

### Future Events

Scottish Series / Sail Caledonia  
23-31 May



Sunday 25th of May  
Corran Red 11:00 start



Monday 9th June  
Crew's Race



**Lochaber Yacht Club  
Regatta**

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June



**Cruise & Race to Balnagowan**  
Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June



**Soling Nationals**  
Saturday 19th and Sunday 22nd July



**Laser Travellers**  
Saturday 24th and Sunday 26nd July



Points Races / **Keelboats** - Mondays  
Points Races / **Dinghies** - Wednesdays  
See your Handbook for details



Club Night is every Thursday night



LYC Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 3rd of June

### O'hoy

My apologies for taking such a long time to get into gear again. I think I might be getting old because I could not remember how to do this on a Word format after having used an Apple for several months then I had to edit the mailing list and now everything is pear shaped.

**Britt**

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## Commodore's Corner

The new season is definitely underway....both Dinghy & Keelboat points series have started, Junior Learn to Sail has been and gone(!) and the adult courses climaxed with a BBQ at Stronchreggan (weather permitting!) last weekend. Even your commodore has managed to make 3 appearances between other commitments so there can be no excuse!

Several of the 'Usual Suspects' can be found littering the loch on both Monday and Wednesday evenings and also a number of new faces as well as some notable returnees returned almost unchanged from the club archives - Mr Cameron, this includes you....but how can you sail a Wayfarer when you have a 5o5 in your garden?!!!!

The racing to date has been of a good standard despite the unwillingness of the wind to reciprocate the enthusiasm of the sailors - almost all of the races to date have been 'drifters', but the old adage that 'anyone can sail with wind' has made for some close and exciting even though occasionally frustrating racing. The results, along with much of interest to us all can be found on the very up-to-date club website.

It is time to get out your diaries, calendars or whatever other ruse you use to plan your life and highlight the dates of the Club Regatta

### 14th & 15th June

NoR and sailing instructions are available on the website - read them both carefully - it is a full-on regatta and your results could be affected by the small-print, so don't be caught out by any modifications from 'the norm'. It's something Becky and Robert were taught right from the start by the squad coaches and never did them any harm.

If you like the sight, sounds and smells of more traditional boats then put 24th May in your diary as 'Sail Caledonia' will be launching from the club slipway on that Saturday with its usual array of more or less traditional seafaring vessels before they set off along the Great Glen in the footsteps of the former 'Great Glen Raid'.

If you are a keelboat owner your should also have already highlighted 31st May & 1st June as Oban Keelboat regatta and whatever type of boat you sail you are assured of a warm welcome at Glencoe Boat Club on Saturday 7th June. Both host clubs have offered free moorings for any of our boats venturing South in search of additional Silverware. Be aware though Vaila is once more afloat and will be a serious contender for any trophies - the mantle has been cast!

I may well miss our own regatta - shame on you, I hear - due to other sailing commitments, but I hope it is even bigger and better than ever and that the new clubhouse can play host to an event that does full justice to its existence and all our members' efforts.

Have a great summer!

Pete



**Photo by Britt Kisby**

## UNPAID SUBS

Although the sailing season has started there are still a few members who have yet to decide if they are taking to the water this year and rejoin the Club. Possessing a Handbook confirms membership so if you haven't got one it will be that you haven't yet paid your sub for this year. If you have any queries about membership or payment please get in touch with Bob Aitken, the Treasurer.



## New Members

have joined the Club in time for the sailing season and we wish them fair winds and favourable tides over the summer:

The Hope family from Inverness;

Iain and Wendy and sons Neil and Owen

Richard and Diane Creel

Andrew and Kshama Wilmington

Helen Karlsson

Niall and Jane Allen

Lyn Kilpatrick

Amanda Henderson

Adrian Boal



The TellTale comes free to members of the Club

## Race Results

So far we have had three of the Trophy events. The frostbite race came first on the same day as the official opening of the new club house by Charles Kennedy. The Frostbite was also our first go at "average lap racing". Mainly because the weather did not cooperate we ended with a confused result so the race had to be declared void. You can see the results in detail posted on the club notice board along with results of all the other races to date for this season. The results are also posted on the club web site at [www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk](http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk). The Frostbite Race will be rerun probably at the end of the season.

The next go at average lap racing was the Brass Monkey for Keelboats. This also suffered from very light to non-existent wind. Good for Rascal which managed two laps, not so good for Solaris and So Long.

