



Editorial

Just as well the sailing season is at it's end; I have been sat at my editorial desk all day and spent more time staring out the window at the white horses, whipped up by a southwesterly, galloping full tilt at me up the loch. The window is now clean and free of cobwebs again. - And I have booked myself on a ryanair flight to Norway at the very end of November so not to miss neither the Dinner Dance nor the next issue's deadline.



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November 20th

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Future Events



Lochaber Yacht Club

A Community Amateur Sports Club (no.64)

Annual General Meeting

to be held in the Clubhouse

Ashburn Achintore Road, Fort William

Tuesday, 28th October, 2008 at 7:30pm

www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk



Dinner Dance & Prize Giving

at the Yacht Club

Saturday November 15th

7 o'clock for 7:30

Set Dinner, Tickets £16.00

Only 60 tickets available which MUST be paid for in advance. Payment to Bob Aitken at Kinlochmore Cottage,

Kinlochleven PH50 4RE. Tel 01855 831357

Or Beryl Austin, Puilldohran, Bonavie,

Fort William. PH33 7PB Tel. 01937 772473



Every Thursday the Thursday Gang will continue to come out to play - there are still a lot to do.



Photo by Keith Falconer



Commodores Corner

I thought I had got away with it!!..... This is definitely my last Commodore's Corner!!! It doesn't seem 2 minutes since I wrote the last one - then again I can't believe I have been Commodore for 2 years either! Though thinking back to the time of the fire, perhaps it has been a while....

I have very little worth saying this month - there has been even less sailing activity, although once again the Challenger sailors have shown the way, enjoying a wild and wet weekend at the start of the month.

**DON'T FORGET.....AGM Tuesday, 28th October, 2008 @ 7.30pm
be there or be square (or even worse get voted into a post in your absence!!!!)**

and equally important DINNER DANCE, 15th November 7.00 for 7.30 in the Clubhouse and don't forget your dancing shoes!!

See you all (hopefully at both)

Pete



Photo by Keith Falconer

LYC caps now available

Similar to the sought after 2005 50th anniversary caps in 100% cotton £10 each.

Will be available at the AGM. Contact Keith Falconer to order.

01397 7051776 or at kfalconer@kfalconer.f9.co.uk

Lochaber Solings Done Good!

The final Soling Travellers event of the year is always held at Kielder Water in Northumberland. The lake/reservoir is ten miles north of Hadrian's Wall and just big enough for Soling racing. The other attractions are the very friendly club (worth a visit) and two ancient pubs serving excellent real ale. The racing is also on fresh water which helps to rinse out the salt from all the gear. This year there was an ample supply from above and below!

On Saturday racing was cancelled after two races with the wind gusting at over thirty knots accompanied by heavy rain. The sail back to the moorings was done under jib alone and even then the Soling was shipping water as gusts were recorded at 45 knots. With Just Ginnie No (JGN) and Solaris safely moored the results were consulted, JGN was a useful second but Solaris was fourth thanks to touching a mark in race one taking her from first to fifth. GBR 170, Mr Crusty, fresh from the World Championships in Italy, led the pack.

Sunday was perfect for sailing, bright sunshine and a reasonably steady twelve knots although the direction varied in typical Kielder fashion. The race officer got the fleet away to an early start and four close races were completed before the wind started to drop in the afternoon. It was nearly a one two for LYC but Mr Crusty snuck in between JGN in third and the leading Solaris who had a secret weapon on board in the shape of a Lake Sailor from Windermere. This lucky break meant that Solaris just captured the Soling Travellers Trophy and having an ancient mariner at the helm took the Masters Trophy as well. A good day for team LYC. The Osprey sailors from Kielder have threatened to raid our Regatta next June. At least three of the five boats may come north to joust with "Bird O' Spray" so it will fall to Paul to defend the LYC reputation.

Good Luck!





Race Results

If you want to know how many points you have so far in the dinghy series, or who is in the medals then

www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk.

Those spotting the odd mistake, please tell me by email to Paul Biggin at dbi25@aol.com. If I don't know, I can't put it right!

"Oban Visitor Moorings"

now available on www.obanbayberthing.co.uk
email <obanbayberthing@gmail.com>

For Sale

Kestrel Sailing Dinghy

The club Kestrel is for sale

Available for inspection

in the dinghy park

Price £250 ono.

Contact Hamish Loudon

0787 9651851 FW 702370

Please let the editor know when something is sold.

