



## View from the Bridge deck

The Season has started and the racing has been cut throat at least on my boat. Perhaps that's because I had the Rear Commode on board trying to sabotage the performance of my highly skilled and drilled crew ( me and the Autohelm). Great fun!

Again the Tides and the weather have not been great but the boats are gradually coming into commission and I look forward

to participation on the water.

The building is gradually coming up to the standard of the garden and a huge thanks goes to Carol for her hours of work on the garden and the painting of the frontage.

We are considering taking the garden to the Chelsea flower show. Dennis has ensured the work on the frontage is happening – there have been a few comments about how nice the stone work is but for a number of technical reasons we need to reapply the render.

The youth sailing Starts with 12 kids from the Grammar on 22/5 at 13.00. First of 6 sessions – hope it goes well. Full report in next newsletter.

See you on the water,

**David**

## Sailing calendar:

Crane in: Okay maybe a while ago but never the less.

A highly successful crane-in that left everyone singing. Literally! The big boats were all being dropped in the drink, and everyone cleaned up the accumulated mess from the harbour. Alex the Harbour master passes on sincere thanks for the clean up effort. Then everyone got singing along to accompany the music provided by Jed Gillon on Countess Linda. Picture by David Monaghan.



## Pre-season briefing

Before we all hit the water we had the usual successful and well attended pre-season briefing. A thoroughly professional presentation was provided by David Banks. Reminding us to all how to compete fairly. An on-line quiz was used at the end to test everyone's new found knowledge of racing. Scores are available for a laugh and L plates should be stuck on the boats of ..... Hmm I wonder. Can't wait to see what's in store for next year!

## Racing/ Fun sails

So far the weather has been a little scrappy, so not too much in the way of successful sailing outings yet, but there are growing numbers for the fun sails. These provide a great opportunity to gain confidence or practice skills before the next big race.



We have though managed the first race of the season. For some reason only the hardy dinghy types turned out, with one notable exception, shame on the gin palace brigade. Well, despite doing some hull inspection during the race, Angus won by miles in the battle of the club Pico's. John glided in a while later and Euan and Andy fought out an ever changing position battle for third. Overall a great laugh.

Good see some impromptu sailing being organised as well, hope it goes well and hope that there is some spontaneity left in us all to make this work.

So all Land Lubbers, come on get your sails out!



## 2009 Regatta

To All Members, We are starting to prepare for this year's Regatta which is on 20th and 21st June. The format of the weekend will be - usual Bar Open on Friday night, Racing Saturday, BBQ and food at the club on Saturday afternoon / evening, Racing Sunday.

The committee need some extra help as follows...

- Preparing / cooking some food
- Bar Rota on Saturday
- Running the BBQ
- 1 Extra Safety boat cover above what is listed in the calendar
- Musical talent
- General extra bodies to help tidy up, move tables, pray for good weather.
- etc

Please let a committee member know directly or call David Banks on **07810 055720**.

## Social Calendar:

### Commodores Party Report!

What a great night. We turned the club into a Bistro, low seductive candle lighting, Good food and adult company. We even had a secluded table for 2 in the corner but Shirley couldn't persuade David to join her (at least that was what he said (treat 'em mean). The many helpers and the food providers are to be thanked for one of the best nights I've had in the club

Thanks to all  
David



#### Friday nights

Jim has transferred video to DVD 5 films of sailing activity from dinghies to heavy weather yachts and left them in the bar. We will try to show them as a sail training event on Fridays at about 7.30. Thanks Jim! Other DVD's are available as well if people would like a reasonably regular Sailing DVD showings.

### Prize Giving/ Ceilidh – 14 November 2009 - Get it in your diary !!!!

Volunteers are sought to help organise the end of year prize giving which this year will have one of our now famous Ceilidh's.

If you want to make sure your success committee know you want to lend a guests and if you wish to book a table of organisers know and we will try to facilitate a table for you and your guests.



is truly recognised then let the hand. We will have the capacity for 200 8/10/12 as a company, please let the

### Building

Thanks to the members who turned out to help spruce up the club while the boats have been high and dry this winter. Amongst others a big thanks and maybe a hug from the commodore go to.

Keith and Tim for rib maintenance and antifouling (big hug) Angus who serviced all the dinghies (firm manly handshake) . Bryan and Chris who yet again overhauled the rib electrics (admiration). Tim who painted the dinghy marks sparkling orange, which has worked really well and was appreciated in the first race (Only for his bottom up approach). Euan and Tim (not again, I borrowed his pick) who dug out the slipway and made launching easier. Bill Yule (new skills) who fitted the new sail cover and Dennis (big snog) who fixed the flagpole.

Other jobs done... for which those involved all are thanked

Engine serviced on rib

Upgraded the squirrel's trailer

New mooring chains on rib

Well done all involved and particularly to all those involved in other maintenance jobs that we take for granted too often.

## Safety Boat pulley system

Many of you will have struggled over the last few years with helping to recover the safety boat back up the beach after sailing. To make this easier a new pulley system has been set up to make retrieval far simpler.

The system uses a simple pulley to aid pulling the squirrel or any other heavy beach launch boats up the beach.

It will be a good idea if all those involved in safety cover and dinghy sailing make themselves familiar with the system, so ask and learn next time your down sailing.

## Safety cover replacements

We appreciate that these “duties” do take up valuable time and appreciate all your efforts in making the club run by providing your time to support everyone sailing. After circulating the sailing calendar a number of people noted conflicting issues that would prevent them fulfilling the suggested safety cover dates. We would ask that where you cannot cover the suggested initial dates please actively seek replacements. Please don't assume that a simple email to the google group will mean that alternative cover is in place. Ideally seek an alternative person by swapping dates and inform David Banks of the change in cover person.