### **Lochaber Yacht Club 2008 Brass Monkey**

#### **Keelboats**

Start Time --- Date 28-Apr-08

OOD Name DIDIMA Time 19:30:01.3

Boat Name	Sail Class No.	H'cap	Last Lap Time	No of Elapsed Laps	Elapsed Time	Most laps Time	H'cap Time	Place	Crew Names
Solaris	161 Soling	0.7292	dnf	1	dnf	dnf		4	Hamish
Rascal	163 Soling	0.7292	20:45:12	2	01:15:10	01:15:10	0:54:49	1	Robbie
So Long	156 Soling	0.7292	dnf	1	dnf	dnf		4	Duncan

Average lap racing is still handicap racing and is designed to cope with a wide range of handicap amongst the boats competing. It is something that we thought worth trying so some of the trophy races as detailed in the handbook are going to be run on this system. We will learn by the experience.

The Opening muster and pursuit race never took place as it clashed with an extremely busy adult training course. Instead we are finishing the training course with a picnic. The results of this will no doubt appear in the next edition of Telltale.

## Lochaber Yacht Club 2008 Dinghy Points One

### Fast Handicap Dinghies

Boat Name	Sail No.	Class	H'cap	Crew Names	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total Score	Less D'cards	Final Pos.
Artful Dodger	3083	Wayfarer	1099	Brain Fallows, Graham Fallows	3	1	2	3	7	8	6	30	15	3
Bird O'Spray	1268	Osprey	940	Paul Biggin & Co.	4	3	4	5	7	2	3	28	16	4
MCP	8430	Wayfarer	1099	Hamish Loudoun & Co.	1	5	1	2	1	1	1	12	5	1
Whimbrel II	4790	Wayfarer	1099	David Robertson & Co.	2	2	3	1	3	4	2	17	10	2
Roo-Too-Too	9228	Mirror	1178	Ian Fyfe, Iain Fyfe jnr	6	5	5	8	7	5	6	42	27	7
Mean Machine	5094	Laser 5000	846	Pete Hyde & Co.	6	5	7	6	2	6	6	38	21	5
Mr Blue	3523	Wayfarer	1099	Martin Faulkner &Co	6	5	7	4	4	3	6	35	22	6
Magic Gherkin	83635	Laser	1078	Angus Fyfe	6	5	7	8	6	8	6	46	30	8
Piste Poser	42820	Laser	1078	Jim Douglas	6	5	7	8	7	8	5	46	30	8
Boats entered	9			Boats in race	4	3	5	6	5	6	4			

### Slow Handicap Dinghies

Boat Name	Sail No.	Class	H'cap	Crew Names	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total Score	Less D'cards	Final Pos.
Barnacle	8	Topper	1290	Jamie Riley	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14	18	2
Azzura	2	Topper	1290	Euan Wilkie	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	15	19	3
No Name	5	Topper	1290	Alexander Wilkie	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	17	1
Boats entered	3		1290	Boats in race	3	0	0	0	0	0	0			

So – the first dinghy series has finished already and by the time you read this we will be into the second. In the Fast Handicap MCP piloted by Hamish and assisted by various motley crew has won. Whimbrel II with David Robertson at the helm and Jim or Kim crewing came second – persistence pays, the only boat to compete in all the races of the series. Then came Brian and Graeme in Artful Dodger – could have done better! Bird O'Spray at 4<sup>th</sup> could also have done better - it is just a question of staying upright. Various others put in the odd appearance, the commodore in Mean Machine – we are all waiting for this boat to fly, the Fyfes in the Mirror Roo-Too-Too performed well as did Martin Faulkner in Mr Blue. Finally there were a couple of occasional Lasers, Angus Fyfe in Magic Gherkin and Jim Douglas in Piste Poser.

The Slow Handicap series suffered from a lack of competitors. Only one race had any entrants.

### Dinghy Rota

This is a plea for those on the Dinghy rota to please turn up or at least let someone know that they can't make it or better still find a replacement. The dinghy rota is published in the Handbook and on the club web site [www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk](http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk) <<http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk>> . The rescue boat driver should find their own crew. There are quite a few new members who would be delighted to be asked. The more people we can involve in club activities the better. Being the OOD is not a difficult task. There are plenty of instructions and help on offer and if it all goes pear shaped it can't be worse than having no OOD or capsizing.

