



# Lochaber Yacht Club



## Tell Tale

MARCH 2008

### Commodores Corner

Well....It seems only a moment ago I was warning everyone about the imminent end of the 2007 season and here we are almost at the start of the new 2008 one!

This will be a very short Commodore's Corner - the opening of the new season is nearly upon us and the 'Official Opening' of the new clubhouse a mere few weeks away!

March 29th is our big day - please take note of the announcement elsewhere in this Tell Tale. All members are cordially invited to the big day – additionally official invitations have been sent out to various visiting 'dignitaries' and the official deed will be done by our MP - Charles Kennedy.

We are hoping for a good turn out of members so if you can make it (we are aware it is a popular date!) please do come along to the club for a 1230 start. There will be a race at 1400 for anyone keen to get onto the water and again the more boats, the merrier. One of our aims for the day is to show everyone that we are seriously back in business as an active sailing club - so come on down and get out on the water - especially if you have a big or pretty-coloured sail - we want to create a scene!

Beyond the 'Grand Opening' we have the Dinghy Points Series starting soon and Junior and Senior 'Learn to Sail' sessions all starting within the next 2 months as well as keelboat racing by the end of April.

We have this great new facility - let's make the most of it! Hope to see as many of you as possible on the 29th & through the rest of the season.....

### Events

Ladies Coffee Morning  
13<sup>th</sup> March 10:30 am  
all welcome

### Clubhouse opening and Frostbite Race

Members are invited to the opening of the Lochaber Yacht Club Clubhouse by the Rt. Hon. Charles Kennedy MP on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30 pm

#### Timetable

**Before 12:30** Rig boats in front of clubhouse for display and to be ready for a quick lunch & launch

**1230** – welcome drinks, etc

**1300** – Welcome remarks by Commodore – followed by a few words from Charles Kennedy and the unveiling of a plaque (outside if weather permits) to declare the clubhouse officially open.

**1310** – a light buffet lunch.

**1400** – start of the Frostbite Race.

**1500** (approx) finish of the race.

The Committee hopes members will be there to act as hosts to their guests - Kennedy, Locheil et al, to sail in the opening race and to enjoy a celebratory family day out, buffet lunch and a glass of wine for everyone.

We would like a good turn out of club dinghies. The race will be round a short spectator friendly course and handicap results will be based on average lap times.



## PHOTOS REQUIRED

FOR DISPLAY ON THE CLUB NOTICE BOARD  
FOR THE OPENING DAY

DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF YOUR BOAT  
OR A BIT OF CLUB HISTORY

SEND DIGITAL OR PRINTS TO

PAUL BIGGIN - [pb125@aol.com](mailto:pb125@aol.com)

ALL PHOTOS WILL BE RETURNED

AFTER COPYING



## Editor's comments

Well Brit is away in New Zealand and this is what you get! Probably only one Spring issue of Telltale before she comes back. Any complaints will be mulled over wine.

The last committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March brought forth a few interesting snippets.

On the subject of "**Learning to Sail**" child protection policy was discussed. Ali Hyde has volunteered to be our child protection representative so any queries should go to her. The **child protection policy** for the club will be displayed on the notice board in the OOD's room and in the members section of the web site. Disclosure forms are available and should be completed by any instructor or other adult who might find themselves in a one to one situation with a junior. Disclosures are voluntary and paid for by the RYA. We hope to have blank forms on the web site.

On the question of **insurance**; instructors operating for the club under Hamish as principal are insured for third party risks by the club. If they operate outwith the club or on their own from the club then they are recommended to take out insurance under a scheme provided by the RYA.

In the **clubhouse** we are just beginning to get to grips with the quirks of a new building. If anyone has difficulty **locking** or unlocking the doors they should seek enlightenment and not use force! After locking the door please check that both doors are indeed locked. The disabled loo is rather a long way from the hot water tank and the tap has a peculiar operation – both enlightenment and patience are required.

Paul Biggin

Pictures by Martin Basil

## Welcome to New Members

Since last Telltale there are three new family members whom we welcome to the Club -

Andrew & Kshama Wilmington; Richard & Diane Creel ;Ian & Wendy Hope.

## Reminder – Membership Fees

As inevitable as the turn of the tide the deadline (1st January) for payment passes and 2008 membership fees are now overdue. Handbooks "fresh off the press" and keys will be given out (not posted) shortly to those members who have paid their dues. If by chance you've forgotten, cheques asap to Bob Aitken please. The sailing season for the hardy is now less than a month away.

## Slipway Hazard

The saga of the concrete blocks continues. Their journey to the low tide line was somewhat hesitant. They now lie as obstructions at the bottom end of the slipway. By the time you read this we hope they will have been moved. If not **beware**.



