



ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



Lochmaben

September 2005

WELL THE NIGHTS ARE DRAWING IN THE EVENING RACES HAVE COME TO AN END, BUT DON'T WORRY THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF SAILING AHEAD OF US. SUNDAY SAILING CONTINUES UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER AND IF YOU'RE MISSING THE MID WEEK RACES, COME AND JOIN THE EXTRA SUNDAY RACE AT 12:30. THE WIND TENDS TO BE AT ITS FRESHEST AND STEADIEST AT THIS TIME AND WE STILL GET SOME NICE MILD DAYS IN OCTOBER SO COME ALONG — ITS WORTH IT FOR THE HOMEMADE SOUP (AVAILABLE BETWEEN THE 1ST AND 2ND RACE EVERY SUNDAY).

LOOKING AHEAD WE HAVE SOME GOOD SOCIALS COMING UP. DO SUPPORT THE MOONLIGHT RACE, LINDSAY SPENDS A LOT OF EFFORT ORGANISING THIS AND IT IS ALWAYS ENJOYABLE. THE MEET AND GREET AFTERWARDS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL YOU NEW MEMBERS TO COME ALONG AND GET TO KNOW EVERYONE. CAROL AND HER TEAM ARE ORGANISING A GAMES NIGHT IN NOVEMBER AND WILL SHORTLY BE SELLING TICKETS. - DO BUY THEM AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG. A FUN EVENING IS GUARANTEED.

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING HARD ON A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CLUB. THE BEACH LAUNCH HAS BEEN IMPROVED AND WILL BECOME A REALLY USEFUL FACILITY TO AUGMENT OUR BUSY JETTY. THE CLUBROOM IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING REDECORATION. THE BOATSHED IS NEARLY COMPLETE AND THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS LOOKING AT SOME NEW SCHEMES FOR THE FUTURE. MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THESE IMPROVEMENTS. PLEASE DO SUPPORT WORK PARTIES AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS. THESE ARE CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THESE PLANS AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CLUB.

ANDREW GREENHALGH
COMMODORE

Social Events

With the darker nights, the social scene just gets busier

Moonlight Race followed by "Meet and Greet"

Saturday 1st October 19:00 or thereby

An informal race near the clubhouse sailed by the light of the moon or torches and neon light sticks if the moon refuses to make an appearance. The aim is strictly fun and the atmosphere always relaxed. If you haven't given this one a go yet do join us for an interesting experience. Approximate start time is 7pm.

After the race, a supper will be served in the clubhouse. This is a great opportunity for all the members who have joined in the last couple of seasons to "meet and greet" each other as well as the old hands. Do come along and make this an enjoyable evening.

Bring your own booze.

To assist the members who work hard to provide the food, we'd be grateful if you could let us know that you will be coming: phone 01461 40581 or e-mail duncan.greenhalgh@ukgateway.net

Games Night

Saturday 12th November

A games night complete with buffet and bar will make this a night to remember. This will be held in Hightae Hall just a couple of miles from the club. We are working hard to raise funds to enable the continued development of the club, so by having fun you'll be helping the club. Details from Carol Beattie on 01461 500252

Prize Giving 19:30

Friday 9th December

Put this date in your diary as a must attend evening, the culmination of our sailing season is a night not to be missed.

Loch Ryan

Saturday 10th September was the date for our annual trip to Loch Ryan for an Interclub Regatta. An impressive fleet of 10 boats made the journey to the far west of the region, this included a large contingent of enthusiastic junior members sailing Topper and Mirror dinghies.

It was an early start as the competitors expecting an 11am start, brought forward from the advertised 12 noon time, arrived at Loch Ryan by 9:30. However the ever decisive organisers had postponed until 12:00, our Commodore was tearing his hair out before we'd even seen their latest attempt at results.

The first of three races got underway in an unusually light wind which completely disappeared by the end of the race. The leading group of faster boats managed to complete two laps of the triangular course whilst the slower boats race was cut short after just one lap. Mark & Duncan Greenhalgh led the way to score the first of their two race wins.

The wind showed signs of developing so the race officer got race 2 underway immediately after race 1, however the breeze did not co-operate and another drifter was the result. This time the faster boats were unable to break clear of the Toppers and Mirrors and some excellent results were recorded by the junior squad. Rory Payne won the race with Jessica Campbell & Isobelle Rossindell third.



A fantastic wind arrived from the north to provide perfect conditions for the third race with steady planing reaches and a light swell enabling the boats to surf rapidly through the water. Colin Midgley & Neill Smith had a close race with Alastair Smith, but the GP14 of Colin & Neill had the edge when the handicap calculations were resolved.

Back on shore, an excellent dinner was served up by the ever hospitable lady members. Given previous results farces, the race officials opted to stay on board the Committee Boat until their calculations were complete and treble checked. In due course the results were displayed revealing many glaring errors including incorrect PY numbers and faster boats corrected to beat a slower boat that had beaten them on the water.

A great performance by the Annandale team, which made up more than half the total fleet, included some outstanding results for the junior squad (*pictured above*).

The top three positions, all from Annandale, were as follows: 1st Mark & Duncan Greenhalgh; 2nd Colin Midgley & Neill Smith; 3rd Alastair Smith.

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Artistic flair?

There are still work parties going on; decorating is the current ploy. If you can help, give Andrew a ring on 01461 40581.

