



ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



Lochmaben

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The season is getting well through but there's a treat still to come. It's not very often that the club entertains Olympic champions but one's coming this month. Last time the club met one, Ben Ainslie, it was at the Ally Pally when we were awarded Champion Club status. This time we'll actually see one on Castle Loch. Details in Carol's article to the right.

The latest development is a complete reorganisation of the boat park with a more logical layout contributing to a better use of space. The boat house is now terracotta and white and looking very spruce.

The weekday sailing is done but good winds are a feature of autumn and there's a lot of sailing still to be done. Come along.

There are photos taken at the Ball on the back page with some past Commodores, John Wilson current Commodore of our good friends Solway YC and Shirley Greenhalgh who has given such sterling support to both Andrew, the current Commodore, and husband Duncan during his commodoreship a few years ago.

OLYMPIC CHAMPION TO VISIT

A VERY special visitor will be dropping in to ASC at the end of this month to help us round off our Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Double Olympic gold medal winning sailor Shirley Robertson OBE is due to pay us a visit on Saturday, 30th September.

Her main intention is to meet our enthusiastic juniors and, as well as watching and coaching them on the water, she will talk to them and answer their questions.

We have also asked her to unveil a plaque marking the jubilee and the completion of our new boat shed, clubhouse extension and jetty.

Although this event is largely aimed at the under 18s, we strongly encourage all our members, of all ages, not to miss this "golden" opportunity to meet one of Britain's top sailors.

Shortly after launching her next Olympic campaign for Beijing in 2008, Shirley announced she was expecting twins and has only just returned to the water after her maternity leave (Killian and Annabel were born in July). Her pre-Olympic training re-starts soon, so we are extremely honoured that she has found time to fit us into her hectic schedule.

Volvo is sponsoring her visit to ASC and we believe their local franchise, Lloyd Motors of Carlisle, are planning to bring along a couple of new models for us to "try and drive" on the day. Andrew and Carol have been briefing our cadets in preparation for the event and we are hoping that, as well as showing what burgeoning talent we have in our ranks, we can also demonstrate what a friendly, busy and enthusiastic club we are.

Because we are expecting this to be a very busy day, we ask all members, if possible, to use the bowling green car park.

Lastly, please could you give Andrew or Carol an idea of whether you will be coming along, as the club is laying on a buffet lunch.

Carol Beattie



Photo by kind permission of Richard Langdon

Provisional Timetable

09:30	Club members get ready
10:00	Shirley arrives at ASC
10:30	Shirley's talk and Q&A session
11:30	Watch and coach kids on the water
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Lloyd Motors to take Shirley to airport
15:00	Quick rest before Moonlight Race (see over)

Shirley's timetable is dependent on some pretty complex travel arrangements so all times are approximate other than her departure.

Social Functions

MOONLIGHT RACE

We've had hairy winds and we've had the doldrums so this year we're due a fine breeze and a clear night.

The drill is to set out in the gloaming and race on into the dark. The race isn't too long and the course is kept close to the jetty so nobody gets lost in the night. The buoys are lit by wee flashing lights and light sticks are available for attaching to boats (£1 each, the only charge). You need a torch and a whistle is good to warn other boats that you're planing past. Fancy fluorescent jackets are not required but—hey—if you've got it, flaunt it. Hats and trainers that light up are permitted but don't blame the organiser if the cool image you're aiming for somehow fails to materialise.

Since you'll all be starving, we're going to send a food gathering party to the Thai restaurant and to one other "kerry oot" shop to be decided on the night. Leave your order and the loot with the volunteer drivers before you set sail.

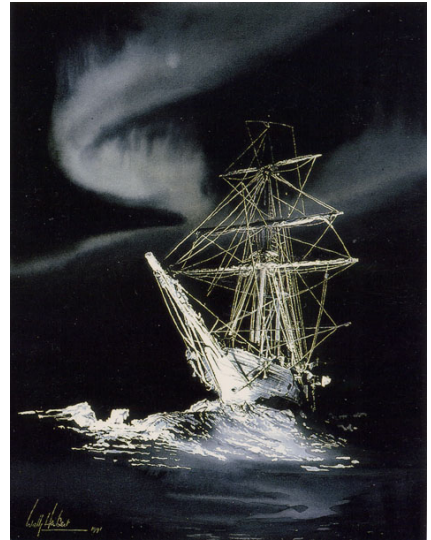
There's no bar so bring your own wine, ale, strega etc..

Sunset is about 19:00 so we're looking to be on the water about then for a start shortly afterwards.

The race team was a bit short-handed last year (mea culpa) so volunteers for assistant race officer and rescue crews would be appreciated. A free torch battery (part used) for the first one to step forward!

All members welcome, sailing or not. Details from Lindsay "Lighthouse" Tosh on 01387 860254.

Photo shows John Beardon rounding G buoy last year and having a bit of trouble with his sails in the fresh breeze.



HALLOWE'EN PARTY

A little bit of advance warning for the Halloween Party probably on the weekend of 27th/ 28th October but yet to confirmed. Full details will follow in another Newsletter or email but the plan is for a family night starting quite early at 17:30 and running through to about 19:30 or thereby. Sailing's winding down by then with only the hardy or "nae wise" venturing out so keep in touch by coming along to the social events.

DECEMBER

Watch this space for November but, if not, there's the prize-giving on 1st December with the jetty out the following day (a dawdle this year) and the AGM on the following Thursday evening.



Commodores Past, Present and Visiting at the Ball

Photos : Bob Watson