



Editorial

The sun is shining - there is a breeze - it is warm - there is people out sailing on the loch, even at this end(?) - no midges and I have had roaring tooth ace all week. Just as well, or no TellTale on time. But I would have been out there whizzing around on my brand new Jetski.

A new feature this month is The best of the previous month's Thursday Club Reports written by Hamish; usually only circulated via email.



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TellTale



Future Events



August 1-8th
from Friday to Friday
West Highland Week



Friday 1st August
RISA Regatta (Tobermory-Arisaig)
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August

RISA Regatta (Arisaig)



Club Night - No Duffers
Thursday 7th August



Thursday 7th - Friday 8th - August
West Ardnamurchan Regatta
at Kilchoan



Club Night - Junior Helm
Thursday 14 August



Saturday 23 - Sunday 24
Cruise - Loch Eil



Sunday, 7th September
Closing Muster/ Pursuit Race
(already!?)



Every Monday is Keel Boat Point Racing
Every Wednesday is Dinghy Point Racing
Every Thursday the Thursday Gang
comes out to play. Also every Thursday is D/K
Club Night and the fire is lit if it's cold outside.





Commodores Corner

Well....it's the height of the summer - Lochaber is bathing in 25c temperatures 9 or it ws when I penned this) - the only thing missing is the wind! After a very successful Soling Nationals which saw local boats in the top two spots we are already looking forward to our next Open Event (which will also have been and gone by the time you read this!), the Laser 'Grand Prix'. All credit must go to Chris Dodgson, Liz Loudon and Stevie Corson for their impressively consistent performance. Despite only scoring one first placing in the seven race series, they overcame Hamish and crew, despite their 3 'bullets!'. The tortoise and the hare are alive and well and resident in Fort William! The full results are available for your perusal on LYC's very efficiently updated web site, courtesy of the redoubtable Mr. Biggin.

On the subject of Open Events, they are a mixed blessing. They undoubtedly bring income into the club and also undeniably add to the buzz and atmosphere around the place. On the flip side they also involve the committee, sundry specific individuals and a whole raft of 'on the day' volunteers in a whole of work and commitment they wouldn't have if..... I extend a big official 'thank you' to all those people who have been involved in this season's opens - and I hope they have enjoyed and taken something positive away from the weekends. If you have any feelings on the subject, bring them with you to this year's AGM (now there's a timely plug!) and air them for all to consider.

It may be high summer, but the nights are already drawing in - make the most of the rest of the season - the 3rd Dinghy Series is already underway! Get your self out on the water, either on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evening (which are again amazingly popular this year) and make the most of the season - even your Commodore managed to grace the water recently having escaped from the curse of the sailing classes for a few days!

Check out the seasons remaining events either in this issue of TellTale or in your handbook and I look forward to seeing you all down at the club.

Pete



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!

LYC Openday

Hello Sailors,

At the last committee meeting it was suggested that the Club hold an OPEN DAY on Sunday 17th August 1300 to 1700 in order to "advertise" the Club and possibly attract some new members.

If this event is to take place it would need the support of a considerable number of Club members. Please let me know soon if you are available to help e.g. Safety Boat drivers & crews. Dinghy helms, with or without boats to take out visitors for an introductory sail. Keelboat owners to take out visitors Catering helpers VERY IMPORTANT

Please bring spare buoyancy aids It really is a case of empty the dinghy park and the trot, "Away all Boats"

Suggestions for this event welcomed

Yours, Hamish

**Lochaber Yacht Club
Committee meets on
Tuesday 5th Aug. 19:30**

Hi, information on **"Oban Visitor Moorings"** now available on www.obanbayberthing.co.uk email <obanbayberthing@gmail.com> Cheers from Adrian



Admiralty Charts For Sale

Donald Laird donated these to the club.
Proceeds will go to club funds.
Contact Beryl Austin 01397 772 473
Guide price £5 per chart.

Cart Index Number and Name

- 1791 Caledonian Canal
- 11824a E coast Ireland, Irish Sea (old and stained x)
- 1994 Approaches to R Clyde, Grenock Great Harbour
- 2131 Firth of Clyde and Loch Fyne
- 2155 Sound of NWcoast of Mull (old and stained)
- 2169 Approaches to Firth of Lorne (stained)
- 2171 Sound of Mull and Approaches
- 2198 North Channel South Part
- 2199 North Channel North Part
- 2207 Point of Ardnamurchan to Sound of Sleat x 2
- 2208 Mallaig to Canna Harbour 2off
- 2209 Inner Sound
- 2210 Approaches to Inner Sound
- 2249 Orkney - Western Sheet
- 2250 Orkney - Eastern Sheet
- 2378 Loch Linnhe - South part
- 2380 N Part - Loch Lenen narrows (stained)
- 2381 Lower Loch Fyne
- 2382 Upper Loch Fyne
- 2398 Loch Sunart (stained)
- 2397 Sound of Jura N part (stained)
- 2475 Sound of Ghia and Gunna
- 2477 W Loch Tarbet and Approaches
- 2496 Sound of Sleat (old)
- 2500 Approaches to Loch Broom and Little L Broom
- 2502 Eddrachins Bay
- 2507 Ardnamurchan Point to Loch Brittle (old+stained)
- 2515 Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan
- 2528 Loch Kishorn and Out. Loch Corran Loch Gairloch
- 2529 Approaches to loch Stornoway
- 2541 Loch Duich
- 2652 Loch Tuath and Loch Keal (old)
- 2721 St Kilda to Butt of Lewis
- 2769 Barra Head to Greian Head, Castle Bay
- 2841 Sound of Harris to Ard More Mangersia

For Sale

One VHF set, NAVICO RT6500S
complete with hand mic.
No external aerial. £50.-
Simon Macdonald
tel 01 687 470 266

For Sale

Drascombe Luger
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
(nowhas self-tailing winches)
£100.- the pair
Chris Strong 01397 772361
farrow3@lineone.net

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
Typhoon wet suit shoes	
24 cm long about size 1/	£2

Keith Falconer 01397 705176
kfalconer@kfalconer.f9.co.uk

For Sale

**T- shirts, Polo- shirts and
Baseball- caps**

**from the same supplier who did The
Jubilee caps and shirts.**

Would you be interested?

