



ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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THE 2007 SEASON MIGHT BE DRAWING TO A CLOSE BUT DON'T HANG UP YOUR WET BOOTS JUST YET - NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER ARE STILL VERY BUSY.

SUNDAY RACING IN THE AUTUMN AND WINTER CAN BE SOME OF THE BEST OF THE SEASON AND WITH SEVERAL TROPHIES STILL TO BE WON, IT'S WELL WORTH WRAPPING UP AND GETTING OUT ONTO THE WATER.

TALKING OF TROPHIES, THE ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING IS APPROACHING FAST (SEE ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS) AND, WITH A BIGGER VENUE THIS YEAR, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE CLUB THIS YEAR COMING ALONG. LET'S MAKE IT A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION AT THE END OF A FANTASTIC SEASON.

I HAVE TO ADMIT, IT SEEMS A LONG TIME SINCE THE LAST AGM WHEN I BEGAN MY STINT AS COMMODORE. IT'S BEEN A REAL CHALLENGE AT TIMES, A STEEP LEARNING CURVE BUT OVERALL AN ENJOYABLE YEAR DURING WHICH SO MUCH HAS BEEN PACKED IN.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE HARD WORKING COMMITTEE AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAS GIVEN UP THEIR OWN TIME FOR THE CLUB THROUGHOUT THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK THREE LONG SERVING MEMBERS WHO ARE COMING OFF THE COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THIS SEASON - NEILL SMITH, WILLIE PATTERSON AND COLIN MIDGELY. ALL THREE HAVE WORKED EXTREMELY HARD FOR THE CLUB OVER THE YEARS BUT HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE WAY FOR "FRESH BLOOD".

THANKS SO MUCH, YOU THREE. ENJOY YOUR "RETIREMENT"!

CAROL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

Notice is hereby given of the club's Annual General Meeting to be held in the Clubhouse on Thursday 13th December 2007 at 19:00.

All members are encouraged to attend.

The agenda for the meeting will include: receiving reports, appointing office bearers and committee members, confirming subscriptions etc. and a good turnout is essential.

The constitution requires that "notice of any alteration or addition to the constitution or rules to be proposed.....shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing in sufficient time to permit its inclusion in the agenda". The Committee has made no such proposals.

Julia Payne Secretary

TRAINING

Not only the Inuit go out on the water at this time of year. Duncan has organised a day on the loch on 29th November. Give him a ring for details on 01461 40581.

We have his assurance that all the polar bears will be hibernating by then!

Other Events

Saturday 24th November **ASC Ten-Pin Bowling at 19.30pm (note later time)**
AMF, Currock Road, Carlisle

Adults £7, 15 and under £5

Only a few places left, anyone not given name to Carol Beattie please do ASAP.

Friday 7th December **Annual Presentation of Prizes at 18:30 for 19:00**
Hightae Village Hall

With so many new members this year, competition has been fierce, so come along - it could be you!

Food is supplied but bring your own drink.

Adults £6 Juniors £4

Saturday 8th December **Jetty Out at 10:00**

Now much easier with the new pontoons but there are still heaps of jobs to be done so plenty help is still needed. Come prepared to get a wee bit mucky.

Great fun and ABSOLUTELY free.

Thursday 1st January **Ne'er Day Fun Sail and Social at 12:00**

Totally informal with Topper sailing if weather permits. Black bun and maybe a wee dram afterwards.

Boat hire is the only charge

**REMEMBER TO RETURN TROPHIES BY
 THE 30th NOVEMBER PLEASE**

TRAPEZE HARNESSSES

There have been two tragic instances in the last few years in which sailors have died as a result of trapeze harnesses becoming entangled with the rigging. While this is still an very rare occurrence, the Committee is keen to remind members that older harnesses without a quick release buckle are no longer recommended and should no longer be purchased. Members may wish to consider replacing any older harnesses they have.

This problem, of course, does not affect the vast majority of boats at the club.