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What it's All About

For those that didn't make the Rosebowl or the Mirror Scottish, here are a couple of happy pictures to show you what you missed—great days of sailing.

PHEW!...THIS HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN ONE OF THE BUSIEST PERIODS WE HAVE HAD AT ASC FOR A LONG TIME AND, WITH JUST A FEW MOMENTS TO TAKE STOCK, I AM AMAZED AT HOW IT'S ALL BEEN ACHIEVED.

THE SCHOOLS REGATTA THIS YEAR WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF TEAM WORK, BOTH WITHIN THE CLUB AND WITH PARTNER ORGANISATIONS. THE CHANGE OF VENUE TO GALLOWAY SAILING CENTRE AT LOCH KEN MEANT COMMUNICATION AND ORGANISATION WERE PARAMOUNT BUT, THANKS TO EVERYONE PULLING TOGETHER, IT WORKED. THE CLUB OWES A MASSIVE THANKYOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS EVENT, PARTICULARLY TO CHIEF ORGANISER WILLIE PATTERSON WHOSE MANAGERIAL SKILLS WERE MORE THAN UP TO THE MAMMOTH TASK. THE REGATTA HAS TAKEN A BIG LEAP THIS YEAR, WITH MORE SCHOOLS, MORE PUPILS AND A HIGHER PROFILE THAN EVER BEFORE, WHICH IS ALL FANTASTIC FOR OUR CLUB AND THE FUTURE OF SAILING IN THE SOUTH WEST IN GENERAL. AND THEN CAME THE SWSSA ROSEBOWL. ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHANCE FOR BUILDING INTER-CLUB ACTIVITY. WE SO ENJOYED SAILING AND SOCIALISING WITH OUR VISITORS FROM SOLWAY YC AND LOCH RYAN SC AND THE WHOLE WEEKEND WAS BRIMMING WITH FEEL-GOOD FACTOR.



Chris Nurney shows that even the most experienced among us can have fun in a Mirror. Most sailors seem to have owned or sailed one at some time in their nautical careers and it's a love affair that never ever quite dies

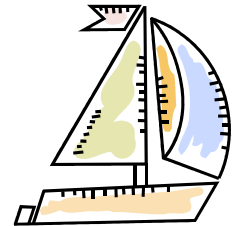
Perhaps even more loved at Castle Loch is the GP14 and the club can still field a decent fleet of them as seen recently at the Rosebowl.



Pirates required for an Annandale Oppie adventure



Captain Richard Bryant is looking for volunteers for his oppie adventure. Come and join in the fun on Saturday afternoons in September and learn to



sail like the best pirates.

If you are age 6 - 12, new to sailing and keen to join in the fun you need to contact Captain Bryant.

There are just 6 places on a first come basis, so sign up quick!!



The cost will be £15.00 including boat hire, loan of a buoyancy aid, sailing activity books and Pirate Party. There will be parental involvement on a rota basis to support the training team.

Further details will be sent out to those interested.

Contact Richard and Sue Bryant:

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ANNANDALE CONTINUED ITS EIGHT-YEAR UNBROKEN RUN OF TEAM VICTORIES, THE GREENHALGH BROTHERS RETAINED THEIR INDIVIDUAL ROSEBOWL AND THE JUNIOR TROPHY ALSO STAYS IN ASC HANDS FOR ANOTHER YEAR COURTESY OF JOHN BEARDON AND FERGUS BARRIE. GOOD WORK EVERYONE!

AND THEN CAME THE SCOTTISH MIRROR CHAMPIONSHIPS. YET AGAIN WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME VISITORS FROM FAR AND WIDE, FROM ABERDEEN IN THE NORTH TO WHITSTABLE IN THE SOUTH. IT WAS SO LOVELY TO SEE CASTLE LOCH AWASH WITH RED SAILS AGAIN AND I REALLY HOPE THIS MAY BE THE START OF A MIRROR CLASS REVIVAL AT ASC, WHICH ENTERED NO LESS THAN 11 BOATS. THANKS TO ALL OUR OWN MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART AND CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN HUGO, WHO WITH CREW EUAN MURGATROYD, TOOK THE MASTERS TROPHY.

ALL OF THESE EVENTS TOOK A GREAT DEAL OF VOLUNTEER-POWER TO FUNCTION AND I CANNOT PAY ENOUGH TRIBUTE TO EVERYONE WHO ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES BOTH ON AND OFF THE WATER TO DO THE CLUB PROUD. WITHOUT PEOPLE WILLING TO GET INVOLVED, ACTIVITY WOULD LITERALLY GRIND TO A HALT. YOUR CLUB ALWAYS NEEDS YOU!

