

N.S.C. Newsletter.



50th Anniversary celebrations

The 50th anniversary year has come and gone in what seems like a blink of the eye, the facts however are very different.

A March concert held by Perth Strathspey and Reel Society, (see picture right) was enjoyed by all who attended, in particular George who managed to get the guest singer on the floor for a dance.

The prize giving with Ceilidh and Buffet went extremely well and again was well received and enjoyed by all who attended. (I'm not supposed to mention the main prize winner for forgetting the date !)

Now is a good time to politely remind you that subscriptions are due, along with any storage fee's. the annual regatta

is penciled in for the 4th & 5th of July this year, no one should forget that date ! , lets have a better turn out than last year.

The first year of using the Gold and Silver fleet system seems to have worked pretty well, there was some pretty fierce competitiveness being displayed in both fleets. Although it would be nice to see more silver fleet boats on the water.

First aid and rescue boat courses are being run as a matter of urgency this season. So if you don't hold, or, you need refreshing on either, get the training in.

Hamish Hughson's capsize record still remains unbeaten, we all thought Henry may be taking up that mantle , but sadly,

the best he could manage was 5 capsizes in one day late in the 2007 season. This year seemingly only capsizing once, and



that was in a boat that doesn't capsize !, pardon ? What was that ?

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful and pleasurable season for 2009, so good sailing !.

Expanding fleets - fact or fiction ?

The buzz in the clubhouse appears to be that following a mid season challenge to the gold fleet from several members of the silver fleet. Serious time and effort is being put into the upgrading of several Solo's with no other intention

than that of '*the victor takes the spoils*' a reliable source stated that he had seen 'several winder hulls appear only to disappear' unexplainably into thin air !.

When pressed hard on the rumours the Commo-

dore would neither confirm nor deny the story.

It would therefore appear to be a case of 'watch the water' !

'fortune favours the brave !'

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New Club Trophy 'The Fourteen'

There is a new trophy to be sailed for within the club for the 2009 season. The trophy which has been named 'The Fourteen' has been donated by Henry, Fiona, Emma and Amy Henderson in an attempt to encourage the GP14 fleet onto the water. There are now some 7 GP's in the club, which includes 3 club boats, and, 8 GP's if we count Henry's other GP currently under renovation at home in his garage. We only need a total of 3 boats of any one class on the water to have class regulation racing.

We understand that a full set of rules for the trophy is forthcoming, however the trophy itself will be raced for at

the same time as the improver series is being run. The potential for a skipper who has never won the Improver before to win both the Improver and The Fourteen is therefore a very real possibility.

The trophy has come about because Henry is a strong supporter of the class. Both sailing the class at the club and being involved with a group that builds and restores them.

Anyone interested in the group can visit the site at <http://gp14building.multiply.com>. The site is a valuable resource for anyone about to work on any boat.



Henry, Fiona, Emma and Amy seen here in a club boat October 16th 2007

Visitor from the dark side

The 2008 season saw a visitor from the dark side at the club, actually, more of a permanent resident would be more factual.

Some of our long standing members decided to invest in a day boat, 'The Answer'. The Answer, an 18.5 ft Seafarer from Dysart sailing club has enjoyed a long and successful racing career in the hands of this authors father, Alex Henderson. Alex, felt that at 84 years young it was time to give

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up the skippers mantle and instead spend time crewing with a youngster whom he had been coaching over the past few years. The Answer may seem

an unusual name for an 18 foot day boat, but I can reveal that the name came from a boat that never seemed to see water.

The original Answer spent its life parked beside the trailer of Jim Rockford, from the original TV series 'The Rockford Files'

The name of the boat was chosen as it was a favorite program of this author when the Seafarer was purchased.

Solo Championships - Ben Ledi

The closed Scottish championship, the Ben Ledi was a great success with 21 boats taking part in a fight for the trophy. Humor was prevalent among many of the helms, which was really a godsend as weather conditions turned out to be 'awkward'

although only a handful of Solo's from this club took to the water, the helms that chose to help out on 'terra firma' remarked on how well the day went.

Our very own 'capsize king' and club webmaster was busy on 'rescue one' taking pictures to record the days events, there is a dedicated page for the day on the club website.

Henry was heard to comment during the



2008 - Ben Ledi'

event 'its like organized madness, they are all crazy !'

while our commodore showed all watching how to execute the perfect dry capsize, and be sailing again in under 30 seconds.

