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## Lochaber Yacht Club

#### October 2006

#### Editorial

Every time I think I have got something sorted, it all falls together in a big heap; The back page should have been full of Dawn's party pictures, but alas, I cannot open them and thus print them, so instead you have a sunset down Loch Sunart. It is not a bad view considering the camera was a free aift from Access.

It is very important that every body turns up for The AGM. You will not be voted on if you do not want to serve, but you will be able to vote for those you do want to serve

Britt

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# TellTale



Future Events

Saturday and Sunday 14-15 October CHALLENGER TRAVELLERS

See important notice on page 3



Annual General Meeting to be held in the Clubhouse on

Tuesday, 24th October 2006, at 19:30 hrs.



28<sup>TH</sup> October at the Club House HALLOWEEN PARTY & BONFIRE Bring your own food and drink. The bonfire lighting will be at 6:30 soup, tea, coffee etc available

Boat Whisperer Saturday 18 November



Lochaber Yacht Club Annual Dinner Dance Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at

The Grand Hotel, Fort William 19:00hrs for19:30

Adult ticket £22.50 Junior £15.00



#### Commodores Corner

The summer has gone and with the onset of autumn there will be a new flurry of activity at the club. The Soling sailors have extended their sailing season and can be seen out on a Sunday afternoon with a small social gathering afterwards. The keel boats will be going away to their winter storage facilities and other boats with be slipped or craned out onto trailers to be laid up. Race marks have to be lifted and brought ashore, the Pioneer and Dory have to be laid up and the outboard engines removed and winterised. Wood has to be collected and cut to be suitable for the club house heating system. Would any members with a little time please try to assist with these important tasks.

The year has been busy with traveller's events, our own regatta, racing and social program. Much work was carried out by your committee in arranging these events and all credit goes to everybody. The next major event is the Dinner Dance and tickets for this are going very quickly.

The AGM is the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month and the best way to enjoy your club would be to join the committee (Brian Fallows and Harry Jeffrey retire) and help to shape the future of your club.

The club house has suffered several broken windows this summer and the Police have two persons going to court for one the offences. I have just received my 3<sup>rd</sup> Citation to appear at Fort William Sheriff Court. Would all members please keep an eye on the club when passing. Jim Douglas had his outboard engine stolen from Downies shed. There did not appear to be any break in but the padlock was there and unlocked. Would every key holder please ensure that the padlock is secure when leaving Downies.

Richard Rumney.

Commodore

#### Junior Training

This year we had another successful junior group with 6 first years signing up who all went on to continue training on Thursday nights and at the end of last month they all received their RYA Stage 3. Throughout the season we have had lots of laughs, plenty of capsizing, a trip over to Compact basin, a water fight and lets not forget the rubber ducks and jelly babies. To end a successful sailing season we had a kids party and BBQ.

So I just wanted to say well done guyz, and that is to all 15 of you (didn't actually realise that's how many there were of you in total until not to long ago), and for achieving your Stage 3's. I've had lots of fun and I hope you guyz have too.

So Happy Sailing

Dawn ©

Boat Whisperer Monday 9th Oct. and Saturday 18 Nov. Hi all,

We have a World Champion coming to speak to dinghy sailors in the Highlands.

Please see <a href="http://www.gs-online.org.uk/">http://www.gs-online.org.uk/</a>

And to buy a ticket <a href="http://www.thebooth.co.uk/">http://www.thebooth.co.uk/</a>

Please spread the word, for more information please give me a ring.

Regards

Brian

From the Keelboat Convenor,

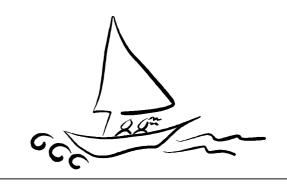
Aren't sailors perverse people? For the past few years we have put in the handbook a short Autumn series for keelboats. This year we didn't, and what happened? For the past three Sundays (Sept 17 & 24, and Oct 1) we have had Soling Sailing. Perhaps this is the plus side of Global Warming! If it is, can I persuade everyone to ensure that their boats race until the end of October next year so that we can have an even better Autumn Series. Those of us who did sail enjoyed both the racing and the PM Tea in the clubhouse afterwards. I would like to put the Autumn Series in the 2007 sailing programme in order, not just to extend the sailing season, but to encourage après sail socialising among sailors and their families. What about it?

#### NOTICE

The **Challenger Travellers** event for disabled sailors is over the weekend of 14/15th October.

If you can help in any way at all please contact Adrian Hope. Tel 772670. There will be real ale at the event.

**Bonfire Night -** Saturday 28th October



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Reporting the theft of a year old dinghy and Suzuki 2.5 hp two stroke outboard from Downies shed, and this after we all had been warned that there had been several thefts from boathouses and yards around the loch. The importance of securing equipment inside and locking the door with the padlock at all times, cannot be emphasized enough and check that the lock is really locked, even when there is a queue waiting to get in behind you.



LYC have the following items for sale:

Avon Redstart inflatable tender, bagged and boxed.

Avon Rover RIB R3.10, 10' 2", oars and "dolly wheels",

Seagull 40+ outboard engine, 2 - 3 hp, water cooled, 2 stroke,

Metal -Nickel Aluminium Bronze propeller right-hand folding, 18inch dial, 14 inch pitch 1.75 inch bore STD.TE taper Made by Teignbridge Engineering Ltd, weight 5.5 Kg

Further details from and offers to Chris Strong for consideration by the Committee. 01397 772361, sec@lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk



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The editor needs to know if a 'for sale' notice is to be continued or not.

All for sale notes are free but printed at the discretion of the committee

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October Sunset