I AM SO PROUD TO HAVE BEEN COMMODORE THROUGH THIS FRENETIC PERIOD. PERSONALLY IT HAS INVOLVED A LOT OF PLATE SPINNING AND A FEW MORE GREY HAIRS BUT IT'S BEEN WORTH IT – I HOPE YOU FEEL THE SAME. CAROL

Ladies On The Loch

Saturday, 23rd August 2008

In partnership with our "sisters" at Solway Yacht Club and Loch Ryan Sailing Club we have decided to host another ladies day.

This year's event is aimed at anyone who's female, who wants to take to the water for the first time, build their confidence or improve their skills.

And, most importantly, the aim is to have FUN on and off the water.

We want female sailors of all levels and all ages, from all three clubs, to come along share tips, advice and skills and gain some themselves in an informal atmosphere.

We have signed up the same top level all-male catering team as last year so we can look forward to some culinary treats.

Anyone interested in this rare chance for some "me time" please contact me at wyseby@uwclub.net or 01461 500252 as soon as possible.

Times and cost (just to cover expenses) to be confirmed.

Carol x



Castle Loch Volunteer Group

The Dumfries & Galloway Ranger Service has planned a series of conservational tasks which will take place around the Castle Loch.

We need **YOU** to help!

From putting up Bird Boxes to 'Rhodi Bashing', and Bat Surveys to Hedge Planting you will leave an afternoons volunteering feeling tired, sore, smelly ... but sure your efforts have not gone to waste!

We plan to start the volunteer group on the 20th July 2008 at 2pm for our first session, and then on the 2nd last Sunday of every month after that at 2pm each time. We realise that many of you sailors have races to win on Sundays, however during your winter season if you have a spare 2 hours between patching your leaks and getting that damned spinnaker rigging sorted, then please get in touch.

Anyone interested in helping out should contact D&G Ranger Service on 07834567893 or 01387 260366 email ross.gemmell@dumgal.gov.uk

Editor's Note

Many of us will remember Ross as a fine sailor, a member of the club and, of course, the son of David and Helen. Good to see you back Ross.



TRAINING

Over the last few months training at all levels has been in full swing at ASC.

A huge thank you to Senior Instructor Lindsay Tosh and all who helped on the, as ever, very successful Saturday morning sessions in May and June.

Richard Bryant ran an excellent Laser race training session recently which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Many thanks to him.

And we have just finished our first Summer week-long course of the year which was, again, very much enjoyed by participants, instructors and helpers alike.

Huge thanks to Duncan Greenhalgh for organising and running this week and to everyone who pitched in to help, on and off the water.

Ongoing training at the club includes race coaching for our ultra keen cadets on Thursday afternoons through the school holidays, power boat training and we look forward to our second summer week from August 11th. Duncan would be very grateful to hear from anyone who can come along and help that week.

We have also scheduled an evening taster session for Lochmaben Youth Club on August 4th. Speak to me if you can help.

Carol



Schools Regatta

Back in 2003, when Willie Patterson was Commodore, his Vice Commodore Andrew Greenhalgh began the long challenge of rejuvenating the cadet section and over the next few seasons, brought it to its current healthy and vibrant state. The schools of the region had also begun to run after-hours sailing sections pioneered by David Gemmell and Stuart Bell.

Willie, ever up for something new, was looking for a youth project to tap into this potential and to give something back to the local community which provides constant support. Thus, in 2003, the Schools Regatta was born with a handful of schools. The numbers grew rapidly but support from the west of the region was hard to galvanise and the Toppers available limited the racing despite race officer Duncan Greenhalgh skilfully squeezing a seemingly unfeasible number of races into the day and Willie driving the

whole event forward with well-honed organisational and people-management skills .

So the committee considered the matter long and hard and the result was this year's experimental move to Galloway Sailing Centre who, led by Richard Hermon and Keiran Patterson and with the help of the manufacturers Bic International and their indefatigable Tamsin Hurley, put a fleet of 18 Bic Open racers at the club's disposal. With the invaluable additional help of Solway and Wigton Bay Sailing Clubs and Outdoor Education staff, the much enlarged 6th event took place on 27th June with fifteen teams from as far apart as Stranraer and Carlisle. In addition, GSC laid on a fleet of Laser Funboats for taster sessions for non-racing pupils along with the huge attraction of the Laserquest after sailing.

Despite the Bics looking not much bigger than a decent ashjet, they proved surprisingly capable in the brisk and gusty wind. Fierce competition resulted and the hot favourites, the experienced Lockerbie Academy team, were pipped by canny Austin Friars (pictured). Not far behind came Castle Douglas High who have taken gold twice in the past. The good news for ASC is that the first two teams were heavily populated with our cadets. Also good news for local sailing was hefty coverage of the event by both newspapers and TV.



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Ali Smith, who sailed at the club for many years, won the Scottish Laser Radial championship at Largs on 12th and 13th July with a very consistent performance netting only 13 points over the 5 counting races and winning by 2 points.