## LYC Sailing Fixtures 2008

Times are BST from March 30th & Tide times are at Oban

Date	Class	Event	Start	Tide	
				High	Height
<b>MARCH</b>					
Sat 29		<b>Clubhouse Opening Ceremony and Frostbite Shield Race</b>	1230 1400	0915	2.9
<b>APRIL</b>					
				<b>BST</b>	
Wed 02	D	Points 1(1)	1900	1647	3.1
Wed 09	D	Points 1(2)	1900	2040	3.8
Wed 16	D	Points 1(3)	1900	1656	3.1
Sat 19	D	Junior learning to sail	0900	1819	3.7
Sun 20	D	Junior learning to sail	0900	1849	3.8
Wed 23	D	Points 1(4)	1900	2017	3.7
Sat 26	D	Junior learning to sail	0900	0925	3.1
Sun 27	D	Junior learning to sail	0900	1006	2.9
Mon 28	K	Points 1(1) also <b>Brass Monkey</b>	1930	1109	2.7
Wed 30	D	Points 1(5)	1930	1515	2.8
<b>MAY</b>					
Thu 01	D/K	Club Night & Adult Learning to sail		1600	3.0
Sat 03	D	Adult learning to sail	0900	1710	3.5
<b>Opening Muster/Pursuit</b>					
Sun 04	D/K	<b>Race/BBQ&amp; Adult LtS</b>	1400	1746	3.8
Mon 05	K	Points 1(2)	1930	1824	3.9
Wed 07	D	Points 1(6)	1930	1946	3.9
Thu 08	D/K	Club Night		2031	3.8
Sat 10	D	Adult learning to sail	0900	1003	3.2
Sun 11	D	Adult learning to sail	0900	1112	2.9
Mon 12	K	Points 1(3)	1930	1301	2.7
Wed 14	D	Points 1(7)	1930	1528	2.9
Thu 15	D/K	Club Night		1610	3.0
Sat 17	D	Adult learning to sail	0900	1715	3.4
Sun 18	D	Adult learning to sail	0900	1748	3.6
Mon 19	K	Points 1(4)	1930	1821	3.7
Wed 21	D	Points 2(1)	1930	1928	3.8
Thu 22	D/K	Club Night		2003	3.7
Fri 23	K	Scottish Series		0815	3.5
Scottish Series/Sail Caledonia 24 - 31					
Sat 24	K	May		2116	3.5
Sun 25	K	<b>Corran Red (alt 17 Aug)</b>	1100	0924	3.2
Sun 25	K	Scottish Series/Sail Caledonia	1330	2157	3.3
Mon 26	K	Scottish Series/Points 1(5)	1930	2245	3.2
Wed 28	D	Points 2(2)	1930	1205	2.8
Thu 29	D/K	Club Night		1327	2.9
Fri 30	K	Cuilcheanna to Oban feeder		1447	3.0
Sat 31	K	Oban Keel Boat Regatta		1546	3.2

### Dinghy Rota 2008

Date	Event	Rescue Boat Driver	OOD
<b>APRIL</b>			
Wed 02D	Points 1(1)	Donnie Meldrum	Marie Bryden
Wed 09D	Points 1(2)	Andy McKenna	Gordon Smith
Wed 16D	Points 1(3)	Pete Hyde	Nicola Fair
Wed 23D	Points 1(4)	David Haines	Jim Douglas
Wed 30D	Points 1(5)	Sandy Austin	Liz Loudon

#### **MAY**

Sun 04 D/K	<b>Opening Muster/Pursuit Race</b>	Carol Fallows	Michael White
Wed 07D	Points 1(6)	Adrian Hope	Peter Lister
Wed 14D	Points 1(7)	Ian Fleming	Carol Fallows
Wed 21D	Points 2(1)	Jim Shearer	Chris Parton
Wed 28D	Points 2(2)	Paul Biggin	Rebecca Smith

It is the responsibility of the OOD and Rescue Boat Driver to arrange his/her own assistant. Advice/help on starting procedures is available from the Keelboat/Dinghy Convenors or Committee Members

### Keelboat Rota 2008

Date	Class	Event	Water Taxi	OOD
<b>APRIL</b>				
Mon 28	K	Points 1(1) for <b>Brass Monkey</b>	Rascal	Didima V
<b>MAY</b>				
Sun 04	D/K	<b>Open Muster/Pursuit Race/BBQ</b>		See dinghy rota
Mon 05	K	Points 1(2)	Romance	Schonbrunn
Mon 12	K	Points 1(3)	Trilleachan	Tern
Mon 19	K	Points 1(4)	Just Gonnae No	Scintilla
Sun 25	K	<b>Corran Red(alt 17 Aug)</b>	Dirty Harry	Richard Rumney
Mon 26	K	Points 1(5)	Hussoling	Romance

The handbook contains the same rota as above but for the whole of the sailing season. Handbooks are given out when membership fees are paid. Extra ones are available at £2 each. Tide tables are available from the Rod & Gun shop.

#### **OODs**

Instructions for OODs are in the OODs room. Advice is free! Use of the computer to calculate and display results is optional, as is recording any interesting happenings. The results will be displayed on the web site and used for publicity.

## Adult Learn to Sail Course

Tell your friends

Programme

Thursday 1st May 1930 at the Clubhouse initial briefing, meet the Instructors, see the boats. Also Thursday evenings 8th and 15th

Weekends 3/4th, 10/11th and 17/18th May.

You should achieve the standard for the award of the nationally recognised RYA level 2 Dinghy certificate. This will entitle you to use the Club sailing dinghies for fun sailing.

Application forms are on the web site at

[www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk](http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk)

## For sale

This space is available free to club members to advertise items for sale. The same advert can be placed on the club web site for an international audience! Contact Paul Biggin email [dbi25@aol.com](mailto:dbi25@aol.com) with copy and if possible a digital photo.

## Mirror spares for sale.

Contact Paul Biggin 01397 772459 or email [dbi25@aol.com](mailto:dbi25@aol.com)

Prices - just a contribution to club funds and to see the bits in action!

Mast – aluminium and including all the fittings, spinnaker crane, etc.

Gaff boom – Ok but needs some gluing and varnish

Centreboard

Kicking strap

Sails Old jib and main

Newish jib and main

Spinnaker

All with number 4275

Self bailer

The Mirror hull of OOPS was destroyed in the gale and high tide of January 2006

