



ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE, HOPE THE FESTIVITIES HAVE LEFT YOU ALL REFRESHED, ENERGETIC AND RARING TO GO... CERTAINLY SEEMS TO HAVE HAD THAT EFFECT ON THE HANDFUL OF LOONIES WHO WERE BLASTING ABOUT CASTLE LOCH IN TOPPERS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY!

WHEN IT'S COLD OUTSIDE AND THE BOAT IS IN THE MIDST OF ITS WINTER HIBERNATION, THE START OF THE SAILING PROGRAMME IN MARCH SEEMS A LONG WAY OFF. BUT IT'S AMAZING HOW QUICKLY IT ARRIVES, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING OFF ALL THE SANDING AND VARNISHING, AND THEN THERE WAS THAT WEE CLEAT OR SHACKLE YOU MEANT TO ORDER BACK IN OCTOBER...

SO THE NEW SEASON WILL BE WITH US BEFORE WE KNOW IT AND, AS MY FIRST IN THE ROLE OF COMMODORE, IT'S A NERVE WRACKING PROSPECT FOR ME.

ACTUALLY IT'S A REAL HONOUR TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN TO FILL THE POST AT OUR CLUB (THOUGH WHY IT'S TAKEN 50 YEARS TO PUT A FEMALE AT THE HELM IS ANYONE'S GUESS!)

I REALISE SOME OF YOU WILL SPECULATE ON HOW A MOTHER OF THREE VERY YOUNG CHILDREN CAN POSSIBLY FULFIL THE ROLE SUCCESSFULLY. WELL, THE ONLY PROMISE I'M MAKING IS TO DO MY BEST BUT, IF SHIRLEY ROBERTSON CAN WORK ON AN OLYMPIC CAMPAIGN AS MUM TO BABY TWINS...

JOKING ASIDE, SHIRLEY IS AN INSPIRATION TO WOMEN IN GENERAL AND YOUNG FEMALE SAILORS IN PARTICULAR, AND I HOPE HER CONTACT WITH THE CLUB IN SEPTEMBER WILL RESULT IN MORE GIRL-POWER ON THE WATER THIS COMING SEASON THAN WE'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE.

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NEW COMMITTEE

At the AGM, the members elected a new committee with a mixture weel kent faces and new blood. Andrew Greenhalgh finished two momentous years as Commodore and now takes a well earned rest leaving Carol Beattie to step up from Vice-Commodore and become the club's first lady leader, something the whole club is looking forward to. Carol's first letter to the members is on the left hand side of this page. Alan Barrie comes in as Vice-Commodore and Colin Midgely remains as Rear. Colin has heavy commitments to his expanding business and feels that the time is not right to move up. His time will come though.

We have a new Secretary in Julia Payne with Norman Carmichael and Ian Murgatroyd coming on as committee members. Gordon Smith has stepped down but is far too valuable to get away entirely and will still advise the club on such matters as child protection. After giving great service to the club as Secretary, Fiona Frost has also stepped down but she's not getting away that easily either and will continue as a stalwart of the Social Sub-Committee.

The full list is as follows:

Commodore
Vice-Commodore
Rear-Commodore
Past Commodore
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Sailing Secretary
Training Officer
Press Officer
House Convenor
Committee

Carol Beattie
Alan Barrie
Colin Midgely
Andrew Greenhalgh
Julia Payne
Ian Rossindale
Susan Patterson
Andrew Greenhalgh
Duncan Greenhalgh
Carol Beattie
Alan Barrie
Norman Carmichael
Ian Murgatroyd
Neill Smith



John Hugo
Willie Patterson
Lindsay Tosh

Contact details, and much else besides, on the website — www.annansail.co.uk

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET WITNESSED THE WONDER WHICH IS OUR NEWLY REFURBISHED CLUBHOUSE STAIRS AND UPSTAIRS FLOOR, YOU JUST HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK. THE TRANSFORMATION FROM WHAT LOOKED LIKE SCRUFFY, WORN FLOORBOARDS TO A GLEAMING SOLID WOOD FLOOR IS NOTHING SHORT OF MIRACULOUS.

