

FORTH CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB  
NEWSLETTER NEW YEAR 1984

On behalf of the Commodore and Council of Forth Corinthian may I wish you a Happy New Year and the best of seasons at sea this summer.

That we had a Merry Christmas was obvious to those who attended the Annual Dance, O.A.P. Dinner; the Christmas Social; the Music Night; and, for the children of members, the visit to the Pantomime and the Children's Party. At the latter Santa arrived on an ancient hand-cart pulled by three breathless reindeer - Vice-Commodore Bob Campbell, and Council Members, John Hughes and George Kemp! The Social Committee and their Convenor, Mrs. Chrissie Drummond are to be congratulated on these successes.

While congratulations are in order mention must be made of the good support given to the New Year Prize Draw which raised £715.75 for the Safety Boat Fund. Thank you all! The Fund is still open and anyone who didn't sell any tickets and still feels that they would like to make a direct contribution can do so to the Hon. Secretary who will be happy to receive same.

The winner of the week's use of one of Caley Cruisers Luxury Power-boats on the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness was Mrs. Elma Cairns, wife of Stanley, owner of "SAGITTA". The 17 other prizes were drawn by Commodore Bob Sandison who, unusually, didn't figure in the list. Something gone wrong with the system Bob?

Talking about systems going wrong ... several people who had in fact paid their subscriptions received a sharp note from me of the type that is intended to bring in outstanding subscriptions from back-sliders. Receipt of these quite naturally upset those who got them and, though there is an explanation, I feel most unhappy about this and wish to tender my most sincere apologies, for I know just how I would feel if it happened to me. This year our records are going onto computer and so it should never happen to anyone else.

On a happier note, Council has decided that last year's revival of the Burn's Supper was a success and so intend to repeat this event on the/

Main Deck on Friday, Jan. 27th, tickets priced £1.75 will be available from Mrs. Drummond or Vice-Commodore Bob Campbell. Already the Talent Scouts are out!!!.

Before that though the January Boat-Owners Night ( to be held on the 13th ) will be devoted to entertaining ( as opposed to educational ) films. This is open to all!.

On Friday 3rd we are hosting our ( now annual ) Forth Yacht Club Challenge Quiz. Come and root for our team. Other teams should include R.F.Y.C., Port Edgar, Civil Service and S.I.N.K. March 2nd will see the Main Deck transformed. We have been lucky enough to get the Royal Yachting Association Navex Computer Simulated Navigation Game and we require 10, 2- person crews to play. So far far only "YALER" and "BARDEY" have entered Volunteers April 6th will take the form of a Racing Forum, organised by Sailing Secy, Tom Wilson. This should be excellent preparation for the new season which begins with the Lift-In scheduled for April 14.

Please note the above dates in your diary!.

Members with boats in the South Yard were particularly badly hit by break-ins in 1983. Council purchased two more lamp-posts and dug in the necessary cable before the bad weather, but delays in getting parts to make these servicable meant they couldn't be erected when we would have wished. Further upset was caused when the Property Services Agency, acting for M.O.D. who purchased the Ferry Marine premises, arbitrarily cut down the South Boundary Fence. Swift action followed some hardwords, ( some on paper - some you cannot use in communication with agents of the Crown! ) and the loss was made good, but not before raiders made good use of direct access. Anyone who suffered loss or damage during the period the Yard was rendered insecure should make claims to :-

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Edinburgh Central District Works  
officer,  
Directorate of Scottish Services,  
2, West Park Place,  
EDINBURGH, EH11 2DL.  
(Tel.:- 337 7352 Ext. 45)

Finally, on security, it is up to everyone to make sure that boats are secure; dinghies padlocked; tools taken home, etc. John Fulton of "ARGOSY" whose boat was hit while afloat was determined to stop the rot, and by his actions it seems likely that a number of young men will appear in court. Thanks too, to Arthur Munn and Joe Nichol for mounting patrols.

You are reminded that to use power tools you should apply to the appropriate Yard Masters - Angus McIntosh, North Yard, and Joe Nichol, South Yard, and the only naked flames in Yards are to be the Council approved incinerators!

Anyone having Insurance problems for the new season should let me know and I'll try to advise you (politely) where to go.

Rear-Commodore Graham Mitchell will have an article on training in the next issue.

A number of members hope to take a Tuesday evening class of 10 sessions on computers at Leith Nautical College. If you want to join on, let me know. Cost is approximately £30.00.

There were an embarrassing number of Christmas Cards to the Clubhouse this year. Council wonder what response there might be to a Club Card if we got one printed. Please let us know, and if sufficient interest is shown we'll get quotations.

Several Members were ill recently and Council sent them Best Wishes for a speedy recovery. If you know of anyone whom you think would appreciate a letter please tell me.

We close this issue with a piece by Sailing Secretary, Tom Wilson, but can I draw your attention to two more items which should be his by right. (1) The sale at Bosun's Locker, South Queensferry, and (2) I have details about how you can crew on the ONEDIN LINE SQUARE RIGGER and help handicapped sailors!

This year's Sailing Committee comprises myself, Ed. Duffy, George Kemp and Peter Sherlock, all of whom will be happy to assist in any matters relating to sailing. I also include in this all members who have Power Boats as we do have Events in which you can participate. Our first job has been to assess the handicaps, and I must at this point thank Graham Mitchell for his invaluable help. Because some Boats have not entered many events and therefore cannot be fairly assessed, we have left several Boats on last seasons handicaps. If your Boat does not appear we will be pleased to issue you with a handicap on completion of a Rating Form, of which I have a supply.

The figure in brackets is your Forth Yacht Clubs Association handicap for Open Races

Aquila 106 [110]	Barbey 130 [126]	Bonny Jean 136 [132]	
Briganti 11 116 [115]	Caprina 125 [125]	Judi 112 [114]	Jura 118 [118]
Keda 143 [141]	Whairi Ahn 150 [146]	Seapad 138 [134]	Shakari 125 [125]
Sulinka 125 [124]	Vixen 136 [136]	Whimbrel 130 [126]	Yaler 148 [142]

All these Club handicaps can be re-assessed after 4 races, and altered.

The 1984 Sailing Calendar has now been finalised. Some of the main Events are :-

Sat/Sun	June 2/3	Bass Rock Race. (Return Race on Sunday) (Power/Sail)
Sat/Sun	" 23/24	Muster to Port Edgar. (P.E.Y.C. Regatta)
Sun	July 15	Jubilee Cup.
Sat	" 21	Bell Rock Race.
Sun	" 29	Radio Forth Race.
Sat	Aug. 18	Quaich. (Power/Sail)
Sat	Sept. 1	R.N.L.I.
Sun	" 2	Fishing Trophy.

Once again this year we will be offering a substantial saving on Race entry fees if you pay for a Block Entry, at the start of the season. It will cost you only £6.00 for entry to 13 Races, a saving of £8.00 if you take advantage of this offer.

Following the trip to Inverkip in November, several people have shown

an interest in a weekend Cruise on the O.Y.C. yacht Taikoo. This would probably leave from Inverkip on a Friday evening returning on Sunday afternoon. What is not known yet is the cost or Date, although April or May would seem the most likely. Numbers will be limited to 15, so if you are interested please contact me soon.

Don't forget, if I can be of any assistance do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Sailing Committee.

TOM WILSON.

Sailing Secretary.