Regards Paul

## Admiralty Charts For Sale

Donald Laird donated these to the club. Proceeds will go to club funds. Contact Beryl Austin 01397 772473 for further info. Guide price £5 per chart.

### Chart Index

No.	Name
1791	Caledonian Canal (Sold)
1824a	E coast Ireland, Irish Sea (old stained) x2
1994	Approaches to R Clyde, Greenock, Great Harbour
2131	Firth of Clyde and Loch Fyne
2155	Sound of NW coast of Mull (old & stained)
2169	Approaches to Firth of Lorne (stained)
2171	Sound of Mull and Approaches
2198	N channel S part
2199	N channel N part
2207	Point of Ardnamurchan to Sound of Sleat 2
2208	Mallaig to Canna Harbour 2 off
2209	Inner sound
2210	Approaches to Inner Sound
2249	Orkney – Western sheet
2250	Orkney – Eastern Sheet
2378	Loch Linnhe – S part
2379	Loch Linnhe – Central part
2380	N part – Loch Leven narrows (stained)
2381	Lower Loch Fyne
2382	Upper Loch Fyne
2394	Loch Sunart (stained)
2397	Sound of Jura N part (stained)
2475	Sounds of Ghia and Gunna
2477	W Loch Tarbet and Approaches
2496	Sound of sleat (old)
2500	Approaches to Loch Broom and Little Loch Broom
2502	Eddrachins Bay
2507	Ardnamurchan Point to Loch Brittle (old, stained)
2515	Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan
2528	Loch Kishorn and Outer Loch Carron, Loch Gairloch
2529	Approaches to Loch Stornoway
2541	Loch Duich
2652	Loch Tuath and Loch Keal (old)
2721	St Kilda to Butt of Lewis
2769	Barra Head to Greian Head, Castle Bay
2841	Sound of Harris to Ard More MANGERSIA

Some of these have already been sold, but I do not know which ones. Contact Beryl on 01397 772473



## 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)**



## 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

**Two Lewmar 40 winches, ex -Schönbrunn  
(now has self-tailing winches!) £100 the pair.**

**Chris Strong  
01397 772361  
[farrow3@lineone.net](mailto:farrow3@lineone.net)**



## Training

### Adult Learn to Sail

Well done to those taking part in the Adult Learn to Sail courses.

On Sunday 18th May eleven club members successfully completed the RYA Level 2 Dinghy Course.

Martin Faryma, Maurin MacDonald, Iain Hope, Martin Basil, Lyn Kilpatrick, Maurin MacDonald, Andrew Wilmington, Victoria Kimber, Hannah Bamber, Joe Willetts, Evelyn Larvin.

Thanks to the Dinghy Instructors

Adrian Hope, Martin Faulkner, Kim Cameron, Paul Biggin, Andy McKenna, (hoping Brian Fallows will soon be back to full sailing health) and Safety Boat drivers Brian Holgate and Jim Shearer (Mr Vice).



## Junior Training

This year we had ten juniors enrolling on the sailing course, which took place over the weekends 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008. As always for the junior training course the clubs more experienced junior sailors took the new starts out for one to one tuition to learn the ropes. The weather for the first weekend was not desirable for new starts; with a fairly strong, cold easterly wind. This meant that little progress was made as the new starts were getting cold and wet through the helpers throwing them overboard (not intentionally I hope). After a few land drills on how to tack they were soon grasping the basics.



The Sunday looked promising in the morning however the cold easterly wind picked up again causing the new starts to get cold. However both Hamish and I were very impressed with the progress the new starts were making in light of the difficult conditions. In the afternoon conditions improved and the sun even came out however as soon as we were about to go out the wind decided to go round in circles. By the end of the first weekend most were able to tack and sail on their own only needing some extra weight to keep the boat upright.

The second weekend started like the first with a strong wind but the wind was coming from a westerly direction. This again slowed progress but again the new starts were picking up what they had been learning. The last Sunday was the best day of both weekends with a nice light breeze and sun. This allowed the new starts to get their first experience of sailing on their own and put into practice what they had learnt.

The weekends ended with the much anticipated capsizing drill with a good demonstration by Euan on how not to do it, this was enjoyed too much by those who participated in it.

