



Editorial

Imagine my utter joy when race day Sunday dawned bathed in good-weather low mist and high sunshine. I correctly did not believe my good luck, and found that my allotted duty on the safety boat had been given to two very small children. This rendered the safety boat useless for its intended duty.

Hopefully the children got away with just sunburn. Sunstroke is not funny and I hope the driver got the full fury of the children's mother.

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TellTale

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Thanks to the generosity of members the amount donated to the CLUBHOUSE APPEAL is now £3,800 or 47.5% of the total needed of £8,000. This should just be enough to complete a dry and warm Clubhouse with the stove back in place and plenty hot water - the HICEC grant for the Solar Heating Water system came in at 100%
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Future Events

Saturday 28 July - Friday 3 Aug
West Highland Week



Thursday 9 August
No Duffers



Sat 11 Sun 12 August
Cruise - Balnagowan



Thursday 16 August - Junior Helm



Saturday 18- Sunday 19 Aug. Crews Race



Saturday 25-Sunday 26 August
Cruise Loch Eil



Every Monday is Keel Boat Points Racing



Every Wednesday is Dinghy Points racing



Every Thursday is D/K Club Night



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



Commodore's Corner

I hope you are enjoying the summer – it may not be hottest on record, but ours seems to be a lot drier than the one being suffered by the rest of the UK! Thank goodness....

Two consequences of the settled conditions have been that racing on Monday & Wednesday evenings has been a little staid, even if the competition has been stormy and the builders have been able to really get on with the new clubhouse.... We are now the proud almost owners of a wind- and water (and member-!) proof clubhouse. It looks brilliant and I have to say, the new Race Office is everything I hoped it would be. Nice one, Bill!

The turnout on Thursday evenings is very impressive – do we need a push now to convert the youngsters from recreational sailors into racers. In years gone by youngsters fed almost without their realising it into the 'North of Scotland Sailing Squad' – this body still exists, albeit at a less active level. If any of you newer sailors out there would be interested in receiving some fairly intensive racing coaching later in the year, drop me a line at petehydems@aol.com and I will try to set up a weekend or more, hopefully at LYC with one (or more) of the NoSSS coaches.

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No date has yet been set for the 'North Duffers Cup' which was postponed earlier in the season – similarly, if you newcomers are ready and keen, let us know and we can organise a short and simple series of mini-races so you can compete for the Trophy.

It will not be long now till the end of the 3rd Points Series, the new late season weekend series and then the Closing Muster – I know it's the summer hols and all, but it would be great to see a few more dinghies in particular on the water on Wednesday evenings – an opportunity perhaps for some of the newbies to get out there while it's quiet and crack the racing barrier?!

Hope to catch up with you soon, either at the club or out on (in!) the water.

Pete

Thanks continued from front page

The Awards For All grant now also received -£1,975 - and is to fund re-equipping the Juniors with sailing gear - wet suits, life jackets etc ready for next year.

However it would be nice to have some chairs to sit on by the fire and an equipped galley. So if you are still deciding how much to donate please don't delay - the new spinnaker can wait until next year.

Your CHEQUE (no matter how small) along with the GIFT AID form, would be gratefully appreciated by the Treasurer, as have all the contributions to date.





Safety Boat Drivers

■ note that there are now two “tool boxes” in the Race Officers hut, one each for “Loch Linnhe” and for “Loch Eil” – containing basic first aid and other safety items, spare spark plugs and spanner etc. Take the appropriate box when your are out giving safety cover AND please return it to dry land at the end of play.



Welcome to new member

Brendan Woods(S)

Looking for a bit of refresher/Instruction.

Also for the summer;

Ian Strachan and Keith Hoole



Scottish Water

and their malfunctioning pump chamber. The news (after one year and a bit) is that come late August early September new pumps will be installed and all will be put to rights.

However – for a couple of weeks whilst this is happening a 4 inch diameter by-pass pipe will be laid over ground from the manhole to the south of the slipway around the edge of the car park to the manhole near the burn. It will cross the slipway but it will be ramped to minimise inconvenience when launching and recovering boats. We wait and see if this really happens!

