

## UPCOMING EVENTS – ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB

Given that this “newsletter” is pretty factual, it’s just in a plain format. However, it is a very important one so please have a read.

### Open Day

This is one of the most important days in the club’s year. It’s when we sign up new members who are, of course, the life blood of any club.

We need the biggest turnout of the year as it takes a huge effort to run the day and all members are asked to come and help. First and foremost we need anyone with a GP14, Mirror or any other two-man boat to take out members of the public. After that, we need rescue drivers, jetty marshals, car park attendants, buoyancy aid issuers, kitchen staff and a myriad of other jobs. We need you!

It’s on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00 but we need the volunteers down at 10:00

Please either reply to this email or speak to any committee member about what you can do. Even if you can’t do that, come anyway and you’ll get a job to do.

### N12/GP14 Regatta

Message from the Sailing Secretary

- The first warning signal is scheduled for 1230 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 1030 on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May (not 1100 as the programme states).
- There will be a briefing between 1130 and 1145 on Saturday.
- Three races are scheduled each day.
- All National 12 and GP14 sailors are strongly encouraged to come and participate, we are expecting visiting sailors of all levels including some who have only recently started sailing. This is a great opportunity to sail in a fleet of possibly 20 boats of the same class on your home water. Members who do not sail a 12 or GP, but would be interested in sailing as a crew or borrowing a boat for the event are welcome to contact Andrew. (01461 40581)
- There will be an Italian night on Saturday evening, members who want to come must let Andrew know.
- Any member who can volunteer any time over the weekend should contact Andrew. There are many things to do over the weekend, in particular we require safety boat crews and galley helpers. We are not asking members to come on Saturday morning and graft all weekend, we will split the weekend into shifts and cover each aspect with different teams of members.

### Tartan Trophy

For those not sailing the N12/GP14 weekend, there is an event that might be of interest. It’s the Tartan Trophy (in aid of the John Merrick Trust Fund) at Prestwick S C on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May. There are team and individual prizes on offer and it promises to be a good day’s sailing. There’s a social event too. See <http://www.prestwicksc.org.uk/> for more details.

### Instructors Meeting

There will be a meeting of instructors and helpers on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00 in the clubhouse. Everyone who would like to help in any way at training events is very welcome and all instructors are urged to attend.

## **SWSSA**

### Message from the Sailing Secretary

I was given the wrong start times for the SWSSA event at Solway YC and there is therefore a change to the programme.

Saturday 24th May is a 13:30 warning signal with high water at 15:01; sailors are advised to arrive at Kippford at 12:00. Sunday 25th May is a 14:10 warning signal with high water at 15:40; sailors are advised to arrive at Kippford at 12:40.

For those who are not used to sailing down the Urr water when the tide is coming up it, it may be worth suggesting they allow plenty of time and I think the turn up times that have been suggested are kind of late for anyone rigging a boat from scratch and needing a bite to eat before setting sail.

Details from Andrew on 01461 40581.

### **Boats for Sale**

The club has two GP14s for sale. Both are elderly but sound although neither is ever going to race at top level again. One, Scilla, is glass fibre and the other is wood. Sensible offers in writing please to the Commodore. Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> May. While the club will sell to the highest bidders and is not expecting huge prices, it reserves the right not to sell if offers are too low.

Could you put the word around that I am selling my GP. Due to work issues I will not have time to sail this year and would like the boat sailed. I want £950 for it. It has a combi trailer, cover, 3 sets of sails and is in good order. Remember the black hulled boat; it is parked along the front (I think). Anybody interested please contact me direct.

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The club also has a Laser for sale in sound condition but needing a bit of TLC and a few bits. Good restoration project with not too much to do to get a decent boat. See Duncan Greenhalgh for details.

### **Dogs**

Traditionally, dogs have been welcome at the club and that remains so. Last year we successfully got a supply of dog poop bags and another supply will be made available shortly. Would dog owners please use them or exercise off the boat park.

Would owners also ensure that their pooches present a friendly demeanor to other members.

### **Season**

As you can see, things are hotting up. It's time to get those boats on the water. We look forward to seeing you.