## Race Course Cards

If you're like me, unlikely I know, half the time you don't know the course and only struggle round by following Angus, Malcolm or other generic good sailor. So follow me for a change and buy one of the laminated race cards so you don't have to hang about until someone knowledgeable starts. These cards are available behind the bar at the knock down price of £2. For those who like to go turtle, yes they should float, but still a good idea to attach them to your cockpit.



Any one seen with the word SAMPLE on their boat will be harshly dealt with 😊

## **Departures: Lene Ho!**

After many years growing up in and around the club, Lene Binnie has set sail for the South seas. Lene has gone to do the "Sea Cadetship" at the United Kingdom Sailing Academy in Cowes on the Isle of Wight. She started a few weeks ago and has sat and passed her first radio exam as part of the Ocean Master course. In particular we'd like to thank Lena for the last couple of years she has spent on the committee. Thanks from all for Lene's help and hopefully we can get some tips off her when she's back up getting the washing done.

## 2009 Sailing Calendar

Date	HW (GMT)	Height (m)	Start (BST Unless Otherwise Stated)	Event	Race Officer	Safety Boat
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Sat 21-Mar	10:35	4.0	09:00 GMT	Dinghy Maintenance in Yard. Finish 13:00 GMT		
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Sat 04-Apr	09:39	4.4	09:00	Dinghy Maintenance in Yard. Finish 13:00		
Fri 10-Apr	-	-	19:30	Pre Season Briefing		
Fri 17-Apr	19:59	4.0	19:00	Friday Fun Sail		Alyn Smurthwaite
Sat 25-Apr	14:41	5.7	13:30	Handicap Series 1	Chris Tierney	Angus Forsyth

Fri 01-May	19:48	4.5	19:00	Friday Fun Sail		Chris Tierney
Sat 09-May	14:37	5.4	13:30	Handicap Series 1	Gavin McDowall	David Banks
Fri 15-May	18:31	4.4	18:30	Friday Fun Sail		David Wilkie
Sat 23-May	13:29	5.4	12:00	Pirates Day	Graham Crawford	Dixie
Fri 29-May	18:35	5.0	18:30	RNLI / Joe Wilson Sternchases £5 entry	Euan Thomson	Iain Binnie

Sat 06-Jun	13:33	5.0	12:30	Stern Chase	Carol Stewart	Jim Aitken
Fri 12-Jun	17:27	4.7	18:00	Friday Fun Sail		John McManus
Sat 13-Jun	18:06	4.6	17:00	Handicap Series 1	David Tollervey	Keith Christie
Sat 20-Jun	12:07	5.0	11:00	Regatta Weekend	David Wilkie	Malcolm Stewart
Sun 21-Jun	13:08	5.3	12:00	Regatta Weekend	David Banks	Stuart McDonald
Fri 26-Jun	17:30	5.4	16:30	Friday Fun Sail		Sylvia V.B
Sat 27-Jun	05:37 / 18:18	5.6 / 5.2	08:00	Over One Tide Race Eric Rankine Trophy	Dennis Walton	
Sat 27-Jun	18:18	5.2	17:00	Handicap Series 1	Carol Jones	Uta Binnie

Sat 04-Jul	12:25	4.6	11:30	Fun Sail		Alyn Smurthwaite
Mon 06-Jul- Fri 10-Jul	-	-	-	East Coast Sailing Week Royal Tay YC		
Sat 11-Jul	17:03	4.9	16:00	Ladies Races	Cameron Petrie	Angus Forsyth
Sat 18-Jul	10:32	4.7	09:30	Handicap Series 2	David Banks	Chris Tierney
Thu 23-Jul	15:41	5.7	19:30	Honest Toun's Festival Harbour Event		
Sat 25-Jul	17:11	5.6	16:00	Old Codgers One Design	Chris Nicol	David Wilkie

Sat 01-Aug	11:01	4.2	10:00	Handicap Series 2	Stuart McDonald	David Banks
Sun 02-Aug	12:08	4.3	-	Burtisland Regatta		
Sat 08-Aug	16:05	5.2	15:00	Aberdour Regatta		
Sat 08-Aug	16:05	5.2	15:00	Sternchase	David Petrie	Dixie
Fri 14-Aug	20:07	4.4	19:00	Friday Fun Sail		Iain Binnie

Sat 15-Aug	08:46 / 21:29	4.5 / 4.4	09:00	Anstruther Muster		
Sun 16-Aug	10:18 / 22:51	4.5 / 4.6	-	Anstruther Muster		
Sat 22-Aug	16:04	5.8	15:00	Sternchase + BBQ	Uta Binnie	Jim Aitken
Sat 29-Aug	09:03 / 21:41	4.0 / 4.0	-	FCYC/RFYC Edinburgh Regatta		
Sun 30-Aug	10:39 / 23:06	4.0 / 4.1	-	FCYC/RFYC Edinburgh Regatta		

Sat 05-Sep	15:06	5.4	14:00	Fun Sail		John McManus
Sat 05-Sep	15:06	5.4	-	CBC Regatta (Y&D)		
Sun 06-Sep	15:38	5.4	-	CBC Regatta (Y&D)		
Fri 11-Sep	18:36	4.6	18:30	Friday Fun Sail		Keith Christie
Sat 19-Sep	14:58	5.8	14:00	Handicap Series 2	Tim Jones	Malcolm Stewart

Sat 03-Oct	14:02	5.3	13:00	Handicap Series 2	Chris Tierney	Stuart McDonald
Sat 17-Oct	13:52	5.6	13:00	Fun Sail		Sylvia V.B