Your web site

www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk

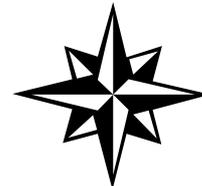
The web site has been considerably updated. It was originally created by Andy MacKenna. Now I am trying to keep it up to date. Rebecca is on the committee; if there is anything about the web site that you want to be discussed by the committee then please bend her ear. Or you can email me at dbi25@aol.com with suggested changes, additions, photos, items for sale, etc. I can't guarantee to include everything.

Amongst other things you will find on the web site are:

Up to date results for the dinghy and keelboat series.

Galleries of photos include:
the Dinner Dance/Prize giving,
Laser travellers,
Great Glen Raid/Caledonian Challenge,
Keelboat Points Series, etc.

Paul Biggin



**The Committee meets
Tuesday 7th of August
anything for the agenda
phone or email any
committee member**



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For Sale

Topper 44505,
Turquoise deck, Good condition,
Fully raced rigged,
Ronstan centre main,
Carbon-fibre tiller extension,
Padded toe straps,
New lower section of mast
(new summer '05),
Top and bottom covers
(new summer '06),
Sail and foil bags included,
Trolley included

£1000

Contact: The Shepherds, 01397
722379,
clareshep89@hotmail.co.uk or
tonyshep@clara.net

FOR SALE

**one VHF set, NAVICO RT6500S.
complete with hand mic.
No external aerial. £50.
tel 01687 470 266, Simon Macdonald.**

For Sale:**Drascombe Lugger.**

**1994, very good condition,
used only 10 days each year.**

**Never raced!. Full cover, spray hood,
good sails, mercury 4hp,
good road trailer, anchor, fenders, etc
etc. Price, £6500. Contact Simon
Macdonald 01687 470266.
info@smokedproduce.com**

Is there a Threesome out there willing to take this on ?

----- Original Message -----

From: jean bottomley <<mailto:jbbottomley@hotmail.com>>

To: hamish@loudon.sol.co.uk ; Iainloudon@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 10:04 AM

Subject: GBR170

Hello Iain & Hamish.

Details For GBR170. The extra mast I have I hope to sell separately As It did not come with my soling when I first bought (its an Abbot hardly used)

1997 Borreson Sailed in the 2000 Olympics (In Pristine condition)

4 wheeled Harbek Trailer, Twin Boxes

Full boat covers, Boom cover, Mast down cover etc, etc

Black Abbot Mast

3 Main sails 1 Doyle 2 Elvstrom (All in Good condition)

4 Jibs Excl,. condition

4 Spinnakers, 3 as new, 2 Sobstad, 1 Banks, 1 North,

Tack Tick Compass, (Digital)

2 Hiking Harness

All Lines & Fenders etc,. Dipper trailer, Shroud Gauge

This Soling has been unbeatable over the number of years that I have owned her winning all championships (bearing in mind that this can only be achieved with a good crew working together)

The only reason for sale is, I will be having a 2nd knee replacement very soon

Priced at £ 12000, ovno

Tel No 01253596826 Mobile 07799001219T

Thanks (Reluctantly) Bryan

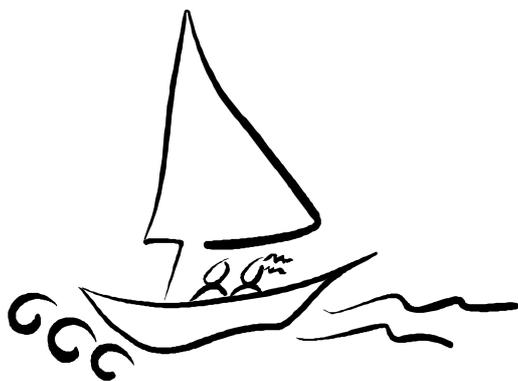
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The Black Rock Race

