

If the weather this time last year gave cause for lamentations then this year we should be rending our oilskins and tearing our hair out. [Bill Ballingall, recently encountered painting a fishing boat at Crinan, seems to have done this already].

The Bass Rock Race was wisely cancelled but many of the original entrants proceeded round a shortened course round one side or other of Leith Approach Buoy, done to Inchkeith in the teeth of a young gale and back up to Oxcar Light which was rounded in a flat calm with matching drizzle. The last leg to the finish was true torment and the final four boats declined to abandon despite the obvious drouth of the O.O.D. The Open winners were 1) Ishka [RFYC]; 2) Creditor [P.E.B.C.]; 3) Shiron [P.E.B.C.]; and club placings were 1) Judi [Ed Duffy]; 2) Aquila [G. Mitchell and 3) Yaler [Tom Wilson].

The Dunbar Dance went ahead but not exactly as planned - there was a very poor turnout and the Commodore has made it plain that he is displeased. As he says, this ought to be one of the highlights of the season; it is very heavily subsidised and those who didn't go really missed out on two counts a) they are helping to pay for it and b) it turned out all right on the night though there was a marked reluctance amongst the males to disport themselves upon the dance floor.

The Prize Draw for a free mooring was made at Dunbar and this went to Stanley Cairns. Thanks to those who supported the Safety Boat Fund with their fivers; shame on those who didn't! Talking of moorings, several boats are on moorings they have no place to be! Robin Fowler, Angus McIntosh and Joe Nicol will have having harsh words with some folk who have cavalierly moored where they please. Such conduct does not endear the guilty to other members nor, if the mooring in question is owned by RFYC, does it enhance inter-club relations. If asked to shift please do so promptly. We have taken up only 14 RFYC moorings so get back in line - or else! Harbour accounts are now out and full due to be paid by the end of June. Please do not defer or neglect to pay as the calculations are done on the basis of prompt payment by everyone.

Still on money but this time a lot less in amount, membership fees for all classes are due by August 31st. The rates are as below and again are calculated on the basis that the club does not have to wait for the cash.

Full member	£15.00 + £2.25 VAT
Family member	£17.00 + £2.50 VAT
S/Assoc. member	£ 6.00 + 90 VAT
Associate member	£ 5.50 + 83 VAT

This year no other reminder will be sent but Council will apply the Constitution quite firmly except where someone can, in confidence, show evidence of hardship to the Council.

Two days after the General Election, i.e. on June 11th you won't recognise Granton. A super festival run by the RNR Forth Division [Claverhouse to us] will see the harbour filled by all manner of RN; RNR; Fleet Auxiliary and other vessels including BP's/olair, ANI anti-pollution craft. There will be Marines, Lifeboat, Helicopter, Model Boat; no less than 5 Bands and the club will have a stall featuring our activities. Bob Campbell is setting up a prize draw for the Safety Boat Fund which at time of writing stands at only £1224.50 - a long way from the £8000 we require.

Readers of the Evening News may have thought they recognised the lovely young lass at work in Duncans Chocolate factory in an old (well not too old but not yesterday) pictures of Jack Hawkins. Research has revealed that the maid in the natty outfit is now Mrs. Chrissie Drummond. Gallantry forbids me to reveal when the picture was taken.

Now here is the bit you've been waiting for. Diary dates.

1) Saturday, July 9th, the popular Largo Muster with barbecue and every

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- 2. Friday, July 15th Cowboy Night Social (in aid of the Safety Boat Fund). Come in Western Garb, Dance, Drink and eat an authentic Frontier meal !!! Restricted to 60 places so give your names in to Chrissie/Sylvia soonest.
- 3. Sunday July 24th. Radio Forth Race with barbeque. Last year's was superb. This year it'll be better
- 4. Saturday, August 6th. Family Muster at Port Edgar. Go by sea or by land but meet up at the Marina. Bring the kids!
- 5. Saturday, August 13th. The race for strong men and women to Anstruth For the coveted Quaich.
- 6. Friday, August 19th, Social (details on notice board later) in aid of the Safety Boat Fund.

All credit to the ladies who organised a Bring and Buy in the club on May 25th. What a pity more people didn't support it! Never mind they tell me that they plan another and they are going to make it bigger and better.

While credit is in mind, Bill Lees is to be congratulated in rapidly finding his way around a strange boat and starting it to go to the rescue of a family whose dinghy sank under them!

Members will sympathise with Mrs. Renee McInnes, whose husband Ron died in hospital recently. Council and club members attended the funeral.

The Bathgate brothers were in the "News" again. They are a credit to the Club. If you are making similar news, or know of a member who is, then please let me know and I'll include it in the next Newsletter (whenever that is!).

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