

# FAIRWIND

## BACK ON THE WATER!

Lift in will now be on  
Saturday 17th April, starting  
at 8am in the north yard.

Between now and then all  
moorings need to be checked -  
boat owners should check  
their own riser chains and  
junks. The workboat is in  
commission if needed, contact  
George MacKay to book  
(0131 663 7194). George can  
also arrange to have someone  
on board who is familiar with  
the work boat and has  
experience in handling  
moorings.

### On Lift-In

Saturday, the Clubhouse will  
be open from 2pm for food  
and refreshments, and the  
Pontoons are FREE for club  
boats on the Saturday night.

### REMINDER 1

Remember you have until 31  
March to renew your  
membership to the Club. The  
Clubhouse will be open every  
Monday from 7pm-11pm, and  
there are plans to open at the  
weekends - phone a council  
member to check when.

### Rates

Full member	£45
Household	£70
Sailing Assoc	£20
Cadet	£5.25
Social Associate	£20
Senior Associate	£20

### REMINDER 2

Some of you will receive, in  
our FAIRWIND envelope, a  
bill for harbour dues. The  
Council felt it only fair to  
remind all members of the

club constitution in relation to  
arrears (Paragraph 29).

"If yard or mooring fees due  
to the club by a member or  
former member are three  
months or more in arrears, the  
Council is entitled to:

(i) move the boat to another  
part of the premises without  
being liable for any loss or  
damage to the boat howsoever  
caused;

(ii) on giving one month's  
notice in writing to the  
member or former member, at  
the last known address shown  
in the register of members, to  
sell the boat, and deduct any  
monies due to the club,  
whether by way of arrears of  
subscriptions or mooring fees  
or yard fees etc from the  
proceeds of the sale, the  
balance if any to be paid to the  
member or former member;

(iii) on giving one month's  
notice, dispose of the boat as  
the Council think fit, and any  
expenses incurred in disposing  
of the boat to be added to the  
debt owed to the club by the  
member or former member.

The club shall always have a  
lien over club members' or  
former members' boats laid  
up, or moored, on the Club's  
premises or moorings, in  
respect of any money due to  
the club, subject to those  
conditions where the boats are  
registered and/or subject to a  
hire purchase agreement."

*The financial welfare of the  
club is in your hands - please  
pay promptly!*

## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

There was a good turn-out of members at the special  
General Meeting on the 15th March. It was called to  
canvass members' views on future directions for the  
Club. Five months into their term, the Council have  
already taken some action to reduce expenditure and  
raise income, but more needs to be done.

In an ideal world we'd have a smaller, more  
manageable, clubhouse, or shared premises. But the  
fact is, FCYC owns an enormous asset in a developing  
area - and we need to make best, and most economic,  
use of what we have.

With social membership dropping and regular  
use of the clubhouse limited to special events, Council  
proposed opening on Mondays; Tuesdays and  
Thursdays during the sailing season; and weekend  
afternoons.

There was a lively and constructive debate on  
future possibilities including letting the Clubhouse,  
shared facilities, what to do about outstanding debts  
and a possible review of membership categories to  
reflect the current situation. There may also be a  
survey done of all members.

Support for club social activities so far this  
year has been great. I hope you'll be using the club  
even more as we start yet another sailing season. - PL  
\* A full note of the meeting is available from Secretary  
Ann MacNeill.

## Boat Auction Friday 26th March

7.30 at the clubhouse

Members are encouraged to bring suitable  
sailing gear, boat gear, marine bric a brac etc  
to be auctioned for club funds. It's a great  
chance to have a clear-out - and pick up  
some bargains! And with auctioneers Ian  
Hellewell and Joe Ramsay, there's bound to  
be a bit of light entertainment along the way.

(Note: all profits to the club;  
anything not sold, owners must remove.)

# FCYC RACING 1999

<b>FIG</b>	
<b>Bass Rock Race</b>	5/6
<b>Bass Rock Return</b>	6/6
<b>FOG</b>	
<b>Bell Rock Race</b>	3/7
<b>Scotsman</b>	11/9
<b>Edinburgh Regatta</b>	21-22/8
<b>East Coast Sailing Week</b>	23-30/7
<b>Evening Points Early Series</b>	
Thursday	6/5
Thursday	20/5
Thursday	3/6
Tuesday	8/6
Thursday	17/6
Tuesday	22/6
<b>Summer Series</b>	
Tuesday	6/7
Thursday	8/7
Tuesday	20/7

Thursday 22/7

## Late Series

Tuesday	3/8
Thursday	5/8
Tuesday	17/8
Thursday	19/8
Tuesday	31/8
Thursday	2/9
Tuesday	14/9

## Port Edgar Stern

<b>Chase</b>	24/4
<b>Gadie</b>	2/5
<b>Challenger Lodge</b>	15/5
<b>Jubilee Cup</b>	29/5
<b>Marsh Cup</b>	30/5
<b>Surry Cup</b>	30/5
<b>Scott Shield</b>	10/7
<b>Wilson Cup</b>	18/7
<b>Ladies Helm</b>	14/8
<b>Anstruther Quaich</b>	28/8
<b>Wickes Stern Chase</b>	25/9

## Joint Series weekends

22/5
23/5
19/6
20/6
7/8
8/8

## EAST COAST SAILING WEEK

24-29 JULY 1999

Royal Northumberland, Coquet and Sunderland Yacht Clubs cordially invite you to take part in East Coast Sailing Week 1999.

