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## **Editorial**

The Telltale is out early this month because we are all going to be a little busy in a very short time from now.

I also left a lot of useful information in from last month as there was not a lot of new stuff to put in, but what there is is first class.

Also note that I have put a £1 price on hard-copy-sales hoping it would either fill the club coffers or pay for some ink for printing, but I will let the Committee decide on that.

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# **TellTale**

## **Future Events**

### **Scottish Soling Championships**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

*Simon's Saturday Supper in the marquee pm*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

*Start times to be announced*



### **Closing Muster/Pursuit Race**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

*Start to be announced.*



### **Challengers Travellers**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Continuing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

*in combination with*

**Points racing 4 (3 & 4)**



### **Dinner Dance**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November**



**New Years Day Sail**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January**



**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**

August is almost at a close, Monday and Wednesday evenings' start time have moved forward to reflect the shortening days, but activity at the club is stronger than ever; Thursday evenings are as popular as ever - who ever suggested that we could not operate without a clubhouse!?

Speaking of which, it is looking fantastic! I have received of messages of support from many other Scottish sailors - individuals and other clubs - who are aware of our plight. I have been amazed by the number of people who have passed the club and contacted me to congratulate us, as a club, on the progress we have made and to compliment the 'new' race control tower! It has certainly created a lot of interest...

Hopefully we will be installed by the end of next month; not quite in time for the Closing Muster, or the Soling Scottish Champs.....pity!

There are plenty more club events to support before the Closing Muster - please check your handbook and also the other pages in this TellTale for details and let's get as many boats on the water as possible.

Also, whilst on the topic of the handbook, please check the various rotas and make sure you are either there if you name is on the list, or arrange for a suitable substitute to make sure that things run as smoothly as we all would like. Duties don't come round that often and though they can be onerous, the club cannot operate racing without the support of us all.

Finally, don't forget the Annual Dinner Dance in November - I know it is a long way off, but it is even more important to support it this year as it is another source of much needed income for the club - we are still some £4000 short of the total needed for the rebuilding project, so every little helps!

I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

*Pete*

### **CLUB FINANCES (or lack of)**

Last week the Club had more money in its bank account than ever before. Alas but for a day as the insurance monies had immediately to be paid out to pay the outstanding bills. Indeed from now on it's a ever downward slope since, as noted in last months Telltale, the full funding needed to complete equipping the new Clubhouse is yet to be secured. The total reached from the recent appeal is now £4,625 of the £8,000 required, so not much but a bit more to go.

The Club's financial year end is 31 August so the crunch will come in the next financial year. In fact the income and expenditure for this year will show an operating surplus since the Club has been quite active, however the surplus has already been allocated to help pay our matching share of the Clubhouse extensions. The problem is accounting for the construction in progress since although the cash flow will be managed so as to ensure that the Club's bank account stays in credit, the annual accounts will need to disclose the total of the Club's unpaid capital commitments. Hopefully by the date of the AGM (late October to be held in the new Clubhouse?) when the accounts need to be approved by the Members present the position will be more positive.

Bob Aitken (Hon Treasurer)





## **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

Martin Basil who is a student



### **Marquee Dinner**

Simon and Team Trilleachean are preparing a sit down meal for Saturday evening, at a cost of £10 per head.

You will appreciate that producing a hot, three course meal for 40-50 in a marquee, with limited facilities is not easy. So PLEASE come along and make Simon's efforts worth while.

Yours,  
Hamish

**Liz says BOOK NOW Please**

### **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!

**NB.** The committee wishes that the works are held off until after the Challenger weekend.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Merrydancer wins at Arisaig.**

Arisaig Regatta was held on 4th-5th August in mixed conditions.

Racing was abandoned on the Saturday because of a SW gale.

No point in spilling the G & T without good excuse! The fleet therefore reported for duty at the bar of the Arisaig Hotel. Saturday night was celidh night for the fleet and friends at the Astley Hall. Much dancing and merriment with Barbeque run by LYC's BBQ king, Ken.

By Sunday morning, the conditions had moderated, and once again Ken donned his apron for the Hangover BBQ breakfast on the Arisaig pontoon.

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**The Committee meets Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of September**



**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](mailto:clareshep89@hotmail.co.uk) or  
[tonyshep@clara.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:hamish@loudon.sol.co.uk) ; [Iainloudon@aol.com](mailto: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 Guage

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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### **Arisaig Regatta**

The traditional Eigg and Spoon Race started at noon with a small fleet, ranging from Jim Fowler's magnificent and majestic but very quick Swan 45, to Simon Macdonald's Soling, Merrydancer (with a bar, fitted carpets and a couple of berths, oh, and a cooker and central heating!).

There was tight racing between the Swan and Soling all the way to Eigg, where a shortened course, due to the wind dropping away, at Eigg Harbour. Line honours went to Jim Fowler's Swan followed twenty seconds later by Merrydancer with Simon Macdonald and Rebecca Smith. On corrected time, Merrydancer had gained a substantial lead to win the event. Local boat, "Caloo" (Jeaneau 30 something) finished third.

This comes as Merydancer's sixth victory out of seven Regatta's at Arisaig, proving ther's steam in the old boiler yet, same applies to Simon!



## **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](mailto:adrian.hope1@virgin.net)) or Jim Shearer([j.shearer@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:j.shearer@tiscali.co.uk)) know.

If you would like permanent storage please contact the Treasurer- Bob Aitken ([kmorerj@talk21.com](mailto: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.)