



# ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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WELL, THAT'S MY BOAT SAFELY TUCKED UP FOR THE WINTER, READY FOR SOME TLC WITH A POT OF VARNISH COME THE NEW YEAR (OR IN A PANIC A WEEK BEFORE SAILING STARTS NEXT SEASON!)

BUT THE STORMY WEATHER AND PERISHING WATER DOES NOT MEAN THE END TO ACTIVITIES ON THE CASTLE LOCH. THE WINTER SERIES IS UNDERWAY WITH A COUPLE MORE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS LEFT TO ENJOY AND I TAKE MY HAT OFF (IF IT'S NOT TOO CHILLY) TO ALL THOSE WHO SEE THE SEASON THROUGH TO THE BITTER END.

SOME OF OUR KEENESEST CADETS ARE ALSO BRAVING THE WINTER CHILL FOR TRAINING UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY IN VARIOUS RYA SQUADS AND EVEN SOME OF OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE IN THEIR OPIES ON STRATHCLYDE LOCH THIS MONTH AND IN JANUARY. WELL DONE YOU LOT!

I AM NOW LOOKING OUT MY PARTY FROCK FOR THE END OF SEASON CELEBRATION NIGHT AND PRIZE GIVING AT HIGHTAE HALL IN A FEW WEEKS. LAST YEAR (MY FIRST AS COMMODORE) I WILL ADMIT, I WAS QUAKING WITH NERVES BEFOREHAND BUT SURPRISED MYSELF AT HOW MUCH I ENJOYED IT IN THE END.

IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE ALL THAT IS GOOD ABOUT OUR CLUB AND SAILING IN GENERAL, THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE SPORT AND TO ENJOY MEMORIES OF ANOTHER HIGHLY ENJOYABLE SEASON.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PAST COMMODORES AND OTHER CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAD GIVEN ME UNSTINTING SUPPORT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. FOR PUTTING UP WITH MY "BLONDE" MOMENTS, MY INSECURITIES AND MY MOANS — THANK YOU. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOUR TO HAVE BEEN ASC'S FIRST FEMALE COMMODORE — GIRLS, I SINCERELY HOPE I WON'T BE THE LAST!

CAROL

## END OF SEASON SHINDIG

To Celebrate Another Successful Season

HIGHTAE HALL  
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER  
19:30

BUFFET  
and  
PRIZE-GIVING

There is a "lorry load" of prizes so you may well be lucky.

Come along and find out.

Adults £6

BYOB

Kids £4

Please let Carol Beattie know how many tickets you want on

01461500252 and e-mail [wyseby@uwclub.net](mailto:wyseby@uwclub.net)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Notice is hereby given of the club's Annual General Meeting to be held in the Clubhouse on Thursday 11th December 2008 at 19:00.

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

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 proposed a substantial rewrite of the constitution and a copy is enclosed with this newsletter. This will be presented to the AGM for discussion and, if thought fit, approval. All members are encouraged to attend given the importance of this item on the agenda.

Julia Payne Secretary

### PROPOSED OFFICE BEARERS

A change to the expected succession of flag officers has come about in the past month and the committee intends to propose the following at the forthcoming AGM for approval by the members.

Commodore	Ian Murgatroyd
Vice Commodore	Alan Barrie
Rear Commodore	Kenneth Wilson
Honorary Secretary	Julia Payne
Honorary Treasurer	Kenneth Wilson
Membership Secretary	Susan Patterson
House Convenor	Colin Quint

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

Return to Carol or to the Clubhouse please

### LARGE GRANT AWARDS

This year, the club has been very fortunate in being awarded a total of £2720 from the funds of the Lochmaben Common Good Fund and the George Hunter Trust. The funds are for extending the jetty and improving the cleating system on the pontoons.

The club is very grateful to the Area Committee of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

### RYA DAY SKIPPER COURSE

The club will be running another Day Skipper Theory course in the clubhouse early in 2009 under Yachtmaster Instructor Chris Nurney.

The course covers the theory of the navigation and seamanship needed to skipper a yacht in the daytime. Details from Chris on 01387 780553

## TRAINING

If you've got a dry suit or are impervious to the cold, keep an eye out for some winter training. No details yet but possibilities include the New Racing Rules, Racing Strategy, Race Training, also non-racing subjects such as First Aid. These and other courses can be organised on demand so please let Duncan ([duncan.greenhalgh@ukgateway.net](mailto:duncan.greenhalgh@ukgateway.net)) know your interest, requirements and ideas.

## BUOYANCY AIDS

AFTER a recent check it was discovered several of the club's buoyancy aids have gone missing.

Our buoyancy aids are vital for training activities, open days etc. and having to replace them is costing the club.

If you have taken one by mistake please could you return it to the clubhouse or boatshed ASAP.

## TAKE ME HOME.....



Those of you with a good nose may have noticed that there is a delicate whiff of dung about the clubhouse at the moment. It's not, I regret to tell you, just the wetsuits being aired. The septic tank is getting to the stage that it needs some TLC. We know that it's best never to touch them but needs must this time.

There will need to be a digger brought in to accomplish this and the idea is to have it do a bit of work on the boat park at the same time.

To do this, we need all boats taken home for the winter both to facilitate the work and to ensure that no damage is done to them. Would you please do this on or before jetty out day. Boats left behind remain at the owner's risk and may well be moved to an area without tie-downs and thus be uninsured under most policies.

In any case, a lick of paint or a smear of varnish will be easier to do away from the boat park.

### Boat Repair Squad

Maintenance of the club's safety boats and sailing boats is a vital job and, over the years, several members have given, and continue to give, an enormous number of hours to it.

Last month, the committee agreed to form a "boat maintenance team" to keep up this work and help share the load. If you are willing to be involved, please speak to Duncan Greenhalgh 01461 40581

## Upcoming Events

Saturday 6th December

Jetty Out at 10:00

Removal of the new pontoons for the winter and heaps of jobs to be done so lots of help is still needed. Come prepared to get clorty.

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

## HALLOWE'EN PARTY SUCCESS

The Cadet Section held a very successful Hallowe'en Party on 25th October. Organised entirely by themselves, the night proved a great success and bodes well for the future of the club. Future Commodores here?

It's a wonder they had time, for most (if not all) of them seem to be dedicated to training all over the winter and in every corner of the land.

Our young members have been scattered over the length and breadth of the country with their boats being seen in such far-flung outposts as Grafham, Rutland, Largs and Strathclyde Loch.

Some of the older and more experienced members are having to get used to having youngsters skelping past them as though they were dragging an anchor!