## Lochaber Yacht Club

April 2007

### Editorial

Up and running again. I am feeling much better, Thank You. Sunshine helps, but not as much as your good wishes.

Last week I contacted a DVD hire website and they tried to acknowledge my contact by email. My email in-box, however, decided that "some text in this message is in a language your computer cannot desplay". I was guite shocked that someone, somewhere was cencoring my mail - until I remembered that I have told the in-box to exclude email from address not in my address book. Moral: To get the TellTale you have to have my address in your little black book, or it comes back to me.



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### <u>Commodore's Corner</u>

The new season is starting. All that is missing is a clubhouse. Even that is gradually making progress – the working drawings were completed during the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> March and have been submitted to Building Control, so hopefully the Building Warrant will be forthcoming in the near future. However, the wheels of bureaucracy do turn with agonising slowness – especially here in the 'Wild West.

The builders' van in the big dinghy park is still doing Sterling service as the HQ of the Thursday Club. A huge vote of thanks is due to those gallant boys and girls who have been relentlessly painting and laying marks, erecting flagpoles, fixing boats and generally keeping the spirit of LYC alive through the dark homeless months of winter.

The plan is to supplement the van with a substantial wooden builders' shed, ostensibly for said builders, situated in front of the clubhouse site which will double up as a temporary race office and also house a working loo - Phew, relief! This hut will be equipped with timer, flags, calculator, loud horn and 'Starter's Orders' so that the real business of the club – sailing and racing - can continue regardless. On that note, please make sure and check the Duty Rota (which of course you picked at the Fitting Out Supper) and take note of any responsibilities. Remember, it is down to you to arrange a swap or a stand-in if you cannot manage your duty.

The Police have been in contact recently and are still actively following a number of leads – we have not been forgotten. The mystery of the missing bell is still a cause of some consternation – if anyone has any leads on that front, it would be good to hear them....

Finally, after a lovely warm and sunny day spent scrubbing and re-fitting Tern, I am looking forward to a full summer of sailing from the club site and to watching the new Clubhouse rising from ashes of the old. I hope to see many, if not all, of you down on the shore or on the water. Have a good season.

Pete

Next and further Committee Meetings <u>Tuesday</u>, 10<sup>th</sup> April, (8<sup>th</sup> May) NEVIS BANK HOTEL



The Thursday Club meets every Thursday where the Clubhouse used to be -between coffee time and tea timeand soup in between. Extra brainpower and elbow-grease will be appreciated.



#### SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE OVERDUE

The Treasurer would like to remind all members yet to pay that the deadline for subscription was 28 February. In the present circumstances the Club needs the money and the inclusion of a donation to the Club House Appeal would compensate for the late payment. Cheques to Bob Aitken as soon as possible, please. He will also take your money at the Fitting Out Supper on the 31st.when this year's Handbook will be handed out to all paid-up members. Subscription rates are unchanged this year. Race fees and dinghy storage are also now due. If for whatever reason you are not planning to rejoin this year could you please let him know on kmorerj@talk21.com



A warm welcome to

new members Macdonald, Stuart Robertson, Chris Stopford and Victoria Shipley and Juniors Alasdair Leeson-Payne, Robert MacLeod and Stuart Cleghorn



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# Courses

# First Aid Course (First Aid Course)

Early April- date to be arranged. Out of Date? Interested? Telephone Adrian 01 397 772 670, or Liz 01 397 772 670

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#### VHF Short Range Radio Certificate of competence with DSC and GMDSS

This certificate is a legal requirement for all who operate a VHF handset or base-set. There will be members who hold the old pre-DSC certificate which will need up-dating to comply with the law, in addition to those who have been operating vhf equipment without proper certification. So please contact Joe Willetts by phone on 01 379 701 113 and he will arrange a course for you. As you probably know, this certificate may be granted to anyone aged 16 or over, and lasts for life- so please pick up the phone.

The first two, fully subscribed, one day courses already arranged, will be held in the Sea Scout's Hall in Fort William

### FIRE ! ?

Camasunary carries two dry powder fire extinguishers and two fire blankets.

Dry powder extinguishers should be replaced after five years - the powder sometimes sticks together after a while and doesn't come out when you need it. Anyway, mine were due for a change and I also had two from the last change - now ten years old. So what to do with the old ones?

What we did was assemble four very young members of the clan and light a fire in the garden with some paraffin and old newspapers.............

