



# ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE, HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED THE FESTIVE SEASON AND ARE COPING WITH THE RETURN TO "PLAIN CLOTHES AND PORRIDGE", NOT TO MENTION THE THOROUGHLY DEPRESSING WEATHER... (WHICH REMINDS ME, I'D LIKE TO THANK THOSE HARDY MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN DOWN AT THE CLUB RECENTLY FISHING SWAMPED BOATS OUT OF THE VERY HIGH WATER AND RIGHTING THOSE CAPSIZED ON LAND — GOOD JOB!)

ALTHOUGH IT'S THE MIDDLE OF WINTER AND THE CLUB MAY BE "CLOSED" THE REALITY IS THAT IT IS ONE OF THE COMMITTEE'S BUSIEST PERIODS OF THE YEAR, PLOTTING AND PLANNING FOR NEXT SEASON.

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE SOME NEW, ENTHUSIASTIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON BOARD (NOTHING AGAINST THE OLD ONES OF COURSE!)

SOME MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MAINTENANCE AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS, MAKING SURE EVERYTHING IS NOT LEFT TO THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE THE 2008 SEASON STARTS.

SOCIALLY, WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A COUPLE OF GET-TOGETHERS (DETAILED IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR IN E-MAILS) TO MAKE SURE WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN EACH OTHER'S NAMES BY MARCH. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SEE THESE WELL SUPPORTED.

ALSO, LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS OF SOME WINTER ON-SHORE TRAINING, A GOOD WAY TO ADDRESS THOSE SAILING WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A HEAD START IN 2008. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON,

CAROL

## NEW COMMITTEE

The AGM brought a few changes to the committee with some stalwart members taking a back seat although, fortunately, remaining around. Colin Midgely has served as a flag officer for some years now but business pressures and a new house intervene. Willie Patterson has been on the committee for ten years, is an ex Commodore and has been an instructor who has done much to drive forward the schools sailing programme. Ian Rosindell had the unenviable task of following a Treasurer who had done a sterling job with the club's finances over many years. The accounts show that Ian has continued that work in style. Neill Smith was the driving force behind many social events and an ever reliable and dedicated worker whenever anything needed done.

New faces are: Kenneth Wilson, our new finance wizard, Colin Quint, who takes on House Convenor, Mark Joseph and Edward Trott. It's nice to have fresh faces and ideas about—welcome.

The full list is:

Commodore - Carol Beattie  
Vice Commodore - Alan Barrie  
Rear Commodore - Norman Carmichael  
Secretary - Julia Payne  
Treasurer - Kenneth Wilson  
Membership Secretary - Susan Patterson  
House Convenor - Colin Quint  
Training Officer - Duncan Greenhalgh  
Sailing Secretary/Past Commodore - Andrew Greenhalgh  
John Hugo  
Mark Joseph  
Ian Murgatroyd  
Lindsay Tosh  
Edward Trott

Contact details on the website

### PRIZEGIVING

Around 70 members enjoyed December's presentation of prizes in the Royal Four Towns Hall, Hightae.

Championship winners and trophy winners included: GP14 - Colin Midgely and Neill Smith; Mirror - John Hugo; Topper - Jessica Campbell; Laser - Ian Beveridge; Ladies and Junior - Kellie Carmichael; Club Championship - Colin Midgely and Neill Smith; Junior Capsize Cup - Emily McCall; Capsize Cup - Rory Payne; Enthusiasts - Trophy Alan Barrie.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our celebration.

## Social Event

### ASC St Valentine's Day Massacre/Battle of the Sexes.

It's winter 1929, Chicago Illinois. Violent gangster Al Capone is out to take a deadly revenge on bitter gang rival Bugs Moran...



...Although actually, it'll be 2008, Lochmaben, Scotland on **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the ASC clubhouse. It'll be Gangsters versus Molls - but there will be no blood shed (probably).



Supper - then let battle commence...

£6 for adults, £4 for juniors.

**Bring Your Own Bottle**

A fun night for all...don't miss it.

Please contact Carol on 01461 500252 NOW if you'd like to come.

## WINTER TRAINING

Wednesday 13th February	Starting Strategy
Wednesday 20th February	Upwind Strategy
Wednesday 27th February	Boathandling Techniques
Wednesday 5th March	The Racing Rules
Wednesday 12th March	Protest Hearings
Wednesday 19th March	Being a Race Officer at ASC

Training will start at 7pm.

It is essential that members book their place for each session, preferably by e-mailing me. If numbers are insufficient, the training will be cancelled. Further training will be organised if there is demand. Members are welcome to contact me to request training in specific areas. Further details from Andrew Greenhalgh on 01461 40581

The club is also running RYA Yachtmaster and Dayskipper Shorebased Navigation courses at the club for anyone interested. Dayskipper course will be on Tuesday evenings 1800 until 2100 starting on Tuesday 5 Feb. Yachtmaster course will be on Thursday evenings 1800 until 2100 starting on Thursday 7 Feb. Both courses will last for approximately 13 weeks although it may be necessary to change day and/or venue on the odd occasion.

The cost of each course is £150, which includes exam fees and all necessary supporting materials. Navigation instruments are not included.

Contact Chris Nurney (01387780553) or Duncan Greenhalgh (01461 40581) to sign up or find out more about the courses.

### TROLLEY TAGS

Along with your receipt for membership fees and your 2008 membership sticker, all of you who pay boat park fees will receive, this year, a plastic tag bearing your name and boat number, to be fastened round your boat trolley. Please ensure that your membership form includes your boat details.

This is designed to help identify boats and those who have not paid their fees and should, if everyone cooperates, make organising the boat park much easier.

**Please** remember to display it when you park your boat at the club at the start of season.

Thanks