



FAIRWIND



Newsletter of the Forth Corinthian Yacht Club, Summer 2012

The End of an Era



The morning after: the last Burns Supper

Saturday 31st March marked the end of our occupancy of the Clubhouse at 1 Granton Square which began in 1968. This followed the Special General Meeting which had been called on 19th December 2011 and which unanimously agreed to pursue development opportunities and sell the clubhouse.

The House Committee, but particularly Linda Pennycook, Brian Pennycook and Eddie North put in an enormous amount of work to make sure we were out in time. The Trophies have been shipped off to secure storage, a new container has obtained for the yard to hold other items which we wish to hold on to

and the rest went to good homes or into the skip.

And thanks are also due to Walter Lewis for providing transport and shuttling back and forward at the move. Whatever comes next, at least we're in a good place to respond quickly and start the next phase of our long history.



Packing up the Treasures

For Your Diaries

Jubilee Cup

Saturday 17th June

Bell Rock Trophy

Saturday 30th June

Stories, comments, photos - please

send them in to

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History of the Clubhouses

The Forth Corinthian Yacht Club has had several homes in its 132 year history. The first meeting of the Club was in 1880 at the Granton Hotel (now HMS Claverhouse) but by 1889 (and



Granton Hotel

following a barney at the Hotel!) the club had relocated to Melville Villa in Granton Road.



Blenheim Place and Royal Terrace

Further moves in succession took us in 1895 to 1 Blenheim Place and then in 1902 (yes, the last time that Hibs won the Scottish Cup) to Darling's former Temperance Hotel at South St Andrew Street. In 1948 we secured our first property at 10 Royal Terrace - which came with a bedroom and necessitated the formation of a garden committee. In 1968 the final relocation took us to 1 Granton Square - a short hop to the Bell Block.

Thanks to Jack Haldane for information from 'History of the FCYC' and to Peter Stubbs for use of photos from EdinPhoto website.



1 Granton Square

Notes from the Sailing Secretary

Exceptionally poor weather with persistent cold and wet north easterlies, from Lift In to the near the end of May, has held back many folk with completion of their yacht preparations and restricted activity on the water. Maybe we should consider laying up our yachts for the cold and wild summer and go sailing over the mild and moderate winter next year!



Gusto

Seven yachts did however turn out for the Opening Regatta on Saturday 5 May which was raced in unusually light and variable conditions. A yard BBQ was held after racing in pleasant evening sunshine. Results:- 1-An Cala, 2-Misty Blue, 3-Hyskier, 4-Gusto, 5-Ouzel, 6-Sapphire, 7-Tasara (though some may have noticed Tasara heading off for a picnic half way through!)

An Cala and Misty Blue raced nip and tuck over the sixteen mile Scott Shield (JPR-1) course the following day with positions changing several times with Misty Blue finally taking line honours. The following weekend as there was a high probability of very strong and gusty westerlies, for the Sunday of the scheduled Bass Rock Weekend, FCYC made an early decision to 'fly the red flag' indicating the alternative course from Granton to Kirkcaldy and back would be sailed. The return race from Dunbar on Sunday was therefore cancelled. Four yachts turned out to race and the day was summed up well by one of the competitors from Fisherrow Yacht Club:

"Just a quick note to say thanks for a great day on the water. Its always a shame when the response is poor by other competitors because it takes the same amount of energy to organise it. Those of us on the water had one of those champagne sailing days. Great call about the course. Both boats safe back in Fisherrow "

Congratulations to Sulmar - Dennis Walton FYC – 1st Overall - Bass Rock Tankard and An Cala -



Misty Blue and Sapphire

Eddie Myatt & Keith Knox – 1st FCYC Yacht - Bass Rock Line Trophy and thanks to Erin PEYC and Bodhran FYC for making it a close fought race!

Six yachts took part in JPR2 held on 15 May with line honours going to Wizz Too RFYC Dragon and the Wilson Cup going to Sula – John Mitchell 1st FCYC Yacht. Five yachts ran a very closely fought Ladies Race on 2 June finishing at Aberdour for a BBQ after racing. Congratulations to Lady Helm - K Carter INDULGENCE Winner of FCYC Ladies Race 2012 and all the other Lady Helms who finished close behind in the following order Sula, Misty Blue, Tasara and SmiJ.



The Battle of the Bilgers

Support is building for Tuesday evening **Training on the Water** and seems to be enjoyed by all who take part, owners, trainers and crew alike. It is a good way to get to know other members better and share skills no matter what level of experience and

ability you have. As all old hands know you learn something new every time you go to sea. This month's Gold Star goes to the Eastie Beastie's for their 100% attendance record and enthusiasm. Thanks to Eddie Myatt, Eddie North, Brian Pennycook, John Mitchell and Peter Douglas for letting us use their yachts and sharing their knowledge. Turn up on the pontoon at the appointed time published in handbook, to join in the fun. If turn out increases we can recruit more yachts and if demand is sufficient we will consider introducing additional dates later in the season.



