



### Editorial

Every month this exercise gets easier - believe it or not. Just as well because every month your contributions comes in well after the laughingly named deadline. Page 5 I downloaded yesterday. In fairness it probably sat in the mailbox for a couple of days. In any event it was worth waiting for.- it is a good'un.

NB Read the small print on your Dinner Dance Invitation very carefully.



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September 20th

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# TellTale



## Future Events

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**Saturday & Sunday 11-12 Oct.**

**Challenger Travellers**

**Supper and Bar Sat. evening**

**Help in the galley will be appreciated  
also see notes on page 2**



*Dinner Dance & Prize Giving  
at the Yacht Club*

*Saturday November 15th*

*7 o'clock for 7:30*

Lochaber College Catering will provide a three course  
Set Dinner, Tickets £16.00

Only 60 tickets available which MUST be paid for in  
advance. Payment to Bob Aitken at Kinlochmore Cottage,  
Kinlochleven PH50 4RE. Tel 01855 831357

Or Beryl Austin, Puilldohran, Bonavie,  
Fort William. PH33 7PB Tel. 01937 772473

**Lochaber Yacht Club AGM 28th October**

**There are no points racing in October, but  
every Thursday the Thursday Gang will continue to  
come out to play.**



Photo by Keith Falconer



## Commodores Corner

Which month is it that comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb? It shares a certain similarity with our sailing programme! Sunday 21st of September; the final race of the season, sunshine and a lovely F3 SW blowing up the Loch.....cue a 10 boat turn-out. But no! Just 2 Challengers, a Wayfarer also crewed by disabled folk and a lone Soling, packed to the gunwales with McKennas!!!! Come on guys - what more can we offer? OK - I wasn't there, but I can blame that old curse of the sailing classes....work. Where were the owners of the other 49 boats registered to other members?

I don't mean to put down our efforts, but it was an idyllic day for a sail; we had a race officer all revved up and ready to go and safety cover out on the water. If we are doing something wrong, please come to the AGM next month. It's on the 28th so put the date in your diary and come on down and tell what you would like to see happening at the club ..... cos it looks like we need something more than good sailing and racing conditions! There you go - possibly the longest ever plug for the AGM!!! Seriously, if you have any ideas about what direction the club should be heading, any fresh events or paths forward we can explore, please bring them along and put them forward - it is your club just as much as it is mine or anybody else's. It is our collective responsibility to take it forward and keep it fresh and fun.

The RYA Sailability Open Day looked to have been a great success with a total of 10 people enjoying time out on the water, with some excellent coaching provided by RYAS and Sailability Scotland. A big thanks to all those from away who turned up for the day and also to the 'Crew' of volunteers from LYC who turned out (again) to provide boats, shore support, catering and all the other unsung services necessary for a day of this nature. And especially Rebecca who arrived to provide OOD cover for the final points racing!

We have one final fixture, and once again it is the local (and visiting) Challenger sailors who will be setting us an example with their Traveller event over the weekend of the 10th to 12th October - not the 3rd - 5th as advertised. If you can make it down to help or just spectate it is an inspiring event, played for by people with more excuse than most of the rest of us to not be out there in October! All assistance will be gratefully acknowledged!!

With the Winter fast approaching, the Annual Dance will also soon be upon us. In order to capitalise on the facilities offered by the new clubhouse, it has been decided to hold the dance on our own premises. A posh sit-down meal, followed by the prize-giving and dancing (and NO washing up!!!!) will be yours for a far smaller fee than has been the case in recent years. Places will be strictly limited - we can only fit 60 in so order your ticket(s) soon from any member of the committee. you can find further details elsewhere in this issue of Tell-Tale.

I hope to see you all (well nearly all!) at the Dinner and also at the AGM. Put on your thinking caps and bring all your ideas and if you feel ready to take a turn at a committee job, make sure and register your interest with any of the current committee.

Pete



### Challenger Travellers 11th/12th October

Not the weekend before as published in the handbook. The notice of race, entry form and the sailing instructions can be found on our web site. Any offers of help for rescue boat or launching or OOD assisting please contact Paul Biggin, and for catering contact Maurin MacDonald or Beryl Austin.

Paul

**Lochaber Yacht Club  
Committee meets on  
Tuesday 7. October 19:30**



**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](http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk).

Those spotting the odd mistake, please tell me by email to

Paul Biggin at [dbi25@aol.com](mailto:dbi25@aol.com) .If I don't know, I can't put it right!

**"Oban Visitor Moorings"**

now available on [www.obanbayberthing.co.uk](http://www.obanbayberthing.co.uk)

email < [obanbayberthing@gmail.com](mailto:obanbayberthing@gmail.com) >

**For Sale**

**Kestrel Sailing Dinghy**

The club Kestrel is for sale  
Available for inspection  
in the dinghy park

Price £250 ono.