was held, Sunday 15th July, in glorious, sunny, but calm weather. Four dinghies set off at 11.30, two Wayfarers, a Laser 5000 and an Osprey. Progress was very slow. Paul Biggin, in his Osprey "Bird of Spray", retired, probably bored to death with just sitting on the water. The others ghosted on till a turning point, using the 'Safety One' RIB instead of a rock, was agreed, just south of 'Three Mile Water' as Black Rock was still some two kilometres away. 'Commodore Pete' in the Laser rounded first, followed by David Robertson and Brian Fallows in their Wayfarers. The return leg was even slower, so a course shortening finish line was set up, off a house at Heron Point. Brian crossed first, at 14.48, then David at 14.57, with a fast recovering Pete just ten seconds later. 'Safety Two' gave Brian a tow back, while the others wanted to continue sailing, but a slight breeze did not last, so 'Safety One' towed them both back to the club slipway. Joe and I had a great day on 'Safety One'. I hope everyone else enjoyed their day too.

Regards,



DINGHY PARKS

The Club likes to know what's where in ,and outside, the Dinghy Parks and in Downies. If you have a boat, inflatable, trailer, surfboard, or whatever at the Club at the moment, however temporarily, that's not already listed and/or paid for at the beginning of the season could you please let

Adrian Hope (adrian.hope1@virgin.net) or Jim Shearer(j.shearer@tiscali.co.uk) know.

If you would like permanent storage please contact the Treasurer- Bob Aitken (kmorerj@talk21.com) for an application form. It would also help if all boats are marked with the name of the boat or the owner ;insurance companies usually need this to be done also. If anything goes adrift we can't help you if we didn't know it was there in the first place.



Photo supplied by Jean Bottomley

Launching Facilities

As a reminder - if anyone receives enquiries about launching in the area, we can offer our facilities if appropriate, or alternatively refer them to the Corpach Small Boat Owners Association slipway at Corpach. Direct them to the west entrance to the ex-paper mill and report to the gatehouse (24hrs) – there is a flat rate charge of £20 for the season.

Chris (Hon. Sec.)



Obituary - John Newman

As Hon. Sec. I received this email a few days ago:

I was informed at the weekend that former member Mr John Newman passed away suddenly at his home in East Devon on Monday 9th July. John was a very active member of the club in the 1970's and I crewed for him many times as a teenager in his Vivacity 22.

He leaves his wife Elizabeth and children David, Susan, Diana and Catherine and their families. Correspondence to

Mrs Fiona Wilson (Anderson) 'Abbots Mews', Coombe Raleigh, Honiton, East Devon.

I replied saying I would pass it on the "Old Salts" and then received this:

Hello Chris,

Thank you for your email.

I was still in Fort-William in 1974 and was still sailing when Dad was made redundant from the Mill in 1975 and got a job in Bradford so we had to leave. I still miss the place a lot. We have made a few visits over the years but not as many as I would have liked. Dad passed away 3 years ago.

I sailed with John in the Vivacity and also and with my then boyfriend Brian Robertson who is in fact in the canal basin with his boat this Friday 20th.

We sailed the old yacht OLA to Oban on Xmas eve 1973 in a gale as a favour for one of the LYC members, its a wonder we ever got there and much to the worry of our parents(we were 17 then?)

I looked at LYC History on the web and was very disappointed not to find any pictures of the club in the 'old days' .There must be a wealth of archive material at the Highland News and Oban Times offices. We were always in the paper with the dinner dances and winners etc.

I won the No Duffers Cup and The Mermaid (ladies) trophy in 1971 2 or 3 (should be on the cups?) and that was in the paper.

Also my dad ran his boat as safety boat for many years in the early 1970's, he was Derek Anderson in the Vega 2.I have some slides of it in action which I could send if you could get them on the history site.

I crewed in a GP 14 for Duncan MacPhee who was 15 at the time!! when I was about 12 years old and also for Adrian Hope but progressed to the keel boats as I got older lured by the thought of NOT getting wet and cold. We nearly came to grief in the Vivacity off Oban in 74 I think, when we got caught in a gale on one of the long distance races down the loch round Lismore and back up. Nasty there where the Sound of Mull meets Lismore and Loch Linnhe and tide going out against a SW gale, we had huge pyramid waves and broached- too with water coming over in to the cockpit.

All a long time ago. Happy memories.

Fiona Wilson (Anderson)