

Harbouring ambitions

This season, an overhaul of Corinthian moorings is on the agenda

The process of allocating moorings is now complete and hopefully all boat owners are content. We now have 57 moorings at our disposal (see table), 19 of which we rent from the Royal Forth; 46 are filled.

There has been some confusion as to the number of 'Corinthian' east harbour moorings; there have been problems identifying west harbour moorings as well as the number and placing of the south slip moorings. Thanks to the efforts of a number of 'South Slippers' work parties, that part of the harbour is now sorted. The main east harbour moorings are also now counted and numbered. The west harbour situation has also become clearer.

In an effort to regularise the moorings and simplify the allocation process, the club is now considering providing all its moorings with new, numbered, white buoys. These will clearly identify our moorings, removing any doubt as to how many we have and which boat is on which mooring.

The new buoys, a different colour from those used by the Royal Forth, will make the location of Corinthian moorings obvious at a glance. This will help to raise our 'corporate identity'. A more visible profile should work to the club's benefit as harbour usage and management arrangements continue to evolve.

We hope to make the new buoys available to members in the coming months. One of our members has kindly offered to professionally mark on the numbers.

I would like to thank those who have attended the work parties and helped in the 'preseason preparations' necessary for a hopefully enjoyable sailing season.
– Paul Taylor, Assistant Harbour Sec

MOORING ALLOCATION 2010



East Harbour

FC20	Finn Fargo
FC19	Apparition
FC18	Keda 3
FC17	Quicksilver
FC15	Maxine
FC14	Tasara
FC13	Jaywalker
FC12	Hyskeir
FC11	Hannaine
FC10	Shotgun 2
FC9	Tillymint
FC7	Gusto
FC6	Early Bird
FC4	Hooker
FC1	Janus

RF18	Indulgence
RF17	Evening Star
RF16	Ancala
RF14	Mystery
RF13	Karen Beg
RF12	The Fiddler
RF11	Beosetter
RF9	Jambel
RF8	Stella
RF6	Sapphire
RF5	Scamper
RF4	Orkney FL
RF3	Meanda
RF2	Wee Skiddy
RF1	Merlin

South Slip

SS4	Decantae
SS3	Devil May Care
SS2	Little Black No
SS	Cadets
SSA4	Issy
SSA3	(Orion)
SSA2	Cadets
SSA1	Nokomis

West Harbour

WH9	Smij
WH8	Eclipse
WH7	Jay Jay
WH6	Malin
WH5	Paul Francis

WH4	Misty Blue
WH3	Conterfeit
WH2	Silver Dollar
WH1	Fettler (Belle Ile)

In the yard

Alikardo
Beosetter
GP14
Hazel
Enigma

Teal
Malena
Meltemi
Laphroaig

New arrivals

A warm welcome to Tony Burgess, Jason Cook, Mark Hartswood, Keil Maclachlan, Alec Martin, Ewan McNeil and Russell Ramsay, who recently joined the Club

Alec Martin



Alec, an environmental scientist, has recently returned to his family home Edinburgh after living away for nearly 30 years. He is keen to meet like-minded folk both for a sail and a beer and learn a bit more about sailing and boat owning. He co-owns *Stella*, a 19ft *Hunter Europa*, with his friend Jennifer Escott who is currently living overseas. Alec has done a bit of sailing up in the northwest near Ullapool and some in the south, doing his day skipper last year in the Salcombe area. He has also done a fair bit of sea kayaking in Wales and spent a bit of time working on powered boats with his job, mainly overseas.

He says: 'I'm really keen to get out sailing both on *Stella* or as crew on other folk's boats. I'm pretty easy going and keen to muck in. My colleagues say the photo makes me look like I have criminal tendencies...but I am quite approachable – honest!'



Mark with his son Samuel

Mark Hartswood

Mark regularly sails his Tinker Traveller on St Mary's Loch (and practically any other stretch of water he can get close to). He is very keen to get involved sailing bigger boats, and enjoyed getting his day skipper certificate last year on the Firth of Clyde, which included some interesting and entertaining encounters with US warships. He's looking forward to participating in the club and getting to know everyone.



Jason and Angela

Jason Cook

Jason moved to Edinburgh about 18 months ago to do a PhD at Edinburgh University in geosciences. His fiancée Angela is originally from the west coast and works for a large accountancy firm in Edinburgh. Jason has previously raced SB3s to European championship level, raced J109s and delivered yachts around Europe and to the Caribbean. They own a Varuna 500, a 20 ft day boat (see picture below). The couple live together in Leith and plan to marry in early July this year.



Keil Maclachlan

Keil is a teacher of Modern Studies at Earlston High School in the Scottish Borders and lives overlooking a little gem of a harbour in Granton. He says: 'Having been landlocked for the past few years and time limited for a couple prior to that I have let my time on the water dwindle. In response I have joined FCYC to try and redress the imbalance in my life and get sailing again!' Keil has cruised and raced extensively on the West Coast from the old Rover Series/Tarbert Scottish Series to the Round Mull and West Highland Week in a raft of boats – from Optimists to a Trintella 29 and Silver's MYs. He is looking forward to exploring the Forth in his Orkney fishing boat, hopefully crewing in some sail boats and maybe even some racing.



