



Editorial

Being very selfish the editorial board decided, unanimously, that the editor needs a prolonged period of R&R (rest and recuperation). To achieve this I have just typed 'March' in to the header next to February. We are more than half way into February, rapidly advancing on 'best before' - and 'sell by dates, and it being a very short month anyway - nobody will notice.

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TellTale

Future Events

Next and further Committee Meetings

Tuesday, 6th January

10th April, 8th May

NEVIS BANK HOTEL



The Thursday Club

meets every Thursday

where the Clubhouse used to be
-between coffee time and tea time-
and soup in between.

Extra brain-power and elbow-grease
will be appreciated.



The Aliens are here. We don't know
where they are coming from.

Dr. Liz Cook, speaker at the

FITTING OUT SUPPER

31st March 2007

6.30 for 7

at the **Pinemartin Café**

at the bottom of the gondola lift
at the Nevis Range

Supper and bar £10.-



Racing Sunday 1st April
Frostbite Shield

Start at 1400



The Commodore's Corner

Greetings Sailors!

A very brief CC this month - I am afraid I am an even briefer visit home during a spell of working away. Hot news from the Planning Board is that we now have received Planning Consent to rebuild the clubhouse - this sounds fantastic, but....

We are now waiting for the production of a set of full 'working drawings' for submission to the Building Control Department who will peruse them to ensure that a) the new clubhouse will actually stand up and that b) it will comply with all the current (very complex) building regulations. This could be a fairly lengthy process and one over which we have little influence. Be assured that the Committee will do its utmost to expedite the process but don't hold your collective breathe. Once we receive the Building Warrant we believe the building works will take approximately 4 - 5 months, so all things being equal we will be sailing from the new clubhouse before the end of the season. We are still somewhat short of the total sum for rebuilding, so if any one out there has any ideas for acquiring sums of money (of whatever size) please pass on ideas to any member of the Committee. Finally don't forget the Fitting Out Supper on March 31st - as advertised elsewhere in this TellTale - and I hope to see a good turnout for the Frostbite Race on April 1st - NO! It's not a joke, or April Fool. It's not far away now and I am looking forward to a great season.

Pete



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS
FOR 2007

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

2007 membership subscriptions are now due and prompt payment would be appreciated so please uncover the forms from the unpaid bills pile and send on the cheque to the Treasurer. Subscriptions are unchanged this year . Race fees and dinghy storage are also **now due.**

It has been noticed that some fairly large "Dinghies" appear to be stored in the "Dinghy" park, and "Car" park at the moment . If you are using the Club grounds for Keelboat winter storage, to be fair to topper owners, a contribution to Club funds would also be appreciated.

If you have any queries re your membership please contact Bob or any Committee member. The sailing season is not that far away.



The photo on the left is of my dad, preparing for the racing season, ca 1950 . Not much has changed, only the red Lead. I remember taking the picture with his camera.

Britt

Courses

First Aid Course

(First Aid Course)

Early April- date to be arranged.

Interested? Out of Date?

Telephone

Adrian 01 397 772 670,

or Liz 01 397 772 670

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**Gaidhealtachd Sailing
Highland Coaching Seminar**

**Sunday 25th February,
Fortrose Academy, Fortrose
(£15)**

This day is intended to provide opportunities for individuals and clubs to improve their coaching and instruction skills - open to all Instructors and Coaches.

Secretary Chris has contact details and application form.

Hurry!

Do not forget the Cruising Logs

Should be submitted to the Commodore ASAP so that he can choose a winner
The Trophy will be presented at the Fitting Out Supper on March 31

RYA Diesel Engine
Certificate

On Saturday 10th March

this year's diesel engine course will take place at the wooden church hall at the rear of St. Andrew's at 0930 hrs. The instruction cost will be £190 divided by a maximum of six club members, ie£33-34 plus £7.50 for the book of coarse notes.

I have been told by club members who have taken this RYA Certificate that the course is very enjoyable, practical and useful. There are at the time of writing only two places left, so if you are interested please phone me, Joe Whilletts on 01 397 701 113 to avoid disappointment.

VHF Short Range Radio
Certificate of competence with DSC and
GMDSS

This certificate is a legal requirement for all who operate a VHF handset or baseset. There will be members who hold the old pre-DSC certificate which will need up-dating to comply with the law, in addition to those who have been operating vhf equipment without proper certification. So please contact me by phone on 01 379 701 113 and I will arrange a course for you. As you probably know, this certificate may be granted to anyone aged 16 over, and lasts for life- so please pick up the phone.

With kind regards

Joe Whilletts



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