



Editorial

Dramatic , is how I would describe the passing year. Life changing happenings. Not bad weather, or global warming, I have no control over that. But I have control over what I decide to do.

“Having a go” with the TellTale was such a decision. I like talking to people. I like sailing. It’s as simple as that.

I am off to Norway, on Thursday and **Deadline for February is the 10th**

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not till after 6th of Feb.

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TellTale

Future Events

Committee

Meeting 9 January
NEVIS BANK HOTEL



The Thursday Club

meets every Thursday
where the Clubhouse used to be
-between coffee time and tea time-
and soup in between.
Extra brain-power and elbow-grease
may be appreciated.



FITTING OUT SUPPER

31st March 2007
venue not yet defined
Presentation of Cruising Log Trophy



The Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope you all had a great festive season, because it looks as though we can all look forward to a very busy year at the club!

A small hardcore of members braved the cold and damp of New Year's Day and appeared at the 'temporary clubhouse' including two extremely brave (and drysuited!) individuals who braved the elements and sailed a couple of the Club Toppers (and had a really pleasant sail) – I am not sure whether they deserve to be congratulated or certified.....answers on a postcard please!

Cakes, coffee and even the odd, rather small and tentative glass of wine (hair of the dog?) were enjoyed by those present and the opportunity taken to peruse copies of the plans submitted by Bill to the Planning Board at the end of last year. The thanks and congratulations of the entire club go to Bill for his efforts in getting this major, specialised task completed in such a short period of time and to such a great standard. Our fingers now need to be kept tightly crossed that the Planners approve these plans, complete with the new Race Office Tower without objection.

Those of you who have seen the plans have fed back various ideas and concerns – the floor area is increased, but only slightly - and there are fears that the Gents' changing rooms are even smaller than before. The current plans will already require the club to find approximately an extra £30000 – a sum which is currently being sought from a number of Grant Awarding Bodies. Some of this expense could potentially be offset by members carrying out some of the mundane manual labour and also by skilled members undertaking jobs themselves – as we already do. However, the possibility of raising a mortgage to allow us to further extend the clubhouse has been mooted – such a move would undoubtedly have to be put to a vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting, something else which has already been suggested. Should one occur it would be vital that your personal opinion was expressed at that meeting. SO – WATCH THIS SPACE CLOSELY!!!!!!.

There is (was) a Committee Meeting on Tuesday 9th at which this and several other matters will be discussed. The outcome as regards the issue of an EGM will be communicated to all of you as soon as possible and practicable and in good time.

Looking forward to the start of the sailing season (hopefully with a new boat as well)

Pete



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2007

The membership renewal notices were sent out by mail before Xmas and are now due for payment. The post has been erratic and one member at least did not receive the letter. If yours came thro' the Treasurer would appreciate a cheque. If not yet received could you let him know by e-mail (kmorerj@talk21.com) and a further form will be sent out. While, in the circumstances, subscriptions are unchanged this year there are also the usual forms for dinghy storage and race fees now due also. In addition there are two requests. One for any offers of help in rebuilding the Clubhouse (a Gift Aid form is included for members making cash donations) and the second is to establish a list of members skills and qualifications. Details are on the forms.

If you have any queries re your membership please contact Bob or any Committee member. Please also make sure your up-to-date e-mail address is on the form so that you don't miss out on Telltale



New year sail by Hamish

The weather wasn't encouraging for the start of the 2007 sailing season but the rain stopped by noon. Two hardy sailors rigged Toppers and made good use of the fresh SW breeze. Michael White, just off Fire Brigade duty found the Topper a bit more lively than his large cruising yacht! Hamish remembered how to rig and sail a Topper. Joe Willets kindly exercised his new powerboat ticket and gave safety cover.

Berryl and Liz brought some "Goodies". Immediate past Commodore Richard and team joined the New Year greetings and Commodore Pete cast an eye over proceedings. There may have been others who called briefly and not spotted by the seagoing team. Dr Jim arrived at the end to check for signs of hypothermia but all was well. He then made a friendly survey of the local swimming club members recovering from their New Year dip!!!! Overall, an active start to maritime activity at the Club. But we missed the stove!

RYA Training

Joe is organizing a RYA 1 day course on Diesel Engine Maintenance and is looking for more people to take part. It will either be in Fort William or Oban and will happen on a Saturday or a Sunday sometime in March, that's definite.

For more information and signing on please contact Joe Willets
Tel 01 397 701 113



Cruising Logs

Should be submitted to the Commodore
ASAP so that he can choose a winner
The Trophy will be presented at the
Fitting Out Supper on March 31

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 left after the fire.

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(Britt's Wisdom)

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