



ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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IT MAY STILL FEEL LIKE WINTER, BUT SPRING IS, IN FACT HERE, AND IT'S TIME TO TAKE TO THE WATER AGAIN. OR, IF LIKE ME, YOUR SAILING GEAR IS STILL IN THE ATTIC AND YOUR BOAT'S STILL UPSIDE DOWN COVERED IN WET PAINT, IT'S TIME TO PANIC!

THIS COMING WEEKEND SEES THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 2008 SEASON WITH THE FRIENDLY, INFORMAL FITTING OUT SUPPER IN THE CLUBHOUSE. BRING AND SHARE FOOD, BOOZE AND CHAT.

THEN ITS SLEEVES ROLLED UP ON SATURDAY FOR THE JETTY-IN AND OUR NEW HARD WORKING HOUSE CONVENOR WILL HAVE PLENTY MORE WORK FOR US ALL TO DO TOO.

SAILING STARTS ON SUNDAY WITH SOME TEAM RACING IN TOPPERS, A GREAT CHANCE TO HONE YOUR SKILLS, PRACTISE TACTICS OR JUST BLOW AWAY THE COBWEBS.

AS MY SECOND SEASON AS COMMODORE KICKS OFF, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME EXCITING EVENTS AT ASC IN THE COMING MONTHS INCLUDING OUR OPEN DAY, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR N12S, GPS AND MIRRORS AND THE SWSSA ROSE-BOWLS. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO WELCOME VISITORS TO THE CASTLE LOCH AND SHARE WHAT WE DO HERE WITH OTHERS.

AS ALWAYS, ALL OUR EVENTS ARE COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME AND SKILLS TO HELP OUT IN ANY WAY THEY CAN. I HOPE THIS SEASON WILL BE NO DIFFERENT, AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU FEEL YOU CAN DO TO HELP, WHETHER IT'S DRIVING A POWER BOAT OR SERVING UP SOUP, YOU WILL NEVER BE TURNED AWAY. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE WEEKEND.

CHEERS,

CAROL.

Calling all ladies (and girls)

Kellie Carmichael is going to be doing the Race for Life and thought it would be a good idea if ASC ladies ran as a team. The committee has kindly offered sponsorship by paying for team T shirts, which will be printed up for the day.

This event is on the 29th June at the Crichton Campus, Dumfries and starts at 11 o'clock. You don't even have to be super fit as you can walk, run or jog the 5Km course to raise money and contribute to helping more people survive cancer.

If you would like to take part or contribute, please contact , Kellie Carmichael, by email [norcar\(at\)supanet.com](mailto:norcar(at)supanet.com).
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SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE

PROGRAMME CHANGE

Please note that the first race of the GP14/National 12 regatta on 3rd May will be 10:30 not 12:30 as advertised.

The whole programme is now on the website at <http://www.annansail.co.uk/program.htm> . Have a look to see if you're on early in the season.

BOAT HIRE

We've just got two new club GP14s; not new but well set up second hand. The Committee has decided to charge £15 per hire to reflect the quality of the boats and the added costs of keeping them up to scratch. The idea is that members can get experience of a boat in decent racing condition and use it as a "stepping stone" to getting one of their own.

If you just want something to get out on the water, one of the older GP14s will be retained and hired out for £10. It will be seaworthy but not in a condition to race effectively. Toppers and Oppies remain available.

Events for the Diary

Friday 14th March	19:00	Fitting Out Supper—Bring and Share To get the season under way. Informal get together for all the family. No charge; just bring something you would like to share with the others (starter, main course, pudding or whatever) then help yourself to whatever takes your fancy. BYOB. No need to book tickets.
Saturday 15th March	10:00	Jetty In Much easier than it was but there's plenty to do besides. Please can all members available come prepared for mucky work.
Sunday 16th March	12:00	Team Racing This is the chance to get back on the water and hone those rusty boat-handling skills. We'll use Toppers and you'll find it a novel way of racing if you've not done it before. Instruction on the day.
	12:00	Meeting of members who are willing to help in the kitchen for the main events over the season. We have some prestigious events lined up and need galley crews. Please come if you can help.
Saturday 22nd March		Easter Party for the kids. Contact Andrew on 01461 40581
Saturday 29th March	13:00	Race Officer Training Essential for anyone who is on the programme or can take on some of the weekly events. It's much easier when you know what you're doing. Just come along. Old hands; get a refresher and keep up-to-date.
Thursdays	10:00	Informal training. You decide what you want and contact
3rd/10th April	16:00	Duncan on 01461 40581. There's also a need for instructors, safety boat drivers, galley slaves etc.. Speak to Duncan too please.

Market Place

YOUNG SAILORS

Compass buoyancy aid 70Kg (red), Busta buoyancy aid, Large (blue & yellow), both used only twice.

Aldi neoprene wetsuit - large size (blue) - never been used, still with label attached - bought for son who never came up to sail!!! Any reasonable offers

Contact Steve Ashworth on 01387 870361

Buoyancy Aids

New. Helly Hansen. As used by the club. For sale at cost of £27.50.
3 sizes available; 30-40Kg, 40-50KG and 50-60Kg.

Contact Ian Murgatroyd on 01387 268481

Young sailors, aged from 12-16 are being offered the chance of an adventure on the "high seas" aboard an Ocean Youth Club 70ft gaff rigged ship sailing on the Greater Manchester Challenge from Holyhead on a six day voyage. The cost is £340. For more details, visit www.oycnw.org.uk