



# Newburgh Sailing Club

## Newsletter 2011

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### *Expanding Fleets - Fact or Fiction ? Part III*

Following on from last years article two of the three new Solo's in the club have been performing very well, while the third is yet to make an appearance following difficulties in the finishing process.

Despite the threat from the new boats having the knock on effect that many helms off existing gold fleet boats, and the odd silver fleet boat too, had invested heavily in new sails and various go faster goodies, one of the new boats has put in a good showing during the 2010 season by lifting the gold fleet championship, yes, none other than our very own Ian Cameron, in his very own, almost lethargic laid back style.

Chris Todd happily managing to take a trophy in the Evening Series with his new Solo, while his son Arran has come out as the best of the Cadets in the Cadet series by virtue of a combination of skill and sheer determination.

### *The Laser Trophy - Now there's a surprise !*

Following a conversation with a committee member and a possible sponsor, a Trophy was graciously donated to the club by George Cameron, for the few Lasers in the club to race for .

Rumour has it, as the Lasers were not at that point in time 'really competitive against the Solo's yet' and 'It'll give them something to go for' , good idea !

And so it came to pass, a beautiful metal polished and sculpted trophy appeared, then guess what happened next ? , yes you guessed it, the pot hunters turned up with a fleet of Lasers.

And so for a while it looked like DC would take the trophy home for the mantelpiece, but alas tears would roll down those rosy cheeks (thanks in part to a capsize at the startline on the last race) as the Commodore came from the back to take the spoils and win three trophies in three classes in his last year in office.

Maybe next year David.

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### *Fundraiser*

NSC is having a fundraiser on the 18th March 2011, at Newburgh, Featuring Perth and Strathspey Reel Society, we require volunteers for this event, in total eight volunteers are required, for management off the raffle, Catering and doorman duties, anyone interested in helping out should contact our Treasurer, John Cameron.

### *Club scene*

Progress on the installation of the new container which will expand our training, changing and storage facilities is forging ahead, although progress has been somewhat hampered as of late by the weather.

Anyone interested in lending a hand with this major project, your assistance will be most welcome, roof trusses are on order for spanning the two containers with a view to consolidating the two units into one building.

### *Team Wincott - Victory !*

Congratulations to John and Jan Wincott whom along with their new Albacore travelled to the Royal Tay to take part in the winter series that said club hosts every year.

Now, while the snow played its part in the proceedings, the Royal Tay did manage to get a respectable 6 races in before the rest were called off, and guess what ? , yep, John and Jan kicked butt in all 6 races taking home the spoils.

Well done Team Wincott, you've done us proud.

[www.royaltay.org](http://www.royaltay.org)

### *First Sailing Event - Solo Travellers*

The first event on the sailing calendar for the 2011 season is the Solo Travellers on the 2nd of April, so get your thermals out and lets have a good attendance for this event.

If you dont want to sail which would be good, we need hands for rescue boat duties, race officer, mess duties (bacon butties & tea) and general hands on the ground (trolley dollies).

If memory serves me correctly we had 21 boats at the last Solo event, lets have 25+ this time, be there or be square, lol.

### *Club Fees*

Membership fees for the 2011 season remain unchanged from last season, however there are some some increases in fees, namely storage and training fees, while the training increase will on the whole not affect our membership the small increase in storage will.

Training fees have increased to £50 for a weekend from £40 for RYA I

Storage fees have increased from £25 for a dinghy in the shed to £30, there has also been a proportional increase for powerboats and cruisers too, please see the membership form in the downloads section on the club web site for more details.

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### *Members Forum*

Yet again, another opportunity to bring up the members forum, this is the clubs second web site, and although unofficial in nature is administered by me as well as the main site, indeed it is where all the current photographs are published as and when they become available.

Did you know if you join the group then you too can upload your pictures ?

Did you know you can post blogs here too ?

Find it at <http://newburghsailingclub.multiply.com/> and check it out, join and post or blog, why not do both ?

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## Ian Proctor - Designer or Visionary

Ian Douglas Ben Proctor, known as Ian Proctor, (12 July 1918 - 23 July 1992) was a prolific designer of both sailing dinghies and cruisers. His pioneering aluminium mast designs also revolutionised the sport of sailing, Proctor had more than one hundred designs to his credit, from which 65,000 boats were built

### Dinghy designer

Ian Proctor first began to design dinghies professionally in 1950. The National 12 was soon followed by the Merlin Rocket. Proctor's early designs were met with immediate success, winning championships from 1950 to 1952. His design of Proctor Spars revolutionised dinghy sailing. Then in 1958 he penned the evergreen Wayfarer, which soon became a hit with sailing schools and still has a solid following in racing and cruising circles. Indeed, a Wayfarer was sailed from the UK to Norway and Iceland by Frank Dye, and this boat is now on display at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

The most widely-known of all Ian Proctor designs has to be the Topper of which more than 46,000 have been produced to date. This was the first sailing dinghy to be produced from injection moulded plastic; a system which cost a million pounds to set up and was the largest single mould at the time. The first boats however were built from glassfibre (GRP). There is a large topper racing circuit in the UK and also like the Wanderer has an enthusiastic racing following.

### Mast designer

In 1953 Ian Proctor's 'Cirrus' had an all metal mast. Proctor quickly realised the potential of metal masts and in 1953 he designed the first all-metal tapered and extruded mast for sailing dinghies. Then in 1955 he established 'Ian Proctor Metal Masts Limited' as a commercial venture. Proctor Masts soon became the leading metal mast producers for all types of sailing craft. Indeed by 1960, 13 different countries were using Proctor masts in the Olympics and the 1987 America's Cup featured 12 boats using Proctor masts.

One of his National 12 designs was used for an experimental boat with fewer planks; a wide bottom and top plank, with three narrower ones on the turn of the bilges, and this led to the Osprey design. The Osprey was submitted for Olympic trials, along with the 505, but the Flying Dutchman was selected.

His 1957 design for the Wayfarer is still going strong, as are the smaller variations, the Wanderer and the Gull. In 1968 Proctor re-designed the National 18 as a GRP hull.

Ian Proctor designed the Topper in 1976. Intended for GRP construction, the Topper was eventually made from injection moulded polypropylene, and has become one of the most popular and durable dinghies.

Proctor also designed the Beaufort, Bosun, Kestrel, Minisail, Signet, Typhoon, Wildfire and Zenith.

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*Any typo's, error's, or omissions its all down to me !*

### Newburgh Sailing Club

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.

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