By the end of the second weekend Glen, Kieran, Ross, Andrew and Oscar had achieved their RYA Stage 1, with Chloe, Rebecca, Emma and Sarah nearly achieving Stage 1. All the new starts did very well considering the conditions and a very big Well Done to you all.

I would also like to thank my helpers Savannah, Robert, Euan, Fhian, Andres, Alexander and Alasdair for giving up their time over both weekends. They provided first class training, which showed in their respective pupils; without them the weekends could not have happened. Also thanks must go to Beryl and her catering team who provided excellent food, Hamish and all the other people who helped for making the weekends happen. Training is now continuing on Thursday nights were all are expected to gain Stage 2 by the summer.

Lee MacRae

**Well Done**

to the Sea Cadets and the Juniors on their achievement.



## **Dear Keelboat Sailors**

I hope you might manage to take part in the informal "race" to Eilean Balnagowan off Cuil Bay on 21/22 June 2008.

Full details in the handbook or on the website.

This is really an event aimed at keelboats rather than Solings, and the aim will be to socialise after the race /passage to Balnagowan either ashore or on yachts, all weather permitting.

## **Plea from the editor**

Please, when submitting anything for publication in the TellTale electronically send the text in email and add any pictures only as attachments. This makes it possible to copy and past to tweak things into corners and spaces where they would not fit as a fully edited page.

Apart from the fact that my iBook Apple is rapidly turning into a museum piece and I find it difficult to chew anything bigger than 1 megabyte, it is also an advantage when printing to keep the hard paper copy down to less than 100g for 2<sup>nd</sup> class posting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Britt



**Te Bheag 2007**  
**A Summer Cruising Log by Jim Douglas**

Third and final Instalment of the first part; Te Bheag is in Tobermory – shopping –

Tobermory is always justifiably popular with Yotties. The Balamory coloured buildings and range of shops always raise the spirits of the crew no matter what the West Coast weather is doing. There is a Coop, Post Office and wonderful bakery. The range of cakes and fresh bread is enhanced by fresh deli things, which would make Nigella blush.

The famous Browns ironmongery is an Aladdin's cave with a superstore range in a Tardis box and staff who speak to you. There is an impressive range of Malts on display when you go up to offer £4.83 for your galley items. It is a rather clever marketing trick which the original Mr Brown must have developed in the Ante - Tesco period of British civilization. A bit like the sweeties at the Tesco checkout at child level and guaranteed to help you restock the range of malts on board. Navigation up Tobermory high street is even more dangerous for the naïve sailor when you pass Seafare the chandlery on the port bow where you can find more things you don't need but are compelled to buy. Seafare really needs a West Cardinal Mark for yotties to mark a dangerous area for the captain's pocket. However, this is just during the hours of daylight. The Mishnish is an equally dangerous place on the seafront, which is well lit at night and produces as much noise as the Ardnamurchan fog horn on occasion.

There are three moorings opposite the Mishnish, which are, but a short row for the drunken sailor. Indeed, if you arrive in Tobermory with a Pirate abeam and notice the bay moorings all taken, turn the wheel hard to starboard and do a handbrake turn with a smug glance to the chasing pirate as you take aboard Tobermory's last visitors mooring in the gathering storm.

However, beware of the sirens curse. Yes, the Mishnish steps look very inviting with the inflatable but you are guaranteed a surprise when you return on a rising tide. The inflatable is now trapped under the step and all attempts to free it risk a puncture or a dunking.

Little matter in the morning as you can refresh that tired feeling from the night before with a shower at the Youth Hostel for £2. Its actually a bit of a misnomer from what I can remember of being a youth 30 years ago in Youth Hostels. The same people just kept hostelling with ponytails, but they now have bald heads and a car out the back.

Next you can amble along the pier after your shower bearing 37 degrees Compass to admire Tobermories finest. No, this is not directions to the amber light district but the amber and blue machine with RNLI on the side. She rejoices in two independently plumbed rather large Iron Horses capable of speedily rescuing yotties from the Stirks in 10 minutes.

Tobermory has a genuinely eclectic range of culture and on previous visits we have chanced upon the Highland games, a classical guitar concert in the Aros centre and a first rate art exhibition.

The Harbour Trust provides excellent pontoons in addition to moorings and they are building a shower block for your smelly crew. MacKay's garage is another Tobermory gem. They sell diesel on the pontoon and are always very helpful with an excellent car hire service. £26 gets you an Astra for the day to explore Mull and Iona if your crew are at mutiny. The commanding position of Duart Castle recounts stories of nautical archaeology and clan warfare alongside Scouting. The white shell sand of Iona and its special light made it an obvious holiday destination from Ireland for St Columba.