Opening Regatta: the finishing line

Friday White Sail is now underway with one race completed and six more to come so all is still to play for. This is a relaxed race series which any sailor can enjoy on a pleasant summer's evening so even if you have never raced before come along and join the fun. The other white sailors will welcome you – more boats on the water more fun for all!

Please note the following events coming up soon. The Jubilee Cup (JPR3), first presented to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee, a joint cup we compete annually for with RFYC, is coming up on Sunday 17 June. In this Jubilee year let's make a special effort to turn out and show our neighbours, although winning is good, taking part in a true Corinthian fashion makes for a better and more enjoyable event overall. We will be running our Bell Rock Trophy again this year as the Forth Feeder to East Coast Sailing Week on the Tay on Saturday 30 June. This will be open to all whether entering ECSW or not. Full Sailing instructions will be circulated by e-mail soon.

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From Facebook

I appreciate that not all Corinthians are on Facebook - and many are averse to it, but some members have been posting up photos from their early season sailing. Here are a few of the Editor's favourites -



Above from Keil MacLachlan - a Corinthian muster at Inchkeith - Maxine, Hyskeir and Tyche.



From Pete Marshall - Wee Mitch finally sails. Clearly happy with the maiden voyage, he reports that she sails like a dream. Not a bad dream we assume.

And finally, lest we forget, the wonders of the internet brings you -



Bunkside Reading



Holy Smoke: *From Edinburgh to the Ukraine by Yacht by Eric J White.* Some Corinthians may have noticed this book written by Eric White, from Cramond Boat Club. After a career in research, he sailed with his wife from Edinburgh to the Mediterranean in their Westerley Centaur, via the canals and rivers of France. While over-wintering at Rhodes they decided to go to the Ukraine in 1991, visiting Varna in Bulgaria, Odessa and Yalta. This was the first British boat to visit Yalta since 1919 where they found themselves in the midst of the Gorbachev coup. It's a fascinating book; it also brings home how much of a diesel mechanic you need to be if you're planning to sail further than Anstruther (and it probably helps even if that's as far as you plan to go). And dealing with officialdom in some other countries is clearly an art form that requires as much as patience and ability in languages. Available from Authors Online for £9.99.

Cruising Plans

The Editor has done a swift reconnoitre of Corinthians' sailing plans via a visit to the Bell Block on a Monday night. A convivial place it is - bring along a beer. Bring along two beers and you'll make a friend. More beers, more friends. From my hastily scribbled notes, I can vouch that these were the current plans a week ago!

So first up, **Aros More**, is off up to Stromness with George Mackay and Eddie North (I believe) for the Orkney Folk Festival and then, via the Faroes, to the West Coast. Iain hopes to be back in August.

Little Black Number, with Sally and Jim are off to Dallens Bay, just north of Loch Creran and then on possibly to Rum and should get her back in at Granton towards the end of June. **Hyskeir** is planning a trip through the Forth & Clyde with the redoubtable I. Dawson (back from Amble and Eyemouth) as mate, before heading on up to Stornoway to meet up with Aros More and take in the Hebridean Celtic Festival from 11th - 14th July 2012.

This year's Lift-in on Saturday 14th April included lifting 36 boats and 5 masts as well as the new storage container into the yard. And despite one or two unintended diversions, such as one boat having to be

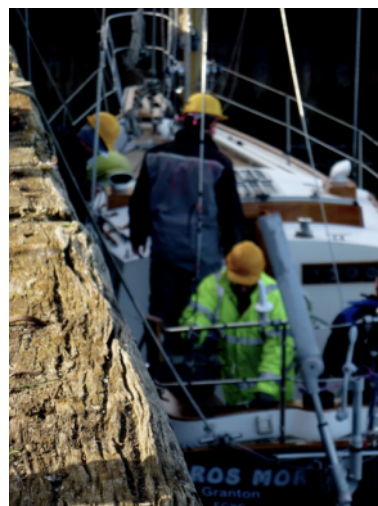


lifted back out immediately (the small matter of an ingress of water), the day went extremely smoothly and was over, with the security fencing all back in place, by mid-afternoon.



Lift in was, of course, the culmination of months of planning and hard work led by our capable Harbour Secretary, George MacKay. George and an able band of volunteers

Lift-In



spent many days through the winter months lifting old sinkers, making new ones and inspecting chains and shackles. George would like to express his thanks to all members who have given their time to help with mooring renewal and replacement over the winter. Special mention goes to Robin Fowler, Iain Gray, Ian Dawson, Joe Ramsay, Mark Arkless, Eddie Myatt and Eddie North for their commitment of time and effort.



Top Corinthians, all!

Graham Russell is off with **Nokomis** to the Drascombe Rally at Loch Sunart.

The celebrations for the 10th anniversary of the Falkirk Wheel are being held from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th July 2012, and **Fiddler** and **Beosetter** are both planning to attend. Jimmie Hill

and Jim Glass are off from Cumbrae in **Jane** and then northwards for ten days of west coast sailing. Further afield, **Fettler** is currently on the Atlantic Coast of North-West Spain and **Dansa Namara** is out there somewhere!