



*New Computer, new operating systems, new layouts, new tricks but no new brain to match.*

The editor is not very impressed with Microsoft's all-around-the-houses-way of doing things, but having run out of time to learn her usual way, she went out and bought a book. Usually I do that when all is sorted just to see if they have any better ideas, but so far they never have. The book is called Mac OS 9 for DUMMIES, and cost as near £20 as you can get.

So here it is again, same format but better, I hope. Certainly it will not take me so long next month.

Britt



# TellTale



## Sailors to the Rescue

Report by Hamish

Sailing instruction for the beginners had just completed at Lochaber Yacht Club, Fort William on Saturday 29th April, when an alert member heard a call on the VHF radio. It was from Clyde Coastguard asking if there were any boats operating in the Corpach area. Assistance was required for a speedboat drifting without power. The possibility of casualties was unknown. The Commodore immediately made telephone contact with the Coastguards to establish the details. At the same time he dispatched the club safety boat crewed by the senior sailing instructor and helmed by an assistant instructor (who is also a member of the local mountain rescue team). VHF radio communications were quickly established from the safety boat to Clyde Coastguard and within five minutes the drifting speedboat was sighted. A tow was soon connected and the speedboat taken safely back to the slipway at Corpach where the crew of two were helped by the local Coastguard team. The crew were very lightly clad and the water was cold! So ended happily an event which, on another day in different weather might have had a tragic epitaph.

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*Please note deadline for June TellTale  
Friday 26 May*

**Commodores Corner**

Officially Spring has arrived but I am unsure if winter has actually finished.

Hamish has been very busy diving and laying moorings ready for the season. A slow trickle of keel boats have taken up residence and the Yacht Club is starting to become more active than the Winter Thursday's when a few dedicated members have been carrying out all manner of improvement tasks. Thanks to everybody who has helped.

There is now a full hot water system, the galley is almost complete but just waiting for one more cupboard to be built to Beryl's requirements and the locker seats have all been removed, modified and refitted with new hinges. Will any members who have allocated space within these lockers please keep them tidy. The sea defences have been improved and the car park rechipping completed.

An assessment of Club boats has been made and various repairs are either underway or have been completed. New trailers and covers have been purchased.

The dinghy training course is well underway and one power boat course completed. At the close of the course last Saturday an alert junior member reported that he had heard Clyde Coastguard (CH16) requesting assistance in the Corpach area. I can confirm that the club telephone is fully operational for making 999 calls. I despatched two instructors to attend and two people in a small open motor boat were found drifting. The boat was towed ashore and the casualty handed over to the waiting local Coastguards. Neither person had a lifejacket and they were only wearing thin clothing. Had they fallen into the water the ending could have been much different.

The dinghy racing started several weeks ago and the first keel boat race was last Monday. Would all members please check the handbook and if they are allocated an OOD or Safety Boat duty please either turn up or arrange for somebody else to carry out that duty. If you do not have your own boat, please ask about using a Club boat for the occasional time of for the entire season.

Your committee have been working hard making arrangements for all racing, functions and sailing events. All members are encouraged to participate to the fullest in our club. If there is anything additional you as a member would like the Club to provide we would be happy to hear your suggestions.

Richard Rumney  
Commodore

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**Saturday 27 May**  
**Sail Caledonia 2006**  
*Big arrangement  
hosted by us.*

*Read more about it on page 3*

**Tuesday, 16 May**  
**LYC Committee Meeting**  
**19.30 @ Clubhouse**

**Message from Liz.**

**Volunteers required at the  
LYC Regatta June 17/18**

**Rescue Boats -**

names to Chris Strong

**Tea Bar -** names to Beryl

**Cold sweets/Tray bakes/Salads etc**

names to Liz

**What's On**

*All races are listed in the*

**Handbook**

**Anything unplanned coming up will  
ofcourse be suitably framed and  
displayed in this column.**



*Extract from Chris' Committee Meeting Minutes:*

### Sail Caledonia- 2006

Martin Balcomb attended the meeting for this item. To discuss arrangement for the 2006 event, and to flag up for consideration the event in 2007. Received with thanks a cheque for £300 to cover expenses in 2005. Currently about 20 boats are expected, 80+ people, arriving Saturday 27th May. Club members will assist with parking, launching and provision temporary moorings and

a work boat. A race start will be organised for the boats to sail briefly around the vicinity of the club then over to the Canal. Lunchtime snacks, an evening BBQ and a drinks licence (AMOA) will be arranged by the Club.



#### Training

The annual traing class for beginners has been completed. Six adults and six juniors successfully completed the RYA Level 2 courses. Congratulations to Dawn MacRae and Martin Faulkner who have qualified as RYA Dinghy Instructors.

Training will continue on Thursday evenings starting at 1900. Or, just come along for a sail.

Yours,  
Hamish

#### For Sale

### Combi Trailer

Made by Hayling Trailers

Suitable for Topper, Laser or up to 250 Kg

Price New approx £470

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on Mobile 07887885598 or  
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#### SMOKING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES

At the last Committee meeting the Committee discussed the new Law which bans smoking in places such as the Clubhouse, and creates a criminal offence of permitting others to smoke in no-smoking premises (the Treasurer having visions of paying out £200 fixed penalty fines). It was agreed that compliance with the Act would be a Rule of the Club. Members, as well as obviously not smoking in the  
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Clubhouse themselves, should "politely" request anyone else inadvertently lighting up that the smoker please "extinguish their smoking material immediately".

If inexplicably this causes a problem the Commodore (as the "designated official") should be informed who in turn if needed will inform the Committee of the breach of Rules by the member.

Lighting a cigarette in a dinghy in flat calm to see what direction the air is coming doesn't seem covered by the Act so presumably is still allowed (if the crew permits).

**Editor's Wishlist**

When sending e mails for inclusion in the TellTale, put TellTale in the subject box so I know at once the item sent is for publication. If possible also check spelling and send as an attachment, and last but not least, don't forget to sign it.

***Britt Kisby***

***PS. Mark new email address***

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(Yes I know they have spelt my name wrong)

