

Uninformed inhabitants of other parts of these Isles may erroneously believe that the Wedding of the Year was in St. Paul's on July 29th. We know better. It was in our own premises at 4.00 p.m. on September 9th when Bill Oliver, popular past Commodore and presently guardian of our finances, got spliced to Anne Boyd. The resulting celebrations left your Commodore, Secretary and Social Convenor tying for title of "Zombie of the Week". Seriously though, a good time was had by all before the couple fled to Spain. I'm sure we all wish them every happiness.

The affairs of the Club come under scrutiny again at the Annual General Meeting which is set for 7.30 p.m. on October 12th. If you have something to contribute this is the time and place to do it! As in the past there require to be elections for two places on the Council and, of course, all the executive posts.

Subscriptions are now due and if you pay BEFORE the Annual General Meeting you get the advantage of paying at the current rate something you should seriously consider in an inflationary age!

On the sailing side the barbecué was less well attended than it surely deserved and despite warnings to stand off in deeper water Spirit of Venture lived up to her name by coming ashore to join the party. She must have grown attached to her berth for she remained there some weeks until recovered! Race entries were down overall but the cup-winners will have their night of glory on ~~October 12th~~ when they will get their (only) chance to handle and be seen with their loot. NOV 6th

Jack Gillies has plans for suitable mementoes they can take home but the cups will have to remain in 1 Granton Square. If you are a winner why not arrange a picture to be taken that night?

Ian Hellewell has written from sunnier climes to tell of his sailing exploits. Seems work is again interfering with his preferred lifestyle but he is happy and sends his best wishes to all.

Colin Campbell is again on his feet and I'm sure you wish him a speedy return to full health.

At time of writing the crane lift-out is planned for October 24th. Your Harbour Committee will again operate the 5-minute time-sharing costing so it is in your own interest to ensure the yards are tidy; dinghies removed and adequate shoring-ready! Bring enough bodies to cope and we'll all benefit!

Boat Owners Night will be at 7.30 p.m. on the first Friday of each Winter month and a programme is being prepared. The nights are misnamed for they are open to all with an interest in sailing. If you have any bright ideas, beard the Secretary! (Gently!)

The Social Convenor has been busy and the following dates are fixed: Get the names logged as soon as you can please!

O.A.P.s annual dinner. Chartroom, December 4th at 7.30 p.m.
 Children's (4-7) party and panto visit (8-11) on December 12th
 (Names of kids and sponsoring member on the notice board please - open to your children, grandchildren, or (if none of your own) nephews or nieces).
 The Commodore has hired the Function Suite at The Merlin, Morningside Road, for the Annual Dance to be held on January 29th. Tickets will be £6 each. Order now to avoid disappointment! This should be the highlight of your social calendar this winter. See you there!

The Video Night idea has proved too costly and so, regrettably, has had to be shelved meantime.

Costs are still rising all around us, (Not just in the bar!), so we need to increase our membership. This means that we must attract more sailors to join (especially those with boats requiring moorings and yard space) to allow us to expand our very successful social membership which had a waiting list.

New key cards are due to arrive soon for issue to new members who have until now, had to ring for admittance, an embarrassment we hope to remove. at a rate of knots.

Our Club Licence falls due for renewal next year and the authorities are known to be taking a hard line. Please ensure that you follow the Rules which are laid down by Law (not by the Council) about signing in guests, observance of hours and supervision of children (none in the bar itself or on the fruit machines or playing Bingo!) If you have a question please ask the Social Convenor, or, Steward or Secretary. Complaints (and, thankfully in a contented Club, these are not too frequent) must go to the Council in writing. You will be heard but you must go about it the right way.

Finally with the leaves turning rapidly and the festive season looming may I, on behalf of the Council, wish you and yours a most enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

S.J. Boyd
Hon. Sec.