

NEWSLETTER - LAUNCH EDITION

The year that started slowly has quickened apace and among the issues Council has looked at are the subscriptions outstanding and the old membership list. The new list will be ready soon and will lack quite a number of once familiar names simply because they have not paid up.

Sadly action had also to be taken by the Club Lawyer against a number of folk who had outstanding Harbour or storage dues. The Pigeon Club has generously donated £50 to the Rescue Boat Fund but sadly neither the Scottish Sports Council nor Edinburgh District Council saw fit to grant us anything. On the Social side our first Burns Supper went down well. Commodore Sandison regaled the company with the full (clean) version of Tam O'Shanter and the Toast to the Haggis was spiritedly given by Rab McIntyre - so spiritedly that the Sgian Dubh cleft not only the haggis but the plate below. Your Hon. Sec., who admitted to knowing only a little about his subject, gave what he thought an erudite and witty toast to the Lassies. Singing was well received from a number of members and a grand night was had by all who can remember it at all. The experiment will be repeated!

The Boat Owners Nights were well received if not well attended. The films "Captain Courageous" and "Barnacle Bill" both of which were full of faces from the past were much enjoyed. On Saturday, March 5th, we invaded the Search and Rescue facility at RAF Leuchars, Fife and they'll not forget our visit!

Launch date is set at SATURDAY 23rd APRIL. Many hands required to tidy up yards in advance. Don't leave it to the few! North Yard party please muster at 7.00 a.m. There are fences to come down and it is true that many hands make light work. Before you can be lifted in you must have shown Robin Fowler a valid insurance certificate.

Bob Hendicott writes from Las Palmas aboard yacht First Lady. He left Crinan late January with Derrick and Brian Bathgate. Seems all is well and he will no doubt have lots to tell us on his return.

Vice-Commodore Bob Campbell, Hon. Sec. Stewart Boyd and Sailing Sec. Graham Mitchell represented FCYA at the AGM of the Royal Yachting Association aboard the Carrick, Glasgow. The latter gentleman writes:

The new season approaches and I am aware of many jobs to be done before the launch date. As an appetiser for the coming season I have compiled the information in the appended pages. There was some new found enthusiasm for racing last season and I hope we can build on it. Handicapping is now on a sounder footing and who knows, Jura and Aquila should harder pressed. If boats race often enough and in sufficient numbers the Club handicaps will be more accurate.

Please Note:-

- 1) We are invited to a series of lectures at the Port Edgar Yacht Club (dates and subjects attached).
2. The FIG and FOG groups have printed their programme of races (attach and entry forms can be obtained from me at the club.
3. Handicaps have been assessed for 'closed' races for the 1983 season (see article attached) and we await confirmation from the Forth Yacht Clubs Association for 'open' races.
4. Dinghy racing is one of my responsibilities and the Council has set aside some money to purchase a club boat. Any ideas or information on appropriate classes, second hand bargains welcome. Anyone interested in organising and participating in races, please see me.

5. Training - should there be enough interest I would be willing to lay on training weekends at some stage in the season for anyone interested in obtaining an RYA certificate for dinghy sailing. The old certificate system (elementary, intermediate and advanced) is being replaced by four certificates; junior national dinghy sailing Seamanship I and Seamanship II certificates. Anyone interested, children or adults (and I should say you can learn a lot about sailing cruisers by sailing dinghies) Let me know soonest.

6. The race calendar is attached. Some details of non-racing events have to yet be finalised but should be in April. Please note that we are planning to run a series of evening points races for cruisers early in the season. The idea is to have the best three out of five results counting towards the final position. It is hoped to try and provide experienced crews for any boat owner willing to race, provided I or anyone on the Sailing Committee is contacted in good time before the event. Races will be held in Wardie Bay on a reasonably short course with two laps. Please give us your support!

Finally for those still fitting out, and I am one, there are offers of reduced prices in March at Tulloch's Boat Centre, Cannonmills and from Lammerlaws Leisure at Lammerlaws Road, Burntisland which opens on 12th March. John Dunnet who sails Warlord (second in the Radio Forth) is the proud proprietor.

Keep painting and varnishing' - Graham Mitchell
Sailing Secretary, tel. home 332 7036

and Sailing Committee: Ed Duffy, John Hughes and Tommy Wilson.

The Commodore had just heard that, in nice time to start his holiday, he has been invited to the Royal Northumberland Yacht Club Dinner (I bet they don't have Crawford's pies that night). Royal Forth have a new Commodore in Harry Holmes and a new Hon. Sec. in Alex Flett. Council has sent congratulations.

In conclusion can I remind you that the Social members have a full programme of events which I would ask you to support.

S.J. BOYD
HON. SECRETARY
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ADDENDUM

Port Edgar Yacht Club

Talks in the clubhouse at Port Edgar on Wednesday evenings at 19.30. The bar will be open!

- 23rd March Rules Clinic
- 30th March "Search and Rescue" - HM Coastguard talk film presentation
- 6th April "Saturn Sails" - Colin Mackenzie Sail setting and handling.

HOME TEAM THRILL IN CLOSE FINISH

On Thursday 10th March the Corinthian team comprising Pat McKenzie (Captain), Ian McLean, John Watts and Reg Lines met the Harrison Golf Club in the first round of the Royal National Institute for the Blind general knowledge quiz. The match was a home game and took place in the Corinthian Chart Room. The quiz took the form of rounds of general knowledge questions. There being rounds of individual and team questions. At the end of the first round the score was declared to be Harrison 6 Corinthian 4 whereupon Ann Campbell lodged a protest with the quiz master in that one of the Harrison team had in fact incorrectly answered a question and that the score was Harrison 6 Corinthian 4. The matter was discussed with the official scorer and the quiz master agreed that he was in error and the score amended to the delight of the Corinthian supporters and cries of out, out from the Harrison team. Harrison over the next few rounds began to build up a formidable lead and by the second last round must have felt their position was safe since the round took the form of questions being offered which had varying degrees of difficulty and the teams could select questions valued at either 3, 2 or 1 point. The visitors obviously looking to build on their lead elected to go for a mix of questions valued at 2 and 3 and were reasonably successful in that they scored 11 points in this round. Corinthian attempting to pull back some of the deficit elected to go for questions valued at 3 points but were unsuccessful and scored no points in this round. Therefore going into the last round the score was Harrison 44 Corinthian 26.

In this round a team would be asked questions and providing they answered correctly this would continue until they either answered wrongly or scored the maximum 12 points whereupon they would receive a bonus of 6 points. A coin was tossed to decide which team went first and as luck would have it Harrison won and started the round. However, only a few questions later they made a mistake. For a short period the questions passed from team to team. Finally Corinthian had a good run and scored 6 in a row and with their six bonus points the Harrison team were showing signs of worry but it all came just too late time and questions ran out giving a final score of Harrison 59 Corinthian 52. A first class effort by our team nevertheless who scored the maximum points (50) for the RNIB so their sponsors will be called upon to pay their maximum contribution.