



Aberdeen and Stonehaven Yacht Club

Newsletter No 3 for 2004 Season

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Commodores Comment

Many thanks to everyone who turned up to help make the move to Stonehaven a success. There is a report and further information later in this Newsletter. As there are many of you wanting boat parking places at Stonehaven this year, can I ask you please to make sure that your boats are parked in accordance with the plan on the noticeboard in the clubhouse so that we can get everybody a slot. If there are any problems, please have a chat with Dave Sinclair or Brian Fraser (and, if at all possible please take your road trailers home or keep them under your boat). Also, can I remind you that it is a condition of our continuing use of Skene that all boats are moved from there by early July (by the 4th this year). If your boat is still at Skene when you read this it MUST be moved. Following the move, the season at Stonehaven seems to have got off to a cracking start with some good winds (too good occasionally) and some good turnouts. I wish you all a very enjoyable season on the sea.

On a less pleasant note I need to mention that there has been at least one instance of someone not turning up to do their duty. The Club only works if everyone takes their turn at their allocated duty. If, for any reason you can't make it, please don't just not turn up. Try to swap with someone scheduled for a similar duty which you can make, or at the very least, let someone know (either the OOD or the appropriate co-ordinator – phone numbers are in your programme).

Finally, it is very pleasing to see so many of you Juniors learning to enjoy sailing (see the report below). I hope that many of you will continue to sail at Stonehaven. All those who have helped in this success (ably organised and cajoled by John Cruickshank and Margaret Ponsonby) deserve a very big Thank You. Keep up the good work.

Keith Lewis,

Regatta

The Open regatta will be held over the weekend 21/22nd August. This will be a travellers event for the Musto Skiff, RS300,400 and 600, Fireballs, Lasers and Laser radials and Finns. There will also be a general handicap class. Craig Evans will be the principle Race officer and Nigel Mackley has kindly offered his boat for use as a committee boat. A number of members have already volunteered to help but there are still more jobs than helpers, if you are able to help please contact the Sailing Secretary, John Styles on 01330 860576(h).

Junior Racing

Over 30 Junior sailors turned up for the Junior "Fun" Regatta at Loch of Skene on Sunday thirtieth May. We a great turn out and fantastic day. From the smiles and antics seen a great day was had by all. With a good steady breeze, sunshine, warm and lots of enthusiasm the Regatta got off with a prompt start at 9.30am. Katherine Ward and her Mum took charge of the games; what excellent fun and well managed. We still want to see someone climb to the top of a Topper mast without capsizing! Perhaps next year. In the Galley Helen Sinclair kept the young 'uns fed with burgers and hot dogs. At 12.30pm, presentations were had at the close of the games with laminated certificates being presented, (courtesy of Neil Ritchie). Lots of smiles from some very proud junior sailors. They were all well chuffed with the prizes; the water pistols being a real hit.

This event could not have been staged without the many helpers who turned up. Firstly, thanks must go to Margaret Ponsonby for taking onboard the Challenge of co-ordinating this event; you did such a brilliant job. To Margaret and Katherine Ward Games Masters extraordinaire, well done. Helen in the Galley. Thanks to the lads (Craig and Colin) on the rescue boats who seemed to have more fun than most, watching the antics on the water. Ditta Rose's enthusiasm to go swim in the middle of Skene with such exuberance to catch and destroy balloons, a lady with a mission during the Balloon game. There were various boarding's on the high seas that took place unnoticed from the beach - say no more. To the many helpers that volunteered to get wet and organise their Teams and indeed to everyone else who played a part, "thank you".

Indeed a big, big thank you to everyone, well done, a great day.

JC - Junior Sailing Co-ordinator, ASYC

Stonehaven

The Stonehaven workparty was a success and all the boats have a space. Please make sure you display your trolley tag. These are in envelopes in the clubhouse. If you do not have a tag and have paid your dinghy fee please contact Dave Sinclair Tel: 01224 480343, email dsinclair@rya-online.net

You will have noticed that the external front wall of the clubhouse has been renovated and it is planned that the south gable wall will be completed in the Autumn. Inside the clubhouse has been painted throughout and the roof of the southern most beach shed was replaced during June.

Due to the shortage of space for boat parking at Stonehaven please can you take your road trailer home, or if suitable store your boat on the road trailer in the dinghy park.

If you do not have a key for the clubhouse and would like one please contact Winnie Gillespie Tel 01651 863484, email winniegillespie@beeb.net who will be happy to sell you one.

Sailing results

The Skene regatta had a good turnout with 29 boats the results were:

1. Pete Malcolm (Laser)
2. Neil Ritchie (Laser)
3. John Styles, Alec Taylor and Craig Evans (Wayfarer)

Other results from Skene are as follows:

- Ladies Race:
1. Katherine Ward and Colin Ladd (Fireball)
 2. Mary Robjant (Miracle)
 3. Ann Malcolm and Pete Malcolm (Enterprise)

- Skene Helmsmans:
1. Pete Malcolm (Laser)
 2. James McTurk (Laser)
 3. Donald Smith and Matt Richardson (Fireball)

- Skene Wednesdays:
1. Pete Malcolm (Laser)
 2. Donald Smith and Matt Richardson (Fireball)
 3. Colin Ladd and Trevor Stack (Fireball)

The results for the Stonehaven Helmsman's trophy are as follows:

1. Donald Smith and Matt Richardson (Fireball)
2. Elspeth George & Alan Fraser (Fireball)
3. Colin Ladd & N Morgan (Fireball)

Communication

In the previous newsletter members were encouraged to subscribe to the ASYC yahoo groups to help manage email communication between members. The advantages of this are

- Control of whom receives emails.
- Members can easily update/amend their email address(es).
- Reduces addresses, if you wish to contact members by email you just need to use one address.
- Helps prevent Spam.
- Prevents emails stating that members have left the club, they can unsubscribe themselves.
- Prevents incorrect addresses being added to list.

To use this is very easy, please send a blank email to asyc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a confirmation to which you just need to hit reply. To send messages to

club members you just need to email asyc@yahoogroups.com. If you change your ISP or change jobs and wish to remove your email address just send an email to asyc-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have not already done so please can you subscribe to the ASYC yahoo group.
Rescue Boat Training

It is planned to run a level 2 powerboat course at Stonehaven in August or September. If you are interested please contact Craig Evans on 01330 833460(h) or 07714 125381 email : Craig.Evans@scottishwater.co.uk with your preferred date.

Sailing when there is no racing

If members are sailing at Stonehaven by themselves when the club is not racing, it is recommended that they contact the Coastguard. Tel 01333 450666.

Albacore 1885

Ron Crawford from Findhorn has contacted the club with the following request:

I own an Albacore dinghy which was built in 1968, a Davis & Son build. The RYA registration log records the sail number 1885 "No Good Buoyo" and the owner a Mr RE Gibson, a member of the Aberdeen and Stonehaven Sailing Club in 1977. She's just been re-decked and I'm keen to get her back on the water this month, before we lose the summer completely! I'm researching her history and would be interested in finding an old photograph if available, perhaps from an old regatta?

Any info would be much appreciated.

Ron's email address is: ron@culbinsands.fsnet.co.uk