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FORTH CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER • END OF SEASON ISSUE

Now is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness ... and chapped hands chipping away at paint and varnish that adheres to boat parts with the tenacity of an Aberdonian to a bawbee!

October 6 saw a mainly successful lift-out with the North Yard being filled to capacity in good time and the South Yard very nearly so. In the latter the crane's circus balancing act gave John Fulton some anxious moments as "ARGOSY" threatened to displace other vessels from a great height. He wasn't too happy either when he drew her keel bolts and saw the ravages of time but, in typical Paddy fashion, he had them replaced by the Wednesday. The use of the power hose was again made available and those who took advantage of it report that in some 40 mins. it did some two or three days' work on their hulls. Pip Hills, still limping but every inch the dandy with his cane, did good service as timekeeper and Robin Fowler wishes to thank all who did more than their own bit on the day.

On Monday October 8 the Annual General Meeting was held on Main Deck with a good attendance. Those who were there know all about it but for those who didn't make it we discussed security in both yards and clubhouse (both need tightening); we resolved to increase the harbour and yard charges minimally to attain something like last deficit; Chrissie Drummond, who retired as Social Convener, received the thanks of a grateful club and a hostess set. We also resolved to take up the PSA demolition of the South Yard fence with our lawyers as sweet reasonableness has got us something equally as sweet!

Bob Sandison, who has had a trying time healthwise recently, retired as Commodore and received a clock that chimes the bells as well as the thanks of the club. He is not departing the scene, however, as he remains on the Council. In what must be something rare - no opposition - the following Office Bearers and Council Members were elected

Patron	The Lord Provost of Edinburgh
Commodore	R. Campbell (58 36733)
Vice Commodore	S.J. Boyd (664 2238)
Rear Commodore	R.W. Fowler (334 8742)
Rear Commodore	G. Mitchell (332 7038)
Hon. Treasurer	W.S. Oliver
Hon. Secretary	S.J. Boyd (664 2238)
Harbour Secretary	G.A. Milne (332 3787)
Sailing Secretary	T. Wilson (556 3030)

CLUB COUNCIL

G.A. Milne,	A.B. McIntosh,	R.M. Sandison,
J. Nichol,	J. Hughes,	J. Gillies,
B.J. Pennycook,	W. Swan,	W. Ballantyne,
	A.M. Tait	

HARBOUR COMMITTEE

	G.A. Milne (Chairman)		
W. Ballantyne,	J. Nichol,	A.B. McIntosh,	W. Wilson

T. Wilson (Sailing Secretary)

B.J. Pennycook

D. Erskine

Social Convener

R. Paget (552 1374)

Sadly within the space of only a week Jim McComb has had to resign and so S.J.B. will fill the gap until the press gang deliver a successor.

John Hughes will now concentrate on the increased use of the computer for our benefit, and the new sailing and harbour committees are as above.

The first of our monthly Boat Owners' Nights was members' slides, photos and videos and went down very well with Tom Wilson, Sailing Secretary, vying with George "WHIMBREL" Kemp for our attention. Both showed some excellent shots but the piece de resistance was surely George's video of his vessel's (slow) progress in the Bell Rock Race.

The whole time has been very busy for Bob Campbell as, within a week he was presented by Anne with a second son, Colin, and he attended all the foregoing culminating in taking our highest office.

The social side are planning hard and need support. Their first event is the Hallowe'en Social on Friday October 26.

Wednesday, October 31 is the last day that entries in the club photo competition have to be in my hands - so far I have only one!!!

The Safety Boat Fund is now at £180.99 (with £2300 still to be refunded from the General Fund to which it was lent at the time of the discrepancies which have led to an arrest). In an endeavour to give this a boost the ladies of the Club have organised a Sale of Work on the Main Deck between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesday October 31. If they can do this then the least we can do is support them. Look out your unwanted presents, etc. and let Sylvia have them at the Club by 6 p.m. that day. Then lets be having you down at the Clubhouse and ready to buy!

Tom Wilson has another project in hand which he hopes to add more cash to the Fund. He is planning a sponsored walk from the Clubhouse leaving there at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday November 18. You can walk: you can sponsor others to do so; or you can do both. If you are free that day he will need stewards (with cars) at Cramond and at South Queensferry. Get a sponsor form from the bar.

The Club is again taking part in the Champion Club Quiz in aid of the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland Fund for the Blind. We will need a few sponsors for the team at a few pennies a point - with our past record it shouldn't cost anybody a lot! Forms at the bar or from Rab Paget or from me.

The next Boat Owners' Night is Friday November 2 when Alec Piell, himself a ya'chtmaster, will tell of 150 years of the Ben Line. I've heard Alec and he is very entertaining! Do come!

November 8 is the Autumn Delegates Meeting of the Forth Yacht Clubs Association and we require to nominate persons who have done something of merit - built a boat; sailed round the world; saved a harbour from closure, etc. - to be nominated for the Ian Crawford Memorial Prize. We also want nominations for Young Yachtsman of the Year (our own Keith Fowler is a past winner) and these should be sent to Tom Wilson.

Tickets for the Annual Dance, priced £6.00, are available from

the bar: from Rab Paget; or from Members of Council. Numbers are limited. Dress is optional, as in past years, and the time is 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m., so it is strictly a case of first come, first served. We will be joined this year by the Salvesen Ex-Whalers through the application of Jim Dignan, recovering at time of writing, from a heart by-pass operation and looking the better of it. Sadly he won't be there himself as he will be wintering for a month in Portugal. Not bad for some folk!

Friday, November 30 sees our own prize-giving at which, hopefully, we will have the presence of Radio Forth to give over their own trophy.

Tom Wilson has forms for those who want to attend the all-day seminar "Cruising on a Shoestring" at the National Sailing Centre, Inverclyde, Largs. Cost is £9 including coffee and lunch. Jack Gillies, among others, recommends it as well worth while. If sufficient numbers apply then I'll get a bus laid on. Let me know, too, if you are going.

Friday, December 7 sees another Boat Owners' Night with a double feature. We begin a 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. with a presentation by the Royal Yachting Association (Scotland) which includes a video and we will - at approximately 9 p.m. - then turn the meeting into the Forth Yacht Clubs Association Annual prize-giving. Should be a good night!

Friday, December 14 is our O.A.P.'s Big Night Out! They have their dinner upstairs and volunteers (totally sober) to run some of the guests (not necessarily so) home should give their names to either Sylvia or Rab Paget.

The next day sees the Children's Party (and Panto for the older ones this year at the Brunton Hall). Details and names of kids to Rab Paget and the Social Committee.

On Friday, December 21 we have the Christmas Social planned so watch the Club Notice Boards for details. Space will be limited so place your order for tickets as soon as you see the notice go up. (What a good excuse for the sailing side who are not seen in the bar all that frequently to pop in).

Finally the Annual Draw is again being organised so do not be surprised if you get tickets to sell. Prizes are being canvassed from a leading hotel firm and smaller items would be welcome (unwanted Christmas presents; bottles of booze, etc.). The draw will take place at noon on Saturday, December 29 in the Main Deck. Tickets 25p.

If you have news for the newsletter, why not leave me a note at the bar? In the meantime may I end by hoping to see as many members as possible at the various functions leading us up to 1985.

S.J. Boyd,  
Hon. Secretary.