The results were very satisfying. We had three different makes of extinguisher and they all worked well, putting the fire out quickly each time. The kids thought it was great and they learned a quite bit about fires too.

Try it yourself the next time you have an old extinguisher. You should get all the practice you can with these things before you have to use one in earnest.

# I do hope you have not forgot the <u>Cruising Loq</u>

The winning entry will be published in these pages.





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For Sale

1969 Sparkman & Stephens SHE 31 Cruiser Racer Re Engined with reliable lightly used Kubota. Presently lying at Peterhead £15,000 For more details contact Brian Robertson <u>NOSTREBOR@madasafish.com</u> or call 07712870660



Alan Burgon's gifts still unscathed, still unused, Still for sale Two Adult Lifejackets, Crewsaver 'Seasafe' Foam buoyancy plus mouth inflation.

Safety Harness with lanyard.

Plastic, folding, Boarding Ladder

Lots of Jubilee Clips - stainless.

There is also a rather nice propeller, but maybe that is more of a niche market?

Offers to any Committee Member

# Scottish Boat Jumble Irvine, Ayrshire, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May www.boatjumbleassociation.co.uk

## For Sale

Topper Sail number 41129 Full Race Rig inc Centre Main Nearly new rolled race sail + training sail Galvanised trolley. Top + bottom covers Lots of spares

£800

## For Sale

Soling "Billy Budd II" K 80 (Formerly "Incisor") Manufactured by Tylers, early 1970's 2 mainsails and jib plus 2 original mains from 1974, Spinnaker, Spinnaker pole. Spinlock tiller extension 15lb CQR and warp Single axle road trailer, recently sand blasted and repainted. Price £2500 ONO

> Gareth Howe, 41 Romilly Park Barry CF62 6RR 01446 735125 gareth.howe@lineone.net

## For Sale

## 420 Sail Number 50375

White Rondar Hull P&B Sails + Olimpic kite, Milanes Foils VGC Trolley. Top + bottom covers Double trailer maybe available as extra £1200 LYC Sailing Fixtures 2007 for the next two months

Start

Tide

Date	01035		Start	Tide	
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			4000		
Sat 31		Fitting out Supper	1930		
APRIL					
Sun 1	D	Frostbite Shield	1400	0739	1357
Wed 4	D		1400	2107	
Sat 7		Points 1(1)	1900	2107	1509
Sat 7 Sun 8					
Wed 11	D	Points 1(2)	1900	1407	2031
Sat 14			1900	1407	2031
Sun 15					
Wed 18	D	Points 1(3)	1900	2037	1437
Sat 21		Adult Training	1900	2037	1437
Sat 21 Sun 22	1	Adult Training			
Wed 25	D	Points 1(4)	1900	1528	2139
Sat 28		Adult Training	1000	1020	2109
Sun 29		Adult Training			
Mon 30	К	Points 1(1) for Brass Monkey	1930	1921	1323
Mon 30			1950	1921	1323
MAY					
Wed 2	D	Points 1(5)	1930	2015	1405
Thur 3	D/K	Club Night		2044	1443
Sat 5					
Sun 6	D/K	Opening Muster/Pursuit Race/BBQ	TBA	1000	1614
Mon 7	К	Points 1(2)	1930	2308	1652
Wed 9	D	Points 1(6)	1930	1225	1841
Thur 10	D/K	Club Night		1351	2006
Sat 12	D	Oban SC Dinghy Regatta			
Sun 13	D	Oban SC Dinghy Regatta			
Mon 14	К	Points 1(3)	1930	1816	1216
Wed 16	D	Points 1(7)	1930	1939	1337
Thur 17	D/K	Club Night		2024	1417
Sat 19		Laser Travellers/OSC Keelboat Regatta		0927	1544
Sun 20		Laser Travellers/OSC Keelboat Regatta		1013	1630
Mon 21	К	Points 1(4)	1930	2337	1718
Wed 23	D	Points 2(1)	1930	1304	1915
Thur 24	D/K	Club Night		1425	2033
Fri 25-Mon 28	К	Scottish Series			
Sat 26		Sail Caledonia			
Sun 27		Sail Caledonia			
Mon 28	К	Points 1(5)	1930	1815	1213
Wed 30	D	Points 2(2)	1930	1923	1319
Thur 31	D/K	Club Night		1955	1351

Class Event

Date