## Lochaber Yacht Club

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## Editorial

I have a Yacht Club key on my car key ring and the sheer joy of letting myself in for a leisurely cup of tea or even a late lunch after the shopping, is second to none and when I leave I make absolutely certain that it is as clean and tidy as I would like to find it. **Do You?** 

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The galley is not always as I would like to find it; sometimes the sink is full of dirty dishes and dirty cups, spills on the counter and/or on the floor.

It is such an easy thing to accomplish: just fill the kettle with a little more water than you need for your tea, while you are waiting for that to boil just scan both the galley and the hall for dirty cups or glasses on window sills and tables and litter, there is always sweetie papers on the floor. Put all the dirty dishes in the sink with a little bit of cold water, make your tea, take you time, read the paper. Having finished your tea add you cup and the rest of the hot water to the sink, do the dishes. Wring a dishcloth out and whip the counter and the table you have used. Rinse and wring the dishcloth out again, empty and rinse the sink, take a last look around and if all is to your liking, hang it up over the tap to dry.

By this time You are feeling so virtues it's well worth the effort. Well done.



Brítt

# TellTale

**July 2006** 

From Liz; -

# New Race Dates

Thursday 24th July - No Duffers Cup - Start 1900 Thursday 31st August - Novice Race Start 1900 Both the above are second attempts to sail these trophy races - Come on Keelboat & Soling owners, grab yourself a Novice (someone in his/her first year of keelboat helming)

**The Mermaid Trophy** will be awarded to the **highest placed lady helm** over the three dinghy points series races.

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## Commodores Corner,

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The points series for both keel boats and dinghies are continuing although we would like to see a few more regular sailors on the water. Several keel boats have been away cruising for varying periods of time and I am sure more cruises are planned. I hope that there will be written evidence of such cruises later in the year.

Our Regatta was a success with several visiting boats. The upset with the soling placings should show that hours of work with polish and general attention to detail does in fact pay dividends. Our own members will have to work hard next year to regain this trophy. Thanks go to the Race Officer David Gibb who travelled from Inverness, to every body looking after boat launching, ferry boat, race mark laying, safety boat and other related work. Then there were many other members both visible and working at home who were able to provide the food and drink for both Saturday and Sunday. The sit down meal was a real challenge with the increasing numbers but a good job was done. Many members and visitors wished me to thank everybody involved.

#### The Scottish Single Handed

**Championship** is being held on Saturday and Sunday and I wish our members the very best and would like to see our club leading the fleet. If any club members have the odd hour or two please do come along and lend a hand. There is a bar license and real ale is on tap, wine available and I am sure of a good meal for the Saturday evening.

Richard Rumney Commodore

# After the regatta a conversation with the commodore:

Britt: Could you give me a short version of the regulations regarding boat safety?

Richard: The short answer to that is no. The regulations are quite specific and detailed, so that any shortening would lead to possible misinterpretation or missunderstanding. Most sailing members in the club will be aware of the regulations but for anybody who is not just search "INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972".

> We do not have much large shipping in Loch Linnhe so mostly there is not a problem. Younger members should always be looking for larger boats and generally take the view that it is safer to keep out of the way. The Safety Boat Driver has the responsibility for the safety of people on the water and the authority to turn back any boat that might be standing into danger. The decision might not be received well and a race position might be lost, but the Safety Boat Driver's instructions must be obeyed. Not to obey might lead to disqualification.

Richard Rumney Commodore

and Britt



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#### Future Events

Saturday and Sunday 1 – 2 July Scottish Single Handed Championship

Saturday and Sunday 8 - 9 July

Tobermory Race Cruise

Friday Saturday Sunday 14-15-16 July

## Round Mull Race

Saturday 15 Corran Red

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Saturday 1 5, July Corran Red

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Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 July

## **Arisaig Regatta**

22&23 July CRUISE?

Monday 24 July No Duffers Cup

Sunday 30 July–5 Aug. West Highland Week Sunday 30 July

**BLACK ROCK** 

**Past Events** (Extracts from Committee Meeting Minutes)

Loch Eil Race - 2 entries, 1 finished

Novices Race ^ no entries, re-run on a Thursday evening 31st August 1900. Same with No Duffers, 24th August 1930

Sail Caledonia ^ a lot of LYC effort, successful day, income expected 75 x £15

Mermaid Sun.28th. not run

Topper Traveller  $\hat{}$  plus Optimists, 50 boats, heavy demand on parking space, income around £1,600.

Training ^ all juniors signed off, well done Dawn.



Your club house is available should any member wish to hold their own private party, BBQ or just an evening get together. Pre-booking is necessary and a small charge might be appropriate Also see Editorial

.From Hamish; -

#### **Topper Sailors**

Please note that the road trailer which will take four Toppers is now back in roadworthy condition. The trial run to the Glencoe Regatta was successful. Why not take some Toppers to the Moidart Regatta at Arisaig?



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#### July 2006

#### "Sea Cadets

The Unit has had a successful winter. We have grown from a 'struggling unit' to one which has been recommended for a number of awards.

Many thanks go to everyone who turned out to lend a hand with the bag pack during the winter - it was really appreciated.

Sea Cadets without sailing is not really Sea Cadets! However, at the moment we only have one seaworthy bosun and a topper. also we only have one person qualified to take the cadets out with them in a boat. Also our new Junior Section is taking up staff time on a Thursday night.

Any offers to remedy either situation would be welcome. Indeed we need adults to become involved in all levels of running the unit - you don't need to be ex-RN, just to have an enthusiasm for passing on your skills and knowledge to young people. Please contact Derrick Warner if you feel you would like to help and have a few hours to spare."

Many thanks

Derrick



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**July 2006** 

The picture on the starboard side of this page is of my very good friends Berit and Carl Christian from Sandefjord on the Oslo Fjord in Norway, celebrating Midsummer Night. Everything that floats take to the water and tie up together between the skerrys and party all night. The sweaters they are wearing were knitted by me and I will do the same for anyone who asks. They cost a lot of money of cours.

Brítt

LYC Committee Meeting Tuesday, 18 July @ 19:30 (7:30 pm)