Overnight feeder races will be organised from the Tay, Forth and Sunderland Yacht Club to finishing at Coquet Yacht Club on Saturday 24th July.

There will be a series of day races running from Sunday 25th July to Friday 30th July comprising of passage, bay and Olympic style courses. Classes include Cruiser racers; Handicap classes 1, 2, and 3; and sports boats (Family Cruiser class without spinnaker or cruising chutes).

- Sailing instructions will be sent on receipt of entry or may be obtained from the race office at Coquet Yacht Club upon arrival.

- The headquarters for East Coast Sailing Week 1999 will be within the premises of RNYC and CYC. All competitors will be granted free membership to the Organising Clubs for the period of the Event.

- Yachts taking part in the regatta will berth free of charge. At Amble, yachts will be moored within the Braid Marina. At Blyth, yachts will be moored within the RNYC waters.

- There is a variety of accommodations within close proximity of each venue from hotels to caravans or camping. Please make your requirements known.

- Entry forms and entry fee are to be sent to the ECSW Secretary Mrs Anne Lowrie, The Old Vicarage, Longframlington, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 8Q. Tel/fax: 01665 570200. E-mail: v.a.lowrie@ncl.ac.uk

- The event closing date will be Friday 9th July 1999.

- Further information at [http://www.rnyc.org.uk/sailing/ecsw99/ecsw\\_99.htm](http://www.rnyc.org.uk/sailing/ecsw99/ecsw_99.htm)

Full racing calendar and sailing instructions will be available shortly from John McLaren.

## FAIR ISLE/ORKNEY RACE 2000

To mark the Millennium our club has issued a Millennium challenge to yachtsmen and women to participate in our Fair Isle Race which will leave from Granton, Edinburgh, at 1000 hours on Wednesday June 21, 2000, and take competitors to the finish off the east coast of Orkney.

At the time of entry, yachts may choose to sail one of two courses.

- Fair Isle Race - from Granton round Fair Isle, to finish south of Aukerry Light, a distance of approximately 280 miles.

- Orkney Race - from Granton straight to Orkney, to finish east of Copinsay Light, a distance of approximately 200 miles.

Once finished, yachts will make for Kirkwall.

All yachts will require to be at Granton before 12 noon on Tuesday 20 June, so that safety checks can be carried out. Berthing will be available at

Granton prior to the start. There will be a reception at the club that evening.

We are fortunate to have the support of Orkney Sailing Club who will be helping with the organisation at Kirkwall, including a Reception/Dance and Prizegiving.

In addition, Orkney Sailing Club have kindly offered to organise various sightseeing tours for competitors during their stay at Kirkwall.

The entry fee is still to be fixed, but should be about £30. This will include berthing fees at Granton and Kirkwall.

All enquiries to: Tom Wilson, 73 Vexhim Park, Edinburgh, EH15 3SD. Tel: 0131 467 9772. E-mail: [tomwilson@smithereen.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:tomwilson@smithereen.freeserve.co.uk)

**The Forth Corinthian Yacht Club acknowledges the help of Orkney Sailing Club with the organisation of this race.**

# ON THE EBB . . .

What's been happening since the last Fairwind . . .

☆ Fourteen Corinthians, including a complete set of commodores, mounted a full frontal attack on the London International Boat Show in January. Brilliant accommodation and travel organised by Linda Pennycook, great bargains found, lots of laughs had, and a serious dent made in the BR wine cellar.

☆ For those mystified by the trail of horse manure down the Middle Pier, the assertion that this was the trademark of the Mounted Police called in to deal with the no<sup>o</sup>rin protestors at the Knuckle only confirmed the mystery. Only when it was revealed by the One Who Knows All that our famous yachting harbour and fledgling marina was doubling for Faslane in a film about nuclear deterrants in Scotland did it all (nearly) make sense. While there were a dozen portaloos for the cast and crew, the mounts of the Capital's horse marines were left (literally) to obey the call in the raw.

☆ The Club Toppers have been sold and uplifted by the Bosun's lo<sup>o</sup>lr.

☆ It seems that an over-enthusiastic fork-lift driver has badly buckled the fence in the North Yard just beside the bow of 'Grandee'. As Mervyn Bond has already had tools stolen despite his Bar-L security in that corner, he

There was going to be some lovely photographs here (taken by Joe Ramsay) of our Rear Commodore snogging proud prizewinners at the FCYC Prizegiving in February, but the Ed's computer is ~~knackered~~. Hopefully they will appear in the next Fairwind. In the meantime, picture, if you will, the happy winners with their trophies engraved with the likes of:  
"Winner - single-handed race - Tommy Wilson & Graham Mitchell" and "Winner - Ladies Race - Earl Ross" . . .

is anxious that someone speedily makes good the damage which has left an 18 inch gap in the fencing. He votes that FPA do the work/pick up the tab.

