

First Lady



This April, Hille Tekotte, was the first female to have been part of the yacht crane in team. The safety brief required fluorescent vest and hard hat, so Hille donned her go to cycle outfit plus sailing long johns and the obligatory wellies to cope with the harbour mud.

Hille commented that her job was not physically demanding but keeping an eye out for potential danger required constant concentration.

Thank you, once again, to all the volunteers who work on the crane in operation.

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Parking Charges

The consultation for the implementation of parking charges in the Musselburgh area took place in July 2025. The plans have been amended and, so far, the East Lothian Courier is reporting this:

“It is proposed to assign the Olive Bank Road, Fisherrow Harbour and Gracefield car parks as long-stay parking with a maximum 23 hours stay and parking charges of 50p per 30 minutes up to a maximum of £5.”



View this plan through the link. The club front on New Street and the rear gate on the beach promenade are within the pink harbour area so the charge will apply along the ribbon of our usual parking places.

Source:

[Musselburgh parking charges proposals: all the amendments | East Lothian Courier](#)

Implications for FYC members and the proposed parking charges

- There will be problems for anyone planning an overnight cruise who would normally park at the harbour for more than 23 hours.
- The charge will be capped at £5 which compared with Edinburgh city centre is not too onerous.
- Carrying and removing equipment that cannot be transported by bus or bike
- There will be residents parking permits and how this will work for club membership has still to be made clear.

The scheme has not yet been passed so keep an eye out for any further consultations.

Welcome SV Irene



Ross, hero of keeping the FYC Kinsmen shipshape, now has his own yacht, Irene. Congratulations!

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Fisherrow Boat formally renamed

Many of the old salt sailors will still adhere to the superstition that it is unlucky to rename a boat. Without question many boats owners recognized the vessels' history and passages would remain as part of her oral history.

To reinforce the importance of the superstition a threat of dire consequences ensures adherence: many tales abound of owners renaming their ships in a moment of hubris, only to be met with a tragic watery end. Legend says that when every ship is christened, its name goes into a "Ledger of the Deep" maintained by Neptune (or Poseidon) himself. Renaming a ship or boat means you're trying to slip something past the gods and you will be punished for your deviousness.

On a more practical level it could be likened to the modern equivalent of money laundering i.e. disguising a vessel with a bad or illegal reputation renaming it, moving forward, for an untarnished, legitimate purpose. One of the most famous examples would be "Exxon Valdez" built 1986 which was badly damaged after only four months in service causing one of the worst environmental disasters recorded from an oil spill. After repair her slate was wiped clean with renaming to

"Exxon Mediterranean" . The ship was later renamed, to *Dong Fang Ocean*, and reflagged under Panamanian registry. Its days as a tanker also came to an end, as the *Dong Fang Ocean* was converted into a bulk ore carrier at Guangzhou CSSC-Oceanline-GWS Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., China. She is still in service!

Undeterred by the threat of everlasting damnation from Poseidon, our very own, Katy Leiper, Social Secretary for FYC and on the committee of FHSFA invited her crew to a formal renaming ceremony of her little 17' Leisure, formerly known as 'Bella Rose'. She too has had a dire history and is reputed to have come, by a devious route, from the boat graveyard at Limekilns.



Katy carried out a traditional service where a token of the boat's old name was thrown to the deep and the new name "Bluebell" blessed: with Prosecco in hand and facing the respective compass directions she gave a libation.

"Great Boreas, exalted ruler of the North Wind, grant us permission to use your mighty powers in the pursuit of our lawful endeavours, ever sparing us the overwhelming scourge of your frigid breath."

To each of the Gods: Boreas, North; Zephyrus, West; Eurus, East; Notus, South she gave the same prayer for each God in his respective direction.

On this occasion the bottle was not broken across the hull, but with precision timing a, unnamed member of the crew, announced "my tooth has just broken"

This was not a ceremony of great seriousness as preceding the prayers there was a flotilla of tenders around Bluebell plied with snacks and drinks, the boat was dressed with handmade crochet and stitched blue bunting.



Finally, Bluebell's newly donated sail was hoisted and with all the Gods' blessings she sailed!