

FORTH CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

SUMMER [???] NEWSLETTER

Always the optimist, I believe that the weather has improved and though the principal beneficiary seems to be my ever-lengthening grass on the back lawn, at least a few of our boats have ventured out and about though Sailing Secretary, Bob Campbell, would welcome more entries.

He reports that on 8th May the Miller Cup Race took place with a very small entry made even smaller by a Skua jamming a halyard while rigging off the slip and a mix-up over dates with the Scotsman crew. This race was won by Ron Harper and W. Ballantyne who crossed the line 5 minutes ahead of Skua helmed by Graham Mitchell. While the final entry was extremely poor, by Corinthian standard it was the best entry/potential entry we have had in a number of years and has resulted in the word getting round that Corinthian now do dinghies, Robin Fowler having received applications for yard space. There being a potential entry we are proposing a series of evening dinghy races. If you are interested in taking part either as competitor, race official or rescue boat crew, please contact the Sailing Secretary on Livingston 36733.

Best Log Competition: Don't forget your log books this season, regardless of their format or content they are all valid entries. So whether you spend your sailing time racing, pottering around or taking extended cruises, get your entries in at the end of the season.

Practice Race - This took place on 9th May and while only a few boats took part we had a better turn out than some of our past races. Only one new comer, the boat Barbey, took part. We understand, however, she enjoyed the afternoon and we look forward to having her race with us this season. If the date of this practice race was wrong for you other such events can be arranged during the season. If interested contact the Sailing Secretary on Livingston 36733 or any member of the Sailing Committee.

Training - It is hoped to establish a club training scheme. Mr. G. Mitchell who has an R.Y.A. instructor's ticket has offered his services. If you have any interest in training either as a potential pupil or instructor please contact the Sailing Secretary on the above number or any member of the Sailing Committee.

Cadet Members - We also intend to re-establish a competition for cadet members/family members under the age of 16. While the club does not list many youngsters under the cadet membership we feel sure there are a number of young people sailing in club boats and covered by family membership. While we have not decided on the final format of this competition we would be interested in having the names of any youngsters you have aboard and any views/ideas you have on such a competition.

Barbecue at Lower Largo - This has now been arranged for Saturday 5th June, this being the date also selected for Marsh and Surry Cup Races. The races starting at 12.30 BST and high water being 14.59 BST it would be possible for the real enthusiast to take part in both events.

Handicaps - It is the club's intention this year to race all closed races using the existing F.C.Y.C. ratings, these being the ratings displayed on both North Yard and Clubhouse noticeboards prior to the start of the season and approved by the General Council. All open races will be raced to the new F.Y.C.A. Portsmouth scheme. We still await the issue of ratings from the F.Y.C.A. and if these are not received by the first open race the Sailing Committee will rate boats contained in the current R.Y.A. rating list at their appropriate listed rating. Non-listed boats will be given a temporary handicap based wherever practical on their known performance over previous seasons. This rating

something we must not allow to happen again! If you are slated to appear you must either do so or tell the Sailing Committee in good time.

Commodore Colin Stoddart is happy to announce the birth of his grand-child and has, in a weak moment, actually been seen buying other members drinks.

Two races [which are also very social occasions] are drawn to your attention. One is the ever popular Bass Rock Race which is to be filmed for posterity. The Victoria Ballroom has been hired (and paid for!) and the band are practising even now. Make a date to be there by sea, road or rail. Dunbar on June 26th. At Mrs. Stoddart's request the dance will not be filmed!

On July 31st the new Radio Forth Race with, hopefully, live coverage by the sponsors will be followed by an open-air bunfight/barbecue in the north yard. John Hughes has promised to help by constructing a giant barbecue grill so would welcome any help anyone can offer.

Robin Fowler, Harbour Secretary, wants the yards tidied up so that the influx of dinghies can be coped with as well as space for the above item. Some trailers not presently in use may be better housed in the south yard so don't be surprised if asked to move down the road. Help will be given where necessary.

Summer storage accounts have been issued and payment is due. As with all our costs they are kept reasonable only on the basis that everyone pays promptly. Mooring work progresses and there is a brief message for those placed on temporary moorings - "PLEASE BE PATIENT".

Security remains a problem. Two dinghies have been stolen from the north yard. If you see someone you don't know challenge them. As I have said often enough you may either make a new friend or frustrate a thief. Look up after you! Members should have their own keys!

With deep regret we have to report that the much-prized photo of HMS Ark Royal has been taken from the Chart Room. Someone must know where it is! It meant so much to so many people that I would be happy to have it returned [anonymously] to me at the Scotsman. No names; no pack drill.

Readers of the quality Press will know that the Royal Forth also rejected the Granton Development Company's proposal for a marina, wisely following our example. What you may not know is that the Forth Ports Authority were so miffed by our rejection that they wrote querying the attendance and voting figures at our meeting. Just as we are not party to their deliberations they have no right to know our internal business but, on behalf of the Council, I gave them a brief outline of our stance. This has resulted in a letter from F.P.A. telling us that they have asked the developers to go back to the drawing board. This would appear to mean that they still want a marina of some kind so the ad hoc Marina Sub-Committee now await further word.

At time of writing the Task Force is in the thick of battle. I am sure that we all identify with those there and with those who wait anxiously of word about relatives and friends.

Chrissie Drummond is getting quite excited about a forthcoming family reunion. Her sister in Canada is coming over again and for the first time in 36 years they will be joined by a sister who has been in Australia all that time. A big night is planned for July 23rd.

The part played in the South Atlantic rescue of a Salvesen helicopter crew by Jimmy Dignan (of Penny) is revealed in an article in that company's newspaper "Salvo". It makes compelling reading!

If anyone has a mind to charter in Scotland this year I have a fairly detailed list compiled in the course of my work and, of course, the Royal Yachting Association, Frederick Street, Edinburgh can supply details of courses available.

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