



Editorial

It looks as if there is a lot in the TellTale this month, but it is just full of stuff from the Handbook, and I have spent what will probably be the best week all summer, trying to get it all on the front page.

I have also discovered I have spelt my own email address wrong. Prattess.

Deadline for June issue is Sunday 20th May 2007

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TellTale

Future Events

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Mon 30 April

K Points 1(1) 19:30



May

Sunday 6 D/K Opening Muster,
Pursuit Race and BBQ



Sat 12th Oben SC Dinghy Regatta
Sun 13th Oben SC Dinghy Regatta



Sat 19th Laser Travellers/OSC
Sun 20th Laser Travellers/OSC



Every Monday is Keel Boat
Points Racing



Every Wednesday is Dinghy
Points racing



Every Thursday is D/K Club Night



□ □ □ □ □ for OOD, Rescue and Taxi-duty on
race days – it might well be your turn.

Details on Page 5+6
Also in your HANDBOOK

Commodore's Corner

Well, this is the end of the warmest April on record (according to Heather and her friends) and sailing is once more well and truly underway. Dinghy Points Series 1 has reached its half-way point and there are a few keelboats starting to make their way back onto the moorings – before we know it Thursday evenings will be in full swing. And don't forget that as from next week start times move back to Lochaber Summer Time and 1930 flag-downs! Well done all you early-season keenies! Even the Commodore's new barge has put in an appearance – albeit briefly!

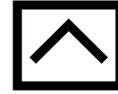
The progress of the 'new' clubhouse is gradually forging ahead – we now have a building warrant to commence work on the foundations and the full plans have been sent to Roddie Campbell for an estimate and to the Planners for final approval and a Building Warrant. Once the full warrant arrives the work will commence. A big 'Thank You' is due to a large number of the Committee who have attended a multitude of unsung meetings to iron out all the various queries and problems which have appeared as the process has progressed. Hopefully work will have started by the start of the Summer.

The Fitting Out Supper was a great success – the venue was, like the Princess Diana Memorial Concert, sold out long before the event and, unlike the aforementioned, was an extremely informative as well as enjoyable affair.....and really good value to boot! Thank you Beryl and Nevis Range for the inspired choice of venue. If you missed it and Aliens attack your floating pride and joy, you have only yourself to blame!

Next big event is the Opening Muster and Pursuit Race on Sunday 6th May. Open to both Dinghies and Keelboats, it should be a great event and not dogged by the dying evening breeze. Get yourself out, enjoy a race and bring some raw meat and enjoy the post-race DIY BBQ! First start is at 1400 – real boats start at about quarter to 3.

Finally, we have one keen new member who wanting to learn to sail. If you know of any others out there who would like to take advantage of our well-established and successful Adult Training, tell them to get in touch with a Committee Member ASAP! It too will be taking place over the weekend 5th/6th May.

See you on the water very soon
Pete



MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

This years handbook has now been issued - If you don't have one it means you haven't paid your subscription. As is the way of it members details can be out of date as soon as it leaves the printers so please check your entry (address, tel no. e-mail, boat etc) and, especially if you have changed any of these recently or if they have been inadvertently omitted or incorrect, let Ian Fleming know asap (ian27fleming@btinternet.com).

Although the Handbook becomes out of date as the year progresses the underlying data base is updated regularly by Ian.

As West Coast are fellow sufferers from a major fire they have been unable to sponsor Tide Tables this year as they generously did in the past, which is why there isn't a copy with the Handbook. The Rod & Gun Shop in the High St. is one source of purchase.



Dr Liz Cook speaking to us at the
Fitting Out Supper Last month.
Photo by Hamish



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These log extracts are from last year when I delivered my yacht, Questing, from Holland to the Fort.

'07/05/06 1400hrs. Kortrgene to Have de Val.

Pilotage to Haven de Val. Main and genoa up. Practised putting in reef in mainsail.

08/05/06. 0800hrs. Haven de Val to Great Yarmouth.

Practised MOB just in case. Fuel/water/stores at Roomport Marina.

1500hrs. WG 8 buoy abeam to port. Wind F2. Clox back one hour. Main up, genoa down.

1700hrs. Wind F2. Visibility 2 miles. Whitey (brother) in bed.

1800 hrs. Wind F1. Rain, with fog patches ahead.

09/05/06. 0300hrs (in the English Channel). Thick fog. Doing 2.5 kts and stopping engine to listen out. Contact Dutch CG. Heading slowly back to Holland.

0500 hrs. Better vis. Heading back to great Yarmouth

0700hrs. Enter T.S.S. (Traffic Separation Scheme) at NHR-SE buoy.