MANY THANKS TO ALAN BARRIE AND IAN MURGATROYD FOR THEIR LONG DAY OF SANDING - POSSIBLY *THE* MOST TORTUOUS DIY TASK KNOWN TO MAN. THREE COATS OF SUPER ROCK HARD VARNISH WERE THEN APPLIED PROFESSIONALLY AND HEY PRESTO!

THANKS ALSO TO ALAN FOR OUR NEW, VERY UP-MARKET, NOTICE BOARDS

THE WORK ON THE EXTERIOR TIMBER CLADDING ON THE CLUBHOUSE IS NEARING THE HOME STRETCH. WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SPENT FINGER NUMBING TIME ON THE SCAFFOLDING.

CAROL

Upcoming Events

Friday
2nd February

Burn't Supper 19:00 for 19:30 BYOB Adults £6 Under 16 £4

Not quite the celebration of the Bard that the purist might recognise but something he himself would probably have approved of. An informal celebration of the man, a bit of traditional fare and a light-hearted quiz to round off the evening. Full details to follow

Please e-mail Carol (wyseby@uwclub.net) or phone 01461 500 252 by Jan 25th to "book" seats . Due to our limited space, only the first 50 names will be guaranteed a seat.

Friday
2nd March?

Annual Dinner

The date and place have yet to be confirmed but 2nd March is the date we're aiming for. Pencil it in the diaries now and watch for further news.

Monday
12th February

Training Day 10:00

Aimed mainly at the kids and their teachers who are off for mid-term but all are welcome. The exact form of activity will be decided in consultation with those that intend to come so speak to Duncan (01461 40581) to get your request in. If you have no specific needs just come along on the day. Duncan would appreciate a rough idea of numbers in advance so, if you are definitely coming, you might like to let him know. Safety cover etc. also required for the day please.

PHANTOM PAINTER

Some estimable but secretive chap has clandestinely repainted the club's wooded sign board with the burgee on it. The job has been done to a high standard indeed but nobody saw the perpetrator. As the club would like to thank this fine fellow, or indeed this fine lady, would they please make themselves known.

The Editor would also like it to be known that the outside painterwork at his residence is available for further practice!

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are now due and payable. Rises have been kept to a minimum consistent with the real inflation rate suffered by the club—fuel, electricity etc..

There's a form along with this Newsletter for return to Susan with your payment or it can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.annansail.co.uk/join.htm> .

Sending out some of the Newsletters and other news by email saves a great deal of money so please ensure that your email address is written clearly in block capitals (the database will hold it in lower case).

BUT DON'T WORRY LADS, I PROMISE THIS IS NOT THE START OF SOME MILITANT FEMINIST REGIME, ALL I ASK IS NO SEXIST JOKES (OR BLONDE ONES FOR THAT MATTER) AND A LITTLE TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING WHEN MY KIDS, AND THEIR TOYS, ARE GETTING UNDER YOUR FEET.

OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS YOUR COMMITTEE WILL BE HARD AT WORK PLANNING FOR THE SEASON AHEAD AND DRAWING UP THE USUAL FANTASTIC RACING AND TRAINING PROGRAMME AND SOME FUN SOCIAL EVENTS.

I THINK 2007 SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT CONSOLIDATION. FOLLOWING THE MASSIVE WORK EFFORT AND RESULTING SUCCESS OF OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE, I THINK IT'S TIME TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOURS INCLUDING THE IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR FACILITIES AND OUR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

AS EVERY SPORTS CLUB KNOWS, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT AND SEIZING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS, WHILE KEEPING EXISTING ONES ACTIVE, CONTINUES TO BE VITALLY IMPORTANT, AND SOMETHING EVERY ONE OF US CAN WORK AT.

AND OF COURSE, DESPITE THE FANTASTIC DEVELOPMENTS ON OUR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THERE REALLY IS NO REST FOR THE WICKED, WITH "FINISHING TOUCHES", INCLUDING THE PLANNED DISABLED ACCESS AND TOILET, AND ON-GOING MAINTENANCE MEANING THAT SOME SERIOUS WORK ON RAISING FUNDS AND SOURCING GRANTS WILL HAVE TO BE DONE THIS YEAR.

BUT ABOVE ALL, I HOPE THIS YEAR IS ALL ABOUT GETTING OUT THERE ON THE WATER AND ENJOYING OUR SPORT.

CAROL BEATTIE
COMMODORE