So you think its cold, do you ?

It only happens when it happens. While traditional sailing is in recess for winter, conditions on the Hudson River in New York State in the USA are perfect right now for ice sailing, and enthusiasts claim that conditions as good as this come only about once in every ten years.

While the thought of hitting ice when you fall off a yacht might strike fear into the heart of most warm water yachties, ice yachters from as far away as Montreal in Canada have been rushing to a boat launch quaintly called Athens to grab the conditions while they are at the optimum for the sport.

Reports are that there's an 8-inch ice

cover on the Hudson River at the moment, and last weekend the conditions were near perfect.

The days were crisp and bright, warming temperatures hadn't yet turned the ice to slush and the wind was just strong enough to allow craft to speed along without a yachter losing control.

Hilary Hawke, reporting for the Daily Mail, said that most of the enthusiasts who showed up in Athens were either from the Shrewsbury Ice Yachting Club or the Hudson River Ice Yachting Club.



The Hudson Ice Yachters

To tie or not to Tie !

Earlier in the season, there was a post on the club forum suggesting that longer painters be attached to trailers in a bid to make recovery of them easier and avoid wet feet .

Good point you may think, but what about longer painters on boats as well, surely a good length of painter on a boat is a much more practical thing to do as well. After all one may think that ones boat is secure sitting on the beach drawing wind, but what if the

"I don't need to tie my boat up ! "

wind changes direction ? , how long would you have to prevent your boat from sailing off ? . This reporter can positively answer that with conviction,

about 30 seconds maximum !



Dear oh dear, who's this ?

Jack Holt - OBE

Jack Holt was a doyen of the racing dinghy world whose innovative plywood constructed boats did most to revive sailing after the second World War and spread the sport world-wide.

In a 60 year career that began on the River Thames at Hammersmith London.

Jack spawned more than 40 class designs, his most famous being the ISAF recognized International Enterprise, Mirror and Cadet classes, together with

the GP14, Heron, Hornet, Miracle and the lively Solo. Today, more than 250,000 of his designs can be found in Britain, North America, Australia, South Africa, India and across Europe.

.Jack Holt was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1979 for his services to sailing and was also presented with a Golden Anchor, the highest award given by the sport by Britain's



Jack Holt: OBE
1912 - 1995

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Shall promote sailing to develop a lifelong appreciation for sailing as an environmentally sustainable leisure and healthy lifestyle activity.

Will promote a high level of skill and seamanship in the handling of small craft.

Will aim to improve the calibre of racing at the club.

Web site

Will publish Information which must be suitable for viewing by its target audience (i.e.: the provision of indecent material via pages aimed at vulnerable individuals is not acceptable). Information which may offend will be provided with a warning or security mechanism to prevent accidental access to such information. Access to such information should require some form of action by the viewer which clearly indicates their willingness to view it. However Newburgh Sailing Club will endeavour to not publish such information or links to such information at any time.

Links to external sites should be verified to ensure that the link target is not presenting information likely to offend, preventing the inadvertent viewing of unsuitable material.

Commercial information must be clearly identified as such.

Advertisements should be legal, decent, honest and truthful.

All advertisements should clearly show the identity of the advertiser and the full contact postal address.

Information provided by people other than the publishers should be clearly identified and credited to the original provider.

We welcome any suggestions about our organisation and will implement those deemed useful by the management Committee.

Musings from the Commodore

Last year was a really busy year for the club; the 50th Anniversary events took a great deal of work by the committee and was an outstanding success. We were joined by one of the founder members David Tullis for the Anniversary Dance. To all members and friends who joined us that evening I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attendance.

The fixture list for 2009 has now been completed and is enclosed with this mailing. For all sailors this is an important document as we have been putting of booking holidays etc, for our partners this can be used to plan the other little jobs around the house, the garden and the shopping trips.

We hope to progress the replacement of the container and by 2010 we wish to have additional changing and teaching areas.

The club has made a commitment to

maintain and improve the high level of rescue cover which is provided for all club members at club events. To this end a questionnaire is also included in this mailing and your co-operation in completing and returning the completed questionnaire will al-

low planning to be more focused. Dates have been added to the fixture list to allow training to be given.

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Rena Dempsey wife of one of our Life Members

Hamish Dempsey. A number of club members attended the funeral.



Rebecca, enjoying a beer !