Contact Hamish Loudon

0787 9651851 FW 702370

**Please let the editor know  
when something is sold.**

**FOR SALE**

**Laser Pico Sailing Dinghy**  
Virtually brand new and only  
sailed a handful of times:

Yellow Hull,

Cover, Trolley, Jib kit,  
bags for everything!

Cost over 3,500 new  
£1500 or near offer

Contact Gary MacLennan  
07759 881311

**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](mailto:info@smokedproduce.com)

**For Sale**

Two Lewmar 40 winches, ex Schönbrunn  
(now has self-tailing winches) £100.- the pair  
Chris Strong 01397 772361  
[farrow3@lineone.net](mailto:farrow3@lineone.net)

**For Sale**

505 Sailing Dinghy  
Combi Trailer, Cover, GRP with Wooden Deck  
£500 ono  
Kim Cameron 01397 703 766

**Wanted**

Dinghy for kids to sail eg Topper  
Please contact Peter Lawson on  
07798504434



**Wanted**

Launching Trolley and Towing Trailer  
suitable for Mirror Dinghy.  
Contact John Dougan 01397 701 071

**For Sale**

Child's Circle One wet suit about age 10 £5  
Gill Dinghy Smock age 8/9 - as new £5  
wet suit shoes 24 cm long about size 1/ £2

Keith Falconer 01397 705176  
[kfalconer@kfalconer.f9.co.uk](mailto:kfalconer@kfalconer.f9.co.uk)

**For Sale**

Mirror 12904, "Zebidee". Complete with  
road trailer, good cover and brand new  
launch trolley, recently restored with  
white hull, epoxy taped seams – dry  
stored. All rigging and sails, ready  
to sail (needs spinnaker). £450  
Tel: 01397 712092 (Roy Bridge).



## **Thursday Club Report**

### **Thursday 18th September 2008**

Attendance was almost back to normal with the return of the Italian Travellers with a selection of fine reds! Adrian was first on the scene followed by Joe, Brian H, Hamish, Mr Vice and Robbie with the Club Truck. Only Paul and Brian F of the usual suspects were absent. Over coffee the "Italian Bunch", and Brian H, expressed surprise that the beautifully painted flagpole was not in the vertical position. Obviously they had not read last weeks report carefully enough! Anyway, the decision is to fit the anemometer before raising the pole. While five delayed over coffee Brian Wheeled in some barrow loads of logs to top up the ready-use store of firewood. Eventually the five sprang into action and headed for the old fire station where the two club Wayfarers resided for refurbishment. At this stage the damp weather precluded any outdoor activity. One boat has had all the old paint and anti fouling removed and the hull is ready for the essential repair work. Number two boat had lain for two weeks with the paint remover acting so was ready for scraping action by all six of the workers. This was a tedious process only enlivened by the glowing travel reports by the "Italian Mob" By the time the lunchtime phone call came most of the hull was clean. A few obstinate patches will require a further treatment of the powerful paint remover. Next week, the repairs begin. The object of all this labour is to have the additional two Wayfarers ready for use at the beginning of next season bringing the Club Wayfarers up to four boats. As a result the Club Kestrel is for sale, £250 or near offer. Negotiate with Hamish.

Peter Lister, Beryl, Liz and Cheryl had the lunch set ready for the hungry team. The first of the Italian reds was sampled with the cheese before the soup (by Liz), then an excellent fruit tart with custard (by Beryl). The fruit loaf (by Peter?) was up to the usual high standard despite mutterings by Peter that it might need to be taken with a spread of butter. Thus replete, and with the rain off, the team headed out for some maintenance tasks. Adrian cleared the running mooring, Robbie quietly headed for Soling "Rascal", not to launch it but to drop the mast in an end of season depression. Mr Vice, Hamish and Brian H went to Topper country, repaired one mast, removed torn sail for repair from another, a causality of the Pursuit Race. More care required in recovery! One trolley was repaired but three replacements required for next season. Some tidying up of the ropes in the dinghy park followed before Adrian made the afternoon tea call, early in view of the approaching rain. Whilst in the fully relaxed mode we were visited by the former Wayfarer crew of MCP, Jane Halewood complete with new addition to the family, Stanley at seven weeks showed definite signs of making a Soling middleman! Probably starting in a Mirror next season.





With no other Solings to race with on Sunday 14 September, K161 went out for a fun cruise on Loch Linnhe with Andy, Stephanie McKenna (8), John, Jack (13) and Rachel (11) Wilson; Tomac and Suzia (7) who all enjoyed a steady, warm south westerly breeze in hazy afternoon sunshine. The Soling proved an excellent boat to give everyone a shot at the helm and trimming the sails in a stress free, learning environment.

Friends, Family and Andy