The more we buy the less they cost



Thursday Club Report

Thursday 3rd July 2008

'Twas a very quiet day, only two of the "Magnificent Seven" appeared. Joe and Hamish had a leisurely coffee and analysed the previous evenings race. Still the usual suspects remained absent, because: -

Adrian was away sailing

Mr Vice had gone on holiday

Paul B likewise

Robbie Robertson was in Edinburgh so no Club Truck

Brian Holgate was at home in recovery mode after a road accident. Car a write off but tree still standing!

Joe and Hamish finally went to inspect the retaining wall and remove the protective cover hoping that a stray worker might appear, but no, so the two man wheelbarrow, not the preferred three man version was forced into action. This involved collecting stones from the beach and then wheeling the barrow up the driveway and along the banking in order to deposit the stones behind the wall. This is to ensure good drainage come the monsoon season! Do try a few loads and you will appreciate why this exercise is not considered part of the "Joys of Sailing" After moving an estimated one and a quarter tons the knackered duo retired for lunch. Peter Lister had made the usual preparations including the wine,

Beryl and family provided the soup and fruit tart plus double cream. Liz and chocolate Labrador also joined as did Secretary Chris on a fuel



The preferred three man wheelbarrow in action

replenishment mission. Happily Brian H (number one Trowel Man) appeared to prove that he had not been seriously damaged but will be on light duties for a wee while. After coffee the wheelbarrow was parked as rain stopped play and drivers had not recovered.

Note

As there are now three wheelbarrows available members should feel free to deposit stones behind the retaining wall for the wood store!!





Lochaber Yacht Club Annual Regatta 2008

The Lochaber Yacht Club Annual Regatta took place on the weekend 14th & 15th June. The weather was kind but the North Westerly wind blowing across Loch Linnhe resulted in very variable strength and direction and produced very testing conditions for the competitors. This made the Race Officer's job of setting courses very difficult. It was great to have Peter Duggan from Glencoe Boat Club as to do this for us. A total of 20 boats raced over the weekend in the four different classes.

Slow Handicap Dinghies (all Toppers), Fast Handicap Dinghies, Keelboats, and International Soling One Design

Three races were sailed on Saturday and Two on Sunday .The testing conditions produced several different winners in all classes so that the final result was decided on the last race.

A very successful well supported social evening was enjoyed in the new clubhouse on Saturday and an excellent lunch on Sunday. Thanks to all those who made the event a success.

Overall Results

Topper

1. *Auzzura* Alexander Wilkie
2. *Barnacle* Euan Wilkie
3. *Three* Glen Falconer

Fast Handicap Dinghies

1. Osprey *Bird O' Spray* Paul Biggin and Brian Holgate
2. Wayfarer *MCP* Kim and Marie Cameron
3. Albacore *Dangerous Dave* Dave Allan and D Finlayson (Invergordon)

Keelboats

Scintilla Marian Austin and Crew

International Soling One Design

1. *Solaris* Hamish Loudon, Tomek Kruk and Hannah Bamber
2. *Rascal* Robbie Robertson, Roddy Campbell and Adrian Hope
3. *Just Gonnie No* Andy McKenna, Liz Loudon and John Wilson

We should also mention in dispatches the beginners young and old who had the courage to take part and had good fun doing battle at the back of the fleet – and not always at the back of the fleet. Sarah Wytton did well representing the sea cadets in a Topper and the club Wayfarers were put to good use by Joe Willetts and Martin Faryma in *Arisaig* and Martin and Allan Basil in *Mischief*

Dinghy and Keelboat Rotas

We could print another table but of course everyone looks at their handbook to see when they are on duty – don't they? The rotas also appear on the web site. Please look now and write the dates in your diary. If the dates aren't convenient then please arrange a swap.

The duties of manning the rescue boat and acting as OOD are spread as widely as we can. This is so that as many as possible are involved. Also spreading the net widely means that your turn does not come round all that often. The rotas apply only to the race nights and trophy races but we also have to provide rescue boat cover for the club nights and any other activities. If you really don't want to be on the rota then please let me know – but not, please not, on the day of the event!

If you don't how to operate the rescue boat (you don't know where the fuel is, the kill cord, etc then just ask or look at the rota and team up with someone as rescue boat crew.) The same applies to being OOD – it may seem daunting but all the instructions are on the wall in the tower and there is always someone to offer advice. Everyone gets it wrong sometimes and we all learn something in the process.

There have been one or two requests for training and we have no doubt this will be on the agenda for the committee. Meanwhile offers of help as “flag officer” to the OOD or rescue boat crew will be gratefully accepted.

Dinghy convener - Paul Biggin, Keelboat convener – Keith Falconer





The Editor thinks that Ritchard or Hamish is more of a threat to safty at sea than a poor, lonely little Jetski



This picture was sent in by Pete. BenNevis at the back.
Race and photographer unknown.