulted in several disqualifications. The results were duly processed in record time and the event was voted a great success by sailors and spectators alike. The results were:

Lasers: 1st Ewen Cameron, 2nd Pete Malcolm, 3rd Steven Forteith

Laser Radials: 1st Colin Richardson, 2nd Ian Fitzgerald, 3rd Sarah Meldrum

Toppers: 1st Campbell Davidson, 2nd Matt Day, 3rd Daryl Lytham, 4th Rowan Popplewell, 5th Fynn Sterritt, 6th Martin Grieve

The event, of course, did not just happen. The galley team were great, the barbecue team were great, the committee boat team were great and the rescue boat team were great. When all these things come together a great event is the result and I have no doubt that we will be asked for an encore next year.

On behalf of all the competitors and hangers on I would like to say a big 'Well Done' and 'Thank You' to everyone who helped (and supplied the committee boat) and the club for hosting the event.

Donnie

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Other Events

Scottish Tarbet Series – Sigma 33 class: - Pepsi was a convincing winner in this series of 10 races. In a fleet of 25 Alan Milton's boat (and crew) gained 6 firsts

Arisaig Regatta: For those of you who missed it, this local regatta was held in a perfect weather window in the second week of August. LYC members featuring in the results included Simon MacDonald and Hamish Loudon. This was a fun event including passage races, round the cans and an Egg and spoon race as well as races for rafts and canoes.

Sigma 33 National Championships at Falmouth: Adding to the list of Scottish trophies already lifted Alan Milton's boat Pepsi triumphed at the Nationals. Pepsi was crewed by Alan Milton, John Fitzgerald, Chris Dodgshon, David Robertson, Ian Hurrell, Peter Kerr and Sam Bourne. In a fleet of 25, out of a 9 race series the team took 3 firsts, 4 seconds, a fourth and a seventh.

--OXO--

SECRETARY'S NOTES

New members: Welcome to new members, Jamie Ball (Fort William), Megan MacNeil, Derek Knox (Invergarry) and welcome back to Dave Goudie with a slightly larger boat than last time!

The AGM Notice will be put out from the Secretary under separate cover but please note the date Tuesday 9th October in the Clubhouse - please come along, no-one will be press-ganged into anything but we do value the chat and crack after the formalities to get a feel for what the membership wants or doesn't want from their Club.

The following has been condensed from email correspondence: -

Dear Sir,
I have a 26' yacht berthed in the Menai Strait in North Wales. I would love to do some sailing in your area but have always been put off by the distance involved in getting there. Would there be any interest do you think among your members in a "yacht swap" for short periods so that we can both explore new areas and avoid the cost of chartering?

My yacht is a bilge keel Newbridge Pioneer 1988, kept on the marina at Port Dinorwic. It will sleep 4 in comfort (with two in a double). It has a standard rig of main (slab reefing) and genoa (roller reefing). It's well instrumented with VHF, depth sounder, wind speed/direction, speed/log and autopilot. The engine is a Volvo Penta 9hp diesel inboard. Although not quite as spectacular as your area, West Wales is extremely attractive with large sections of wild, heritage coastline. Anglesey is dramatic and pastoral with great beaches. It has numerous romantic castles usually with the Snowdonia Mountains as backdrop. It has an island (Bardsey) boasting the ghosts of 20,000 saints! I was thinking of fairly short periods of say one or two weeks. I understand that it isn't a problem with the insurance companies as long as no money changes hands. If that sounds OK I'd be grateful if you would forward the above to your constituent clubs. There is a Yacht Swap web site but there aren't many on it yet and most seem to be Americans with 50 foot boats looking for similar in Thailand!
Many thanks Phil Shuff
phil@waverton.fsnet.co.uk

Chris Strong, Hon. Sec

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KEELBOAT CONVENOR'S REPORT

Keelboating has continued to be fairly well supported on Monday evenings. However the trophy races to have just not happened. To some extent, the weather has been to blame. This has not been one of Lochaber's better summers, and I understand we are not alone among sailing clubs to suffer a fall off in numbers. One can but hope that the autumn will bring better weather and some enthusiasm for our planned Sunday Series.

Congratulations to Pepsi and Alan Milton's 'magnificent seven' who became Sigma 33

National Champions 2001. More than 50% of these seven are LYC members – Alan, David Robertson, Chris Dodgshon and Jon Fitzgerald. Well done guys!

Welcome home to Denis and Jill Barnes and Hannah and Joe. We hope it's not too much of a shock to the system being back in Lochaber. I'm sure we'll be able to persuade one of the family to tell us all about it either in Telltale or at the Fitting Out Supper.

Liz

Points Series

Despite lots of activity on the water only 3 boats in each Soling series managed to sail two thirds of the races, and only Chris Strong managed enough in the Keelboat series 2.

Series 1 - Solings: First - Just Gonnae No, Second – Solaris, Third – Trilleachan

Series 2 - Solings: First – Solaris, Second – Just Gonnae No, Third – Trilleachan

Keelboats: Schonbrunn

Mini Series – Solings: First Solaris, Second – Just Gonnae No, Third – Trilleachan.

No other boats had sufficient races to count as far as we know! Please would race officers enter results in the red book as well as on the results sheet. Sheets seem to go missing, despite there being a folder available.

Dinghy results Points 1 series

Black Rock:

1st MCP,	Hamish Loudon
2nd Animal	Kim Cameron / Peter Cameron
3rd The Golden Plover	Jim Douglas /

Dinghy Points Series 3 –

1st MCP	Hamish Loudon /
2nd Mr Bounce	Ian Fleming / Jim Shearer
3rd Aquila	Donnie Meldrum

Topper Points Series 3 –

1st Phoenix	Steven Darby
2nd Crazy Town	Craig Paul
3rd JuMP	Michael Cameron

Kim

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And Finally – an anguished cry from a Committee member

SOME QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE TO BE ANSWERED

Have you done much sailing this year?

Have you supported the points series?

Have you sailed in any Trophy Races?

Have you come along to any Thursday Club Nights?

Have you been involved in the advertised Social Sailing?

Did you come along to the Regatta?

Did you come to the Closing Muster?

Did you turn up for your duty?

Did you know when your duty was?

Have you done any cleaning or tidying in the clubhouse?

Have you washed any tea towels?

Have you emptied any bins?

Have you been involved in dinghy park tidying?

Would you prefer to pay a larger subscription and have the above four done for you?

What DO you want from your club?

Will there BE a club when I retire?

Unhappy (pink) Bunny.