☆ Our newest member, Alan Wynne Thomas, will be recognised by many after his talk in the club last year on his round-the-world experiences. (Remember the deadly tin of beans?)

☆ And two long-standing Corinthian members are bringing new boats to the club.  
- Willy Barr's bought a Hunter 701, currently on the hard at Port Edgar. There's no truth in the rumour that the name, *Firecrest*, reflects the demise of his last boat.  
- Phil Chester is awaiting delivery of a new (and that's NEW, as in brand-spanking-new, never seen a spilt Pot Noodle, completely and utterly new) 18ft classic wooden yacht. Is this the first NEW boat

ever bought by a Corinthian in living memory? Answers on a postcard, please . . .

☆ *Roundabout owners go limp.* Brian Pennycook found out the hard way that wet chipboard on a staging has the residual strength of a large Weetabix, while Ed North took a wee tumble at his over 70s badminton club.

☆ Dumbo - and her engine in particular - continue to fascinate Colin Campbell who emerges from the bowels of this craft almost daily clutching something so far gone that it should be subjected to an immediate buoyancy test.

## NEXT FAIRWIND

Copy date for the next Fairwind is Monday 10 May. Contact Fiona McIntyre (below) or Sarah Price (0131 229 0029 - sprice@fcbi.hw.ac.uk) if you have anything for inclusion.

Commodore	Paul Lough	0131 554 7078
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# CONTACTS

# CLUB

## The Free Mexican Air Force Is Flying Tonight!

They say you don't know a man until you have sailed with him - so I just thank heaven that I had the privilege to have sailed with Dave Leask and Norrie on their boat Rollin' Stone, which they had built themselves. The trips were numerous, and invariably great fun. Somehow or other, Norway always seemed to be the destination, and it seemed that it was not that long before he died we were talking about our next trip to Bergen, and how nice it would be to see old friends again.

Dave will be long remembered for his party pieces on board, including the memorable "one-armed drunken flute busker". Dave would appear out of the heads, dressed as a busker, singing and dancing and playing a flute with his one and only hand. On losing his balance, and in an attempt to grab a hand rail with his one hand, a finger would come out of his fly and grab the flute - this never failed to amaze, terrify and reduce the company to tears of laughter! (*It was his finger, wasn't it? Ernie . . . ?*)

Another trip to Bergen saw the bold Corinthians asking the

locals which bars should be avoided. "The Piraten and the Nue Ooglie" (New Ugly - named after Ernie), we were told. Dave led an advance party to the former with the Old Codgers bringing up the rear after a toilet-seeking mission. When we arrived, Dave was esconsed in the corner, resplendent in a white trench coat. His cover story was that he was location-hunting and talent spotting for Steven Spielberg. The Varda (security) refused us entry. We protested, saying we were with the man in the white coat (some things never change). The Varda asked Dave to confirm: "Never seen them before in my life!"

The trip back was a bit of a disaster, with the heater failing, followed by the self-steering. A bitterly cold wind got stronger and stronger. "This is getting bad, Dave," we said. "Nah, this is OK," he replied, "last time we had an analog log, it was reading 'Smiths'!"

Loved your stories, Dave, and your company, and the rum measures were great (unlike Irene's!) - sorely missed and remembered with laughter . . . Dave Leask.

*Ernie Coulter and Ian Hellewell*

## BOAT JUMBLE

### CLUB STUFF

- The Edinburgh Marina Managers are looking for volunteers for summer pontoon duty. This involves one visit a day to Granton (either morning or evening) to note boats on the pontoons. If you can do even a few days at any stage, contact Jack Haldane (0131 552 9995) or Brian Pennycook (0131 552 5886).
- If any member knows the whereabouts of the sails (sail No 6676), rudder or tiller for the club Wayfarer dinghy, would they please contact Tom Wilson or any member of the Council.
- The new club handbook/tide tables will be available shortly after lift-in.
- We've had notice from Lothian & Borders Police of a general clampdown on clubs' signing-in policy. Please ensure you sign in any guests - book behind the bar.
- There will be a work party after lift-in to retore the remaining club dingies & RIB to their former glory (or at least make them saleable). Contact Tommy Wilson for details.
- The £20 to be paid by each boat for use of Dumbo as a ferry is *only if you are going to use Dumbo*.

### FOR SALE - Sadler 25 - "Baltika" launched 1978

Baltika is a well-maintained, seaworthy, 5-berth, fin-keeled sailing cruiser with two owners since new. On 4-wheeled trailer & available for viewing at Granton. LOA 24'4" Beam 8'9"; Draft 4'8". Includes: Petter Mini 6 inboard diesel engine; sea toilet; 2-burner stove; Navico VHF; Navico Log; full cruising inventory. Sails: Main (roller-reefed), Genoas 1,2 & 3, spinnaker, cruising chute and storm jib. **£10,500**

To view contact Ton Heron (01875 852031) or Alan Jeffrey (0131 332 6054).



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