We considered returning around the West side of Mull but weather and a family gathering arranged for the weekend made the sound a better option for our return journey ..... so more of that for my next instalment of the Te Bheag 2007 summer cruise!

Jim Douglas



# Lochaber Yacht Club



## 2008 Regatta

### Notice of race

Lochaber Yacht Club, Achintore Road, Fort William  
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June 2008

- 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY.** Lochaber Yacht Club Committee invite entries for our annual regatta.
- 2. RULES.** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules and such other rules as the Sailing Instructions for the event may prescribe.
- 3. ENTRIES.** The regatta is open to all classes of boat, which will enter the appropriate handicap or class races as follows. Entry forms are available on line at <http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk/>  
**1 - Solings, 2 – Keelboats: CYCA TMF 3 – Fast Handicap Dinghies, 4 – Any Other, 5 - Slow Handicap Dinghies** (likely to be Toppers and Mirrors only) Dinghy handicaps will be set as in the current PY handicap list. **There will be separate class starts at the race officer's discretion only if there are 5 or more in each class including the remaining handicap class.**
- 4. PROGRAMME.** Registration: Competitors should register by completing the entry form and posting it to arrive before Wed. 20th June. Post to Paul Biggin, Kilmallie House, Corpach, Fort William, PH33 7JJ Late entries will be accepted up to 11.30 hrs. on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the club. There will be no formal practice race.  
For each class there will be a schedule of 5 starts except for keelboats which will have 4 starts. Three (2 for keelboats) races are planned for Saturday and two for Sunday. There will be briefings on Saturday for Keelboats and Solings at 11.30 and for dinghies at 12.00. The first start will be no earlier than 12.30 on Saturday and 10.30 on Sunday. Classes will be started in the order given above at approximately 6 minute intervals.
- 5. SCORING SYSTEM.** A minimum of 2 races for each class shall be completed to constitute a series. The scoring system to be used will be as in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point system. **If 3 or more races are completed then the worst score will be discarded.**
- 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** The Sailing Instructions will be available at Lochaber Yacht Club on Saturday 23rd June before the first race or on line at <http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk/>
- 7. MEASUREMENT.** Valid and current measurement or rating certificates can be presented to the race office on registration/entry.
- 8. COURSES.** Courses will be set in Loch Linnhe south east of The Narrows at Annat and north of Three-Mile Water.
- 9. PRIZES.** Prizes will be awarded for each class to the first in the series of races and to second and third where numbers are 3 or more. Prizes will be presented at the club as soon as possible after the last race.



# Lochaber Yacht Club



## 2008 Regatta Entry Form

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2008

Helm: \_\_\_\_\_ Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Not just "Keelboat" or "fast handicap")

**Handicap:** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to be bound by the following: "The Racing Rules of Sailing", the ISAF Racing Rules, and the Sailing Instructions. Also the safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/ person in charge. (As described in Addendum A (RYA) of Appendix J to the Racing Rules of Sailing.) The owner/ person in charge must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/ person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/ person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the event. Moreover every owner/ person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races. I confirm that boat entered above has valid insurance cover including an amount of at least £1,000,000 for third party risks.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, Phone &Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Entry Fees:</b>	Solings - £25 including launching	Keelboats -	£25
	Single-handed dinghies      £10	Double-handed Dinghies	£18

The entry fee includes membership of the Club for the two days of the Regatta.

A "notice of race" and "sailing instructions" are available on <http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk/>

Moorings and Launching: High tide is 16.01 hrs BST on Saturday. Anyone wanting advice about moorings or launching please contact Hamish Loudon on 01397 702370 or 0787 9651951 first come, first served. Solings can be launched, using our hoist and trolley, on Friday – best not at Low water.

A dinner has been arranged for 7:30 pm on Saturday evening at a cost of £10 / head. (£7 for juniors) There is a seating limit of 60 so book early.

Cheques should be made payable to Lochaber Yacht Club - Amount enclosed £ \_\_\_\_\_

Entries should be sent to Paul Biggin, Kilmallie House, Corpach, Fort William, PH33 7JJ or can be submitted at the Yacht club on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.