1200 hrs. Another fog bank. Nav lights on and slow down. Lasted one hour.

1735 hrs. Arrive Gt Yarmouth.

The narrative at the end of the passage reads, ' Interesting passage in fog. With no radar it was quite nerve-wracking. Sticking to rule 19 (Collision Regulations) helped. Lesson learnt is to inform CG of passage.'

As an aside, some people may have the view that because I had no radar, that I ought to have 'lost all way' and just sat keeping a lookout by listening! My brother who had recently returned from six months in Iraq said that that night in the Channel with the fog was as bad as any he had spent on his tour of duty!

The next leg from GT Yarmouth to Eyemouth was uneventful apart from a small episode as the narrative recalls; 'Good passage but disappointing that the engine stalled as we entered Eyemouth Harbour. Helpful engineer gave some pointers to look at. We were unable to start the engine though and so we went to the pub.

Saturday; Pete (brother) leaves and Sunday Brian Fallows joins. Engine starts and the problem seems to have been the damaged 'pull-stop' lever.'

The remainder of the passage was completed in a week visiting Montrose, Stonehaven, Peterhead and Inverness. The only event of note was the life-raft self-deploying in a swell off a headland. It reassuringly inflated and was recovered by a fishing boat. It cost almost as much as a new one to have it re-packed, but at least this year it will be more robustly secured to Questing.

This year, Brian and my brother will be coming with me to Norway in August and so we'll have to hone our writing skills in readiness for the next years Cruising Log entry.

Mike White

RYA Training

VHF Short Range Radio Certificate of Competence with DSC and GMDSS

This course, now fully subscribed for both Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of May, is taking place at the Sea Scouts' Hall in Fort William. Please arrive in time for a

9 am prompt start.

Soup and scones will be provided, so all you will need to bring with you is a sandwich. The day finishes at 5 pm.

Your tutor is Michael Avril - Sea Sfty

Manager for Scotland - who has 20 years of experience with the RNLi, and will be travelling from Berwick-upon - Tweed to Fort Willam especially for this weekend. Please remember to bring the all-inclusive course fee of £70 with you.



RYA Radar Course (one day)

I am trying to organise the above course to take place some time in October.

Personally I found this to be an 'eye opener' as what you see on the radar screen when making way is not what you get. Also if you have a radar set fitted to your boat, and it's in working order, which I assume it would be, then you are obliged, by law, to have it switched on and are legally bound to be competent to operate it.

So now is your chance to get your name down for a really interesting and useful course.

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Kind regards **Joe**

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 the Committee. 01397 772 361,
sec@lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk



For the above Chris needs to assess what is
 left after the fire.

Happy New Year

“Keep it in mind and it will Happen”

(Britt's Wisdom)

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OPENING MUSTER & PURSUIT RACE

Sunday 6 May 2007

This is the inaugural Opening Muster and follows the pattern of the successful Closing Muster. This is, like the Closing Muster as much of a social event as a Pursuit race, and being a pursuit race it's not meant to be that serious. In the temporary absence of a clubhouse its a BYOB BYO BBQ event although we hope that there will be teas and coffees available from the blue "hut". Self catering is the order of the day although it is hoped to fire up the club BBQ which survived the fire if the weather is suitable. Either way bring your own burgers and sausages and cooking utensils.

The muster may coincide with one of the training weekends and if so please make our new sailors feel welcome and look out for them on the water and bear in mind they will be novices.

**Class
Start Time**

Mirror	14:00
Topper	14:08
Bosun	14:16
Firefly	14:18
Laser Radial	14:25
Wayfarer	14:25
420	14:26
Laser	14:27
Albacore	14:28
Hawk	14:29
Kestrel	14:30
Laser II	14:31
Scintilla	14:31
Tern	14:31
Schonbrunn	14:32
Soling	14:38
Osprey	14:41
Laser 5000	14:51

PURSUIT RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Dinghies and Keelboats race together.
2. Flag "P" and sound signal at 1355.
3. Course (A B F Y) x 3 followed by (A B a Y) repeated until 1600. i.e. three triangles followed by sausages.

NB Boats must pass through the start/finish line on the runs as well as the beats. If the wind is from the NE the course will be in reverse. If the wind is light an alternative shorter course will be indicated by the OOD and communicated via the safety boat as necessary.

4. At 1600 flag "S" shall be raised along with two sound signals. The finish will be when the leading boat next sails through the finish line in either direction. The finishing order will be the order a boat sails through the finish line having sailed the same number of rounds as the leading boat.

