

FORTH CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

August, 1969.

Dear Member,

Quite a lot has happened Clubwise since the last letter. Mr. Baxter has left our service, he is going back to sea, after he has a holiday ashore. I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success in his new job, where-ever it may be. I know that your Committee were very sorry to lose his services.

Your new Steward is a Mr. KILLIARD and he is very ably assisted by his wife both behind the bar and upstairs in your dinning room. Lunches and High Teas can be had providing you order them. This is a facility you the members wanted. Why not use it? The meals are wholesome and good value for money.

ENTERTAINMENT

There is now an Entertainment's Committee at work in the Club and I must congratulate them on their first venture. On Saturday evening 26th July a group of folk singers entertained us and although we may not be the best singers in the world I am sure all those in the Club that evening thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The next appearance of this group will be on the 9th August, 1969. For those who think the Club is lacking in life - come down and see the noise a corpse can make.

LADIES:

If you have any ideas for a Ladies Night for our winter programme do let us know.

To all members:

Remember your Club is like a battery, take everything out of it and give nothing in return and it goes flat.

SAILING NEWS:

Three of our yachts have been wandering to new parts this season. The Folkboat 'DUSTY' (owned by I.A. Macdonald) finished up in West Hartlepoole and on the journey back called in at the Holy Island. Comment of the crew - if we had gone there on the road down we would never have sailed any further.

'JOXER' (Alacrity) - This is an 18ft. bilge keeled yacht (owned by Austin Moffett) finished up in Denmark, 4 days to go there and 6 days to come back, unfortunately, on the sail back he had two days of rather foul weather. Congratulations on this feat Austin.

'BODICEA' (Triumph) owned by Keith Stanley, one of our Country members, sailed up to Inverness via Wick due to dirty weather on his approach to Inverness, through the Canal down to Oban, from there round the Islands of Mull and Jura then up to and through the Pentland Firth then home. Good going Keith.

SCOTT SHIELD

This was won by the yacht Dusty, second Kingfisher of Rhu, third Melody. At this point I must thank Angus McIntosh for doing breakwater duties and foregoing his entry in this race. Knowing how keen Angus is I know how much of a sacrifice this was.

R.N.L.I. CUP

This was a great success due to a lot of very hard work by our Commodore who organised and got the co-operation of the R.N.L.I. who allowed the Dunbar Life-boat to be our outward mark. To the crew of the Life-boats taking part inshore and offshore - THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Also the Helicopter crew for the display that they put on. When one sees the life saving service in action it makes one feel very humble. Once again, Gentlemen, thank you very much for your very valuable time.

Although the entries were not all they could have been, the Dragon and Loch Long fleet were conspicuous by their absence - just a donation would have done, perhaps they feel that they do not need the service of the R.N.L.I.

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I sincerely hope they won't have to fire a red flare in earnest. The last time there was a demonstration of flares it caused enough red faces in certain quarters.

This race was won by 'Bodicea' (F.C.Y.C.), second 'AYEASHA' (B.S.C.), third 'MITZI' (F.C.Y.C.).

LADIES RACE and GAFFERS RACE will be re-sailed in the near future. Dates and times will be put on the Notice Board.

We welcome Mr. Sives boat Vanguard to the West Harbour and hope all his magneto, water and other problems are all sorted out and wish him a happy first seasons sailing.

BREAKWATER DUTIES - I am sorry to end the Newsletter on this note, but we are very short of members who are willing to perform their duty. Those who have done this job in the past have done yeoman service and those who have sailed in races may not realise that help is required. Your sailing committee do need help in this matter and any member, sailing or social, who would like to help out will be most welcome. We are not a committee of experts and we are learning too so why not join us?.

WARNING TO BOAT OWNERS

Late on Wednesday night (30/7/69) there was an abortive attempt by two unknown characters to plunder the Yachts. They stole a dinghy (Selga) from the R.F.Y.C. Dinghy Park and paddled out towards the yachts. But due to the astuteness of Mr. Gilbert Mackie (one of our members) who contacted the Police immediately, the culprits abandoned their nefarious activities and made their usual get away by sailing out of the harbour into Wardie Bay where they abandoned the Dinghy. I would like to thank the Commodore for going down to the Harbour at this time of the morning and recovering the dinghy, and also for checking the boats to make sure they had not been tampered with.

DINGHY OWNERS PLEASE MAKE SURE YUR DINGHIES ARE LEFT
SECURE. AS THE POLICE HANDBILL SAYS -
'THIEVES DO NOT TAKE A HOLIDAY!'

Yours faithfully,

J.C. WILSON

Honorary Secretary

LATE NEWS EXTRA

GAFFERS RACE will be sailed on Sunday, 17th August.

LADIES RACE will be sailed on the evening of Wednesday, 20th August.

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It has been brought to my attention that one or two of our Periodicals have been going astray. Please note that these Periodicals are for the benefit of all members and should not be removed from the Clubhouse.

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It has become apparent that unauthorised persons have ben admitted into the Clubhouse by members. This has got to stop as it can lead to all sorts of trouble. Firstly, these strangers are not signed in and, secondly, it causes dissenion when other strangers are refused.

Please, in future, do not allow any stranger(s) into the Club until you are satisfied that their credentials are in order, or that the member they wish to see is in the Club. Please also advise the Steward as to what action you have taken.