

Newsletter No 1 for 2004 Season

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Newsletter of 2004, which has a lot of information on the new season and forthcoming events. If you have any items for future newsletters please contact Keith Stewart at keith.stewart@ntl.com. For the latest information remember to check the ASYC website at www.asyc.org.uk.

2004 Sailing Season

The Sailing Committee is busy finalising the sailing calendar and duties for the new season. The programme for Skene is attached and is also on the website.

Skene Work Party Saturday 6th March

Before we can start sailing at Skene we need to get the clubhouse and boat parking area ready. There will be a workparty at Skene on Saturday 6th March starting at 1000hrs. Please come along and help. If possible, it would be useful to bring strimmer, shears, forks and any other tools that may be of use to tidy up the boat parking area and to clean the clubhouse.

Open Regatta

The Open regatta will be held over the weekend 21/22nd August. In previous years MRI have kindly loaned us 2 of their RIB's for the regatta, they have now moved and unfortunately can no longer support the regatta. If you know of anyone or any organisation who maybe able to help by providing a Rescue Boat, please contact the Sailing Secretary, John Styles on 01330 860576(h).

Annual Subscriptions

If you haven't already renewed your membership of the club please could you send your completed renewal form and cheque, including the late payment surcharge, to the Membership Secretary, Winnie Gillespie.

Website

The club has a very good website maintained by John Perry. If you have any suggestions for the website or any information you would like posted please contact John at webmaster@asyc.org.uk or 01330 825209

Management Committee 2004

The AGM was held back in November and a summary of the meeting is available on the website. The Management Committee for 2004 is as follows:

Commodore:	Keith Lewis	01224 869772(h)
Vice Commodore:	Brian Fraser	01224 319336(h)
Secretary:	Lucy Linguard	01224 486696(h)
Treasurer:	John Colegrave	01224 573483(h)
Sailing Secretary:	John Styles	01330 860576(h)
House & Grounds:	Dave Sinclair	01224 480343(h)
Catering:	Helen Sinclair	01224 480343(h)
Membership Secretary:	Winnie Gillespie	01651 863484(h)
Publicity:	Keith Stewart	01569 766843(h)

Junior Sailing

Ahoy their shipmates, calling all keen and eager sailors for the 2004 ASYC Youth sailing at Loch of Skene. For those young sailors who took part in last years successful youth sailing at Skene and for those who would perhaps like to learn to sail, please contact John Cruickshank at jcruickshank@talisman.co.uk, or 01569 760358(h) for your place in the 2004 series now.

John has agreed to take over the role of "Junior Sailing Coordinator" from Keith Lewis and will be looking to organise youth sailing, depending upon interest, each Saturday and/or Sunday morning at Skene. Like all good events it relies very much on the keenness of others to help. So a special request please for volunteers from those experienced adult sailors in the club who are out there, who have the time and enthusiasm to help, please drop John an email or call him and volunteer your services.

RYA North East Scotland Sailing Squad (NESSS)

It is planned to make NESSS training available at Peterhead Sailing Club on the following days:

14/15 th February	Either or both days
21/22 nd February	Either or both days
28/29 th February	Either or both days

Sessions will be from 1000hrs till about 1500hrs each day and there will be a £10 per person charge for each day with cheques made payable to RYA Scotland. You will need to bring a packed lunch each day, changing and showers will be available in the Peterhead SC Clubhouse. It is hoped to get as many boats as possible to the training with the emphasis on boat handling and general time on the water. For more information or to book a session please contact Craig Evans on 01224 675107(w), 01330 833460(h) or 07714 125381.

Safety Boat Training

There is a plan to run a safety boat training course at Skene, probably in May. More details will be available soon.

VHF Radio Courses 22nd Feb and 7th Mar

Mike Dixon has offered to run 2 Marine Radio Short Range Certificate Course's. These will be held at the Stonehaven clubhouse, one on Sunday 22nd February and the other on Sunday 7th March. The course will cover: Use of marine radio including GMDSS. Routine, distress and urgency procedures. There is a maximum of 8 people on each course, the cost of the course is dependant on the number attending, and will be £200 ÷ the number attending, eg if 8 attend it will be £25 each. If you are successful the licence will cost £20 each. Please contact Mike on either 01569 764080(h) or 07775 690726 for more information or to book a place on one of the courses.

Race Officers Course

There is an RYA Regional Race Officer Course on 13/14th March at Leigh & Lowton Sailing Club. This course is open to all RYA members who wish to gain their Regional Race Officer qualification. A sound knowledge of the RRS is obviously a requirement. There are two days in the classroom ending with a test. To book onto the course contact Adrian Stoggall on stoggall@zetnet.co.uk For further information on the RYA Race Officer Scheme go to: <http://www.rya.org.uk/Racing/Officials/default.asp?contentId=680209>

Trailers and Trolleys

Please can you make sure that your trolley and trailer are labelled. If you need a label please contact Dave Sinclair on 01224 480343(h). Any that are found unmarked and unclaimed may be taken away and disposed of.

Travel Grants

The club is a member of both Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Sports Council's and the Aberdeenshire Sports Council can award grants for people travelling to National events. Should you wish to apply, forms are available from them but should be submitted via the club.

For Sale

Mirror Dinghy: Wooden Mirror in excellent condition complete with all sails and original equipment including a launching trolley and road trailer. £350. Contact Hugh Morel 01224 638704 (h) or 01224 578006 (w).