5. Motors or paddles may be used up to one minute before a boat is due to start.

DINGHY ROTA**MAY**

			Rescue Boat Driver	OOD
Wed 2	D	Points 1(5)	Brian Fallows	Peter Lister
Sun 6	D/K	Opening Muster/ Pursuit Race	Adrian Hope	Carol Fallows
Wed 9	D	Points 1(6)	Ian Fleming	Marie Bryden
Wed 16	D	Points 1(7)	Jim Shearer	Chris Parton
Wed 23	D	Points 2(1)	Donnie Meldrum	Rebecca Smith
Wed 30	D	Points 2(2)	Hamish Loudon	Keith Falconer

JUNE

Wed 6	D	Points 2(3)	Martin Faulkner	Alistair Shepherd
Sat 9	D	Loch Eil Race	1. Derek Warner	Kim Cameron
		Loch Eil Race	2. Henry Methold ~	
Wed 13	D	Points 2(4)	Tony Shepherd	David Haines
Wed 20	D	Points 2(5)	Chris Strong	David Robertson
Wed 27	D	Points 2(6)	Richard Rumney	Paul Biggin

Keelboat Rota 2007

Date	Class	Event	OOD	Water Taxi
Mon 30	K	Points 1(1) for Brass Monkey	Didima V	Rascal
MAY				
Sun 6	D/K	Opening Muster/Pursuit Race/BBQ	Carol Fallows	Romance
Mon 7	K	Points 1(2)	Schonbrunn	Trilleachan
Mon 14	K	Points 1(3)	Tern	Just Gonnae No
Mon 21	K	Points 1(4)	Scintilla	Dirty Harry
Mon 28	K	Points 1(5)	Romance	Hussoling
JUNE				
Mon 4	K	Points 1(6)	Just Gonnie No	Rascal
Mon 11	K	Points 1(7)	Trilleachan	Romance
Sun 17	K	Corran Red	Cheryl MacIntosh	Trilleachan
Mon 18	K	Points 2(1)	Houssoling	Just Gonnie No
Mon 25	K	Points 2(2)	Dirty Harry	Dirty Harry

Tides

As a result of an idiosyncrasy of the publishers of the tide tables disc used to work out the times for the club handbook there is a discrepancy of 1 hour (2 hours GMT) between the handbook tidal information published by the UK Hydrographic Office.

If tides are important to your race strategy, please subtract 1 hour from times published in the handbook.

If tides are **very** important to you, I suggest you purchase (99p) from the Rod & Gun shop, a copy Tide Tables for Oban, add your 20 minutes for Corpach.

There **may** be changes in **start** times for Passage Races. Watch Telltale for further information.

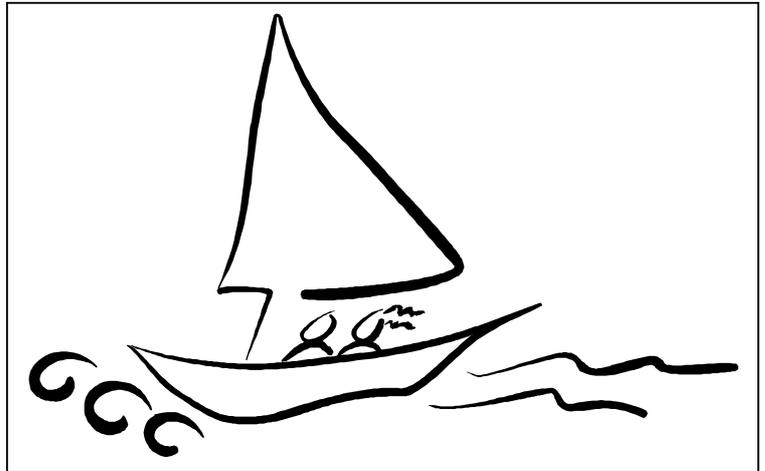
Sorry!

Liz

A "Heads Up" from Liz

As advertised in your handbook (if you haven't got one, Bob Aitken will be happy to receive your 2007 Subscription) our Regatta will take place on Sat/Sun 23rd and 24th June. Now, as it unlikely that we will have a finished Clubhouse by then, the Regatta organisers need to have a rough idea of numbers likely to be coming along to sail, and to eat on Saturday evening. Expected numbers will influence the choice of catering and the scale of "on the water" & "Race Officering" staffing.

Please then, would you check your diary, and either e-mail or ring Jim Shearer or the Loudon household (number and address in handbook) to let us know whether or not you are likely to be at the Regatta. Nil returns would be welcome. If you are not planning to sail but could man (or woman, if we must be PC) a rescue boat, or to help the Race Officer this would be useful to know too, at this stage in planning.



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.



Photo by Hamish

The Committee meets
Tuesday 8th of May
anything for the agenda phone or email
any committee member