Tony on Scamper

Tony Burgess

Tony got his 26ft Prout catamaran, *Scamper*, from his father a few years ago. After a few weekends of working on her, he sailed *Scamper* from Findhorn in the Moray Firth to her new home, Granton. Now in his third year at Granton, Tony is looking forward to a new sailing season with a new sailing club. He says: 'My passion is sailing. For many years sailing has been some thing that has inspired me – I absolutely live for it.'

Prize-giving 2009



Everyone's a winner:

Tim Wright (Surry Cup), Paul Taylor (Cruiser's Cup), Brian Pennycook (AW Stewart Salver, Anstruther Quaich, Round the Island, Wickes and Club Champion), Keith Miller (Scott Shield, Fair Isle Trophy), Kenny Ewen (same as Keith), Eddie North (same as Brian). Sadly missing from the picture is Ian Dawson, winner of the Marsh Cup and the Wooden Spoon (for falling asleep on *Maxine* as she dried out and fell over).

Those who didn't win still had a great time, thanks to the fabulous food prepared by our Social Convener Simon Monard and his wife Heather (centre), pictured here with Jim and Sonja Brodie.



Paul Taylor celebrates winning the Cruiser's Cup for sailing (or should that read 'motoring'?) his 26ft *Invicta, Hyskeir*, to Norway and back.



In other images



Any axes to grind? Paul Johnston marched with the Viking Jarl Squad during Up Helly Aa in January. He may well be bringing his axe to instil order at this year's lift-in...



Mark's new millstone: Mark Eisler's fiancée Rowan found a new sinker on a winter beach walk. After a daring recovery mission in the trusty workboat, commanded by Robin Fowler and assisted by Ian Dawson, Mark has since sunk the stone as a mooring for *Janus*.

Who says Granton can't be beautiful?



Thanks to Mark Eisler for these snaps!

EVENTS

Dumbo(s) Work Party

Members are invited to a Dumbo(s) work party on **Sat 27 March**, from 10.00 am onwards. If the weather is really bad this will be postponed until the following day. The Dumbos need a good clean, antifouling and touching up on the topsides. Simon Monard, simon.monard@yahoo.com, is co-ordinating this effort.

April

Sat 24

Cruise in Company – destination to be decided on the day
10:30

Recommissioning party
19:30

Fri 30

Friday White Sail

19:00 Race officer: *Apparition*

May

Sat & Sun 1-2

Bass Rock Weekend

10:00 Race officer: *Malin*

Sat 8

Stern Chase to Port Edgar

19:00 Race officer: *Misty Blue*

Fri 21

Friday White Sail

19:00 Race officer: *Eclipse*

Sun 23

Marsh & Surry Cups

10:00 Race officer: *Silver Dollar*

Fri 28

Eyemouth Trophy

19:00 Race officer: *Paul Francis*

Bar rota

29 Mar Graham Crawford

5 Apr Jack Haldane

12 Apr John Keepax

19 Apr Heather Monard

26 Apr Peter Sherlock

03 May Peter Douglas

The bar needs some more volunteers so if you can spare two Monday evenings a year for manning the FCYC bar (not an onerous task), please get in touch with Graham Crawford or George Melville.



A rare sight: Dot Sherlock in a boat with her husband! This photographic evidence was taken recently in New Zealand, during a four-day trip down the Wanganui River. Pete claims not to have any pictures of his capsizes on the final day.

News in brief

New appointments

Ian Dawson has kindly agreed to act as Joint Pontoon Manager with Denis Wight. John Keepax has taken over from Brian Parrott as Membership Secretary.

Get your handbook

The 2010 handbook is now ready to be picked up at the Club. Other than members' phone numbers and email addresses, it also includes the all-important tide tables from April 2010 until March 2011. Don't forget to get your three copies – one for the boat, one for the car and one for home!

Tridents go Forth

Trident 24s celebrate their 50th anniversary this year and a rally will mark this occasion at Granton, in either May or June. The Club will take on the hospitality for this event, which will hopefully see *Sapphire* joined by many of her kind.

Much agitation

Granton Harbour Mudsuckers Ltd are about to begin their silt agitation programme in the harbour. The aim is to dredge to an average depth below chart datum of 1.50 metres on either side of the pontoon. The work is planned to be carried out on ebb tides starting on Thursday, 1 April, with completion targeted for the end of May 2010.

Granton Harbour Users' Group

Efforts are ongoing to revive the Granton Harbour Users' Group. Graham Crawford and Jim Brodie met with representatives from the Royal Forth Yacht Club and the Port o' Leith Motorboat Club in February, to discuss moorings and hard standing in Granton. Next on the agenda is a meeting of the group with Forth Ports.

Loo break

The gents' toilets in the Club house have undergone extensive refurbishment. Joinery Services carried out the work, including tiling, new sinks and toilets. Be prepared for a big change!

Ramsay Bell Block

A big thank-you to Joe Ramsay for sorting out the new yard accommodation. Soon the showers and toilets on the ground floor will be operational, and upstairs will be a cafe area, complete with coffee machine donated by Margaret Rennex.

Rubbish in the yard

Just a quick reminder that we need to keep the area where the yard refuse bin is stored tidy. **Any old batteries and old engine oil have to be disposed by members themselves.** This can be done at one of Edinburgh's four Community Recycling Centres, which are located in Braehead, Craigmillar, Seafield and Sighthill.