

Dear Colleague,

I would like to record our appreciation of the work, as Harbour Secretary of Walter Swan, who died suddenly one Sunday afternoon after a pleasant day's sailing. We wish his wife, Irene, well in her sadness.

FOOD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

In an attempt to make the Clubhouse more attractive to sailing and non-sailing members alike, hot food is now available at the bar most lunch times and evenings. The menu is varied and interesting.

Obviously as this is a new venture there will be areas which may be improved on or added to. Please let me, or any Council Member, know if you have any ideas.

We hope that this will be the start of a long term plan to upgrade the Clubhouse to make it somewhere you enjoy sitting and talking rather more than is evident from most Sailing Members at the moment.

SAILING

Lots of races with interesting results of which more later.

Members have been away cruising either in their own boats or with others. (Dare you meet the Sailing Secretary again without buying him a pint for his safe deliverance!!)

BASS ROCK: The Dunbar Race was held under very differing circumstances. Beginning with a flat calm which held for some time, eventually about two-thirds of the starters finished.

The social evening was a limited success dependent on where one was for the evening and arrival time.

The Return Race was, I understand, most exhilarating, the start a triumph of mind over matter as far as the Race Officer was concerned!!

Incidentally, the Dunbar Race was won by "BLUE BLAZER" and the Return Race by "WINDWARD".

MARSH & SURRY CUPS: These both had small entries and were won by "CORIANDER" and "BLUE BLAZER" respectively.

ANSTRUTHER RACE - THE QUAICH: This race showed a good turnout and an enjoyable social event was sustained in the small hours by some. Moves are supposedly afoot to negotiate favourable terms in local hostels to allow those who wish to partake.

R.N.L.I. RACE: A small number of boats started this race which was won by "BLUE BLAZER".

The ensuing refreshments in the North Yard, with thanks to the Commodore's wife especially, and other members who provided food, were well received by all.

SCOTT SHIELD: Two hard souls took to the water in a fierce breeze and battled for hours hardly within sight of each other. Eventually the Secretary's deft use of his spinnaker in the Force 5 (ask K. Maguire) ensured a close (23 second) win in his amazing boat, as much renowned for its sub-maritime activities as anything else.

REGATTA: The weather for the "EVENING NEWS" was disappointingly calm/

calm and ended for most people with a downpour. The shortened course ensured that a certain F.C.Y.C. boat renowned for its captain's dogged resoluteness in the face of adversity, was not on the Forth for longer than necessary.

LADIES RACE: Five boats started from the harbour, but two unfortunately retired prematurely because of the weather conditions. The Sherlock family featured in two of the three boats which finished the race and are to be congratulated as an enthusiastic presence. The ensuing barbecue in the idyllic and rain sodden surroundings of the North Yard was a great social success due in no small measure to the skills of the wives of the Commodore and Vice-Commdore who managed to produce food for extra visitors as and when required. A visiting Swedish family also enjoyed themselves! The winner of the race was "WINDWARD" helmed by the younger generation of the Sherlock family.

POINTS RACING: This has proceeded smoothly until the last race, when bereft of Race Officials, an extemporary start was arranged. It is now, I understand, the subject of a protest by one yacht.

DINGHY TRAINING

This began with a large number of students, and with its usual eventful sessions, progressed satisfactorily into June. During the early summer settled spell, trips were made to Inchkeith and Inchcolm on separate occasions. A break was called during the month of July because of instructors' commitments elsewhere.

The second part is due to begin shortly and doubtless Jack Haldane will be in touch with all participants.

BOAT OWNERS' EVENINGS

A full programme is being arranged. It is anticipated that the usual enthusiastic support for all these activities will be shown. More details later.

LIFT OUT DAY

This has been set for October 8th. Members should by now have received notification of fees, with certain exclusions. Please note that it is expected that the fees of which you have been notified are paid before lift out.

The Hon. Treasurer is also confident that all outstanding fees will have been paid before lift out day.

ROD. PENGELLY,
Hon. Secretary.