



Editorial

My apologies for occupying the Commodore's Corner. The Common Sense came as an email and as the Commodore has avoided finding my reminders, this was an opportunity not to be missed.

Only punctuation and structure needed a very little editing, but sadly I am not the author.

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Future Events



Friday 1 June

□□□□ Ballachulish Bay Race



Saturday 2 June

Glencoe Regatta



Saturday 9 June

Loch Eil Race



Sunday 17 June

Corren Red



Friday 22 June

Onich to Fort William LYC/GBC



□□□□□□□□ and Sunday 23 – 24 June

Lochaber Yacht Club Regatta



Friday, Saturday 29/30 June and Sunday 1 July

Round Mull Race



Friday 6 July

Onich to Tobermory Race



Every Monday is Keel Boat

Points Racing



Every Wednesday is Dinghy

Points racing



Every Thursday is D/K Club Night



□□□□□□ for OOD, Rescue and Taxi-duty on race days – it might well be your turn.



Details on Page 5+6
in your HANDBOOK

Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies, like "don't spend more than you can earn" and reliable strategies such as adults, not children, are in charge.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a Burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place; reports of a 6 year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

He declined even further when schools were required to get Parental Consent to administer antiseptic, sun lotion or a band-aid to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as The Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by His parents, Truth and Trust; His wife, Discretion; His daughter, Responsibility; and His son, Reason.

He is survived by his 3 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If You still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.



Wednesday night 9 May at dinghy race, Lee MacRae and I were safety boat, I managed to take this picture. We were very impressed with Paul's sailing expertise as he controlled THREE sails and helmed too.

Ian Flemming

**Notice of Race for Fellow Soling sailors,
the Soling National Championships at the
Royal Northumberland Yacht Club, Blyth
on July 13th-15th.**

We need people to enter this event as soon as possible, folks. We have two visitors coming to Blyth: Matias Collins, Secretary of the International Soling Association; and Roman Koch, who has won the European Championships and who sailed at last year's British Nationals. Now, they are coming from Argentina and Germany. So we cannot really claim that Blyth is too far for us to travel.

The race organisation at Blyth is very good, as far as I can see. Certainly they have been very efficient in their dealings with me. It is amazingly cheap - the crane is free - and the clubhouse offers cheap drink and catering.

Forward this email to all your Soling friends.
See you there,

Iain the secretary

More information about this is available from Hamish

Confessions of a safety boat driver.

Anyone remember the „Confession” articles that sometimes appeared in Practical Boat Owner?

Maybe we could start some in Telltale.

And I'll start!

Laser Traveller Event - thanks to the support we get from the Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre they kindly sent over their RIB to supplement our safety cover. On Saturday it came over with two „volunteere” young ladies from the Centre, Helen and Donna.

Hamish and I decided to split them up in the interests of corporate relations, and took one each..

It was a fairly blustery day with a medium swell running up Loch Linnhe and I was driving our „Loch Linnhe” RIB with Donna on the pillion seat behind me. We were chatting about her outdoor activities training with the Centre but she had done no sailing, only inland river canoeing and was a wee bit afear of the deep sea. So there we were crossing the loch, and the waves, at just planing speed.- rolling somewhat from side to side - when she fell out.

Fortunately she was well equipped (a drysuit) and it was only seconds before I returned and hauled her back on board - Her reaction? An infectious fit of the giggles which lasted at least 5 minutes.

I do hope that has cured her of her anxiety of the deep sea.. I do ..I do..

Chris Strong



RYA Junior Race Camp

at Loch Tummel Sailing Club
9th - 13th July - for those aged 14 years and under,
and have access to a Topper.

Contact jane.scott@rya-online.net
or 0131 317 7388



VHF, Radar and Day Skipper

VHF. There may be members who due to prior commitments were unable to attend the courses which were held on the 19th and 20th of May who may be still interested in taking the VHF with DSC and GDMSS course. I will be organising another soon which you may be able to slot into your schedule - if so could you please contact me as soon as possible.

RADAR. I already have several people interested in taking this one day course. I personally found this a very interesting and eye-opening experience as what you see on the radar screen is not what you get. Also, you are made very much aware that even though your yacht is carrying a good radar reflector, it is no guarantee that you will be seen by other traffic. So why not sign up now for this one day course to take place sometime in autumn.

DAY SKIPPER SHORE-BASED.

Yet again I have already several people interested in this course which will take place over two weekends after the end of the sailing season. The cost will be over £200 as you would expect for a course at this level. So please contact me if you are interested - could be an interesting and lasting Christmas present.

Contact me, Joe Willets, on
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Kind regards ↓



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The Committee meets
Tuesday 5th of June
anything for the agenda phone or
email
any committee member

Important Notice

The race-control and rescue-boat radio channel we had been using on our radios were incorrect and it has been advised that instead of channel 73 we should use the UK Channel M1. The portable Standard Horizon radios the club have purchased are programmed to display channel M1 as n1.

The three club radios used for all club operations are now set to n1, and locked.



Class

Start Time

Mirror	14:00
Topper	14:08
Bosun	14:16
Firefly	14:18
Laser Radial	14:25
Wayfarer	14:25
420	14:26
Laser	14:27
Albacore	14:28
Hawk	14:29
Kestrel	14:30
Laser II	14:31
Scintilla	14:31
Tern	14:31
Schonbrunn	14:32
Soling	1438
Osprey	1441
Laser 5000	1451

PURSUIT RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Dinghies and Keelboats race together.
2. Flag "P" and sound signal at 1355.
3. Course (A B F Y) x 3 followed by (A B a Y) repeated until 1600. i.e. three triangles followed by sausages.

NB Boats must pass through the start/finish line on the runs as well as the beats. If the wind is from the NE the course will be in reverse. If the wind is light an alternative shorter course will be indicated by the OOD and communicated via the safety boat as necessary.

4. At 1600 flag "S" shall be raised along with two sound signals. The finish will be when the leading boat next sails through the finish line in either direction. The finishing order will be the order a boat sails through the finish line having sailed the same number of rounds as the leading boat.

5. Motors or paddles may be used up to one minute before a boat is due to start.

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
may be appreciated.