FOR SALE

Laser Pico Sailing Dinghy
Virtually brand new and only sailed a handful of times:

Yellow Hull,

Cover, Trolley, Jib kit,
bags for everything!

Cost over 3,500 new

£1500 or near offer

Contact Gary MacLennan

07759 881311

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.
Price £6500
Contact Simon Macdonald 01687470266
info@smokedproduce.com

For Sale

Two Lewmar 40 winches, ex Schönbrunn
(now has self-tailing winches) £100.- the pair
Chris Strong 01397 772361
farrow3@lineone.net

For Sale

505 Sailing Dinghy
Combi Trailer, Cover, GRP with Wooden Deck
£500 ono
Kim Cameron 01397 703 766

Wanted

Launching Trolley and Towing Trailer
suitable for Mirror Dinghy.
Contact John Dougan 01397 701 071

Wanted

Dinghy for kids to sail eg Topper
Please contact Peter Lawson on
07798504434

For Sale

Child's Circle One wet suit about age 10	£5
Gill Dinghy Smock age 8/9 - as new	£5
wet suit shoes 24 cm long about size 1/	£2

Keith Falconer 01397 705176

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For Sale

Mirror 12904, "Zebidee". Complete with
road trailer, good cover and brand new
launch trolley, recently restored with
white hull, epoxy taped seams – dry
stored. All rigging and sails, ready
to sail (needs spinnaker). £450
Tel: 01397 712092 (Roy Bridge).



Thursday Club Report

Thursday 16th October 2008

Not the "Full House" of the usual suspects today; Mr Vice still in the US of A, Robbie was supervising his tree fellers and Brian F was plumbing. However, Adrian, Paul, Joe, Brian H, Hamish and the two Wilkie brothers (school is out) mustered for coffee. Brian wheeled in the logs helped by the Wilkie team. This was incorrectly credited to Brian last week although Robbie wheeled the barrow!

Conditions afloat were ideal for Race Mark lifting (advertised last week!!) Joe, Brian, Hamish and Alexander Wilkie sailed forth leaving Ewan Wilkie, Adrian and Paul ashore. Weren't they wise ones. Paul was preparing the ground behind the log store for the planting of "jaggy" bushes alongside the fence in order to discourage raids on the logs. Then he switched to grinder mode with the metal cutter which chopped up the surplus scrap around the club. Adrian was on clubhouse maintenance. Meanwhile, at race mark C, the afloat team recalled the words of Mr Vice when the mark was laid with much heavy counterweights. "Come the time for recovery it would be a good day to be absent" AND, where was the illustrious Vice Commodore??? It was indeed difficult to associate the struggle in recovering C with the "Joys of Sailing". Once the mark and substantial counterweight was recovered the ground tackle was marked with a float and the team headed back to the club recovering mark B enroute. Ewan and the Commodore awaited on the slip to move the marks ashore. Next target was mark F, dropping the Commodore onboard Tern on the way. Recovering F was almost a bigger struggle than C. We watched with envy as the Commodore enjoyed a fine sail with Tern headed for a sheltered winter berth. This leaves only four brave boats on the moorings. Perhaps the winter gales will not materialize?

Lunch was a welcome break. The Merlot was at the correct temperature thanks to Adrian, Peter Lister was absent supervising long awaited tradesmen at home. No fruitcake today, gloom. But, Beryl saved the day with a selection of goodies finishing with icecream and pears marinated in Port. Andy called to check the soup and pronounced it excellent. There was a definite lethargy with the coffee.

After lunch Paul moved the scrap to the dump and cleared the seasons rubbish from the wooden shed while Adrian continued on clubhouse duties. Brian, Alexander and Hamish went to sea targeting marks E and G. Suffice it say that only at mark E did the carefully rigged recovery line work correctly, at G the recovery was almost abandoned for lack of muscle power. On return to the slipway Robbie and Ewan moved the marks and weights. Robbie has his very effective power washer rigged so all five race marks were thoroughly cleaned in record time.

Soling GBR 127 "Romance" was moved clear of the hoist and made ready for departure to winter quarters. The last remaining Soling was moved under the hoist in case the crew had the urge to smooth the bottom of the keel. Tea was taken not long after the official hour of 1600, but without fruitcake!

NOTE There are four race marks still afloat. A few stalwart sailors could bring the marks ashore on Saturday, muster at 1330. Also, the Pioneer to come ashore and the engine to be fitted back onto the Dory, required for mooring work.

**Lochaber Yacht Club
A.G.M. on
Tuesday 28. Oct. 19:30**



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