

Dalgety Bay Sailing Club



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Newsletter

SCOTLAND'S PREMIER EAST COAST SAILING CLUB

Christmas Lunch

Sunday 11th December

In the clubhouse

1pm—2pm
Full Christmas lunch
with all the trimmings

Menu in Clubhouse

Adults £10
Children's Menu £3

Contact
Aileen Denholm to
book your table

01383 820967

The following trophies
must be returned to the
Clubhouse now!

The J & T Murray Cup
(Round Inchcolm Race)

Wednesday 2nd series Slow
Asymmetric

The Two Bridges Trophy

The Seal Trophy

The Craig Cup

The Muir Cup

Muir Trophy

AGM
Thursday
24th November
8pm in the Clubhouse

The AGM will be followed by an
Open Forum

It is important that as many voting
members come along as possible.

48 Voting members are needed for
a quorum.

Lack of a quorum means that the
Club has to meet the cost of calling
another meeting as well as crippling
normal winter planning as
there will be no budget approved!

December 10th

Steve Goacher from Cork

The Sonata & Flying
15 Guru

will be in the Clubhouse
7.30pm
Open session on sails, settings
racing, etc.

Carol Singing

In the Clubhouse
Christmas Eve

6.30pm

Visit from Santa

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine
afterwards

This Newsletter is yours!

- I can only edit the information I receive.
- Do let me know what you want to read about.
- Items for the December issue should be with Beattie Burnside 4 Hopeward Mews, Dalgety Bay, Fife KY11 9TB, Tel:- 01383 822309, by the 10th December 2005. Material may be submitted in writing, Microsoft Word 97 Format or by e-mail to me at burnside.mansion@tesco.net

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FROM THE BRIDGE

As saner folks look towards gentle indoor pursuits for the forthcoming winter, a seemingly growing band of hardy folk are still out and about having a great time on the water!

The RYA sponsored Ladies training weekend was held over the weekend of the 12th & 13th. A great turnout of around 10 boats benefited from some first class coaching even if the Saturday weather was a little extreme for most! Andy Marshall provided the coaching and everyone went away with a few more capsizes to their tally, and some honed skills too. (and if anyone has a spare ISO mast kicking about, Dave Parker would love to hear from you!)

There is quite a lot of interest in running winter coaching sessions, so look out for details. Also, if you want to go sailing or organise some coaching or training yourself, the rescue boats will be in service throughout the year (depending on maintenance schedules), so if you can muster a driver or two, they are at your disposal.

The skiffs come out to play this coming weekend for some coaching, so if your sailing is skiffy in nature, DBSC is the place to be! Let's hope the weather plays ball too.

Our keelboats have been busy up at Port Edgar over the past few weeks, with a DBSC 1,2,3,4 in the Autumn PM series. Well done to Razamataz, Brief 'n' Counter, GeeKay and New Wave. The winter series looks like it is going to be another DBSC whitewash. No pressure then guys!

Please don't forget the AGM on the 24th November. The management committee will present what it has been up to all year and show you plans for next year. It's really important we get a good turnout as we have struggled to get a quorum in previous years!

As usual, once the formal part of the AGM is out of the way, we will have an "open floor" session. The management committee will be available to answer questions etc. It's your club, please make your views count and attend the AGM! Thanks!

Finally, I know I said this last month, but with the windy weather well and truly upon us, can you remember to silence your rigging if the mast is staying up? Dinghies too! There are a few culprits already so please come down and check your rigging. Tie all halyards away from the mast and look out for tight lines that can start to vibrate and bang off the boom or mast etc.

Why not make a point of coming down to check your boat when it's windy, then nip in and keep the bar staff company for a while!

Enjoy your sailing,

Kind Regards

David Burnett, Commodore

100 Club

October

1st	Nell McLelland	£25	2nd	Ian Hill	£12
3rd	Corrie McPhail	£6			

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Topper Race Training

Saturday 10th December

We're running winter training this year and the first session will be on **Saturday 10th December** for Toppers.

Those who have their stage 3 and want to work on their racing skills are encouraged to come along. The cost is £10 per person.

The day will run from 9.30am – 4.30pm. You'll need to bring a packed lunch but soup and hot drinks will be available.

Places are limited so please let me know as soon as possible if you want to attend.

Gill Wright

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Keelboat News

Once we get to this part of the year, things quieten down for a while. There's not a lot of keelboating going on other than the frenetic dash round the cans at Port Edgar each weekend in an attempt to A) keep warm or B) get back to the Clubhouse before the pies run out or, indeed, as the winter series kicks off C) get home before sunset reveals your lack of functioning nav lights. With not much else to fill the page there's only one thing for it

GOSSIP

The tail end of the summer saw some new boats arriving at the Club and would you believe, TeamLBN may actually have some competition from Ken Allan for the shiniest boat! Miss Elaineous (apologies for dodgy spelling) comes to DBSC with a strong heritage and a shiny paint job. With the growing competitiveness of the Sonatas and the GKs, how long Ken is able to keep both Miss E's reputation and her paint job intact is probably worth a sweepstake.

On the topic of sweepstakes, all bets on how long Orion and Canna were going to stay on the moorings are off. Both are on the hard now which, while it might negate any backroom bets, is something we can breathe a collective sigh of relief for.

The new book is open on who will be the next star in "I'm a celebrity helm – get me on Razamataz!" though it should be pointed out that Razamataz actually won the PEYC Sunday PM Slowboat series so perhaps there is something in this helm tarting that seems to be pervading the DBSC boats.

Brief N Counter has been seen with a certain Mr Marshall on the helm along with an all star cast of extras as ballast.

Not to be out done Gee Kay has gone as far as recruiting a dinghy sailor to sweat the winches though I've heard that Niall is struggling with the concept of ropes over 5mm thick and has twice gone for the dry capsized drill in the big gusts. Finally, word is out that Zero Proof is actively recruiting a temporary helm to accompany the multi-national crew who are, incidentally, all female and all blonde.

Interested parties should contact Fraser Harrison on Ah sorry – the number's completely slipped my mind J

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From the Helm's Mouth

(Ed's note: Last month we reported on Ian's results in the Endeavour Trophy held at Burnham, Essex. Here's his side of the story.)

The Endeavour was quite an experience and the Xenon was a very good choice for the competition as everyone had identical brand new boats, even the sails were still in their plastic bags, and we were not allowed to change anything, other than the adjustable bits. The Xenon is not a performance boat but as a tough club racing boat it should do really well. Topper should be congratulated for their commitment in providing 30 boats for this event. It did turn out to be a great test bed for them though and the Xenon came through well.

The racing was intense though and we were fairly pleased with most of our races seeing as I have not raced a 2 man boat seriously since 1994, have barely sailed an asymmetric and never sailed with my crew Kevan Gibb, despite knowing him from youth squad days. And the Endeavour is not the place for an easy baptism. Mentally it was very uncomfortable at first, as it was so different from the type of sailing I am used to but I was much more into it on Sunday and was feeling much happier downwind. Quite often we would think we were doing really well at the top mark because we were only 50 yards behind the leader, then we would realise the last boat was only 50 yard behind us.

Such a great experience though and I am really glad I was given the opportunity to do it. Having Kevan to crew was a huge bonus and he helped me set the boat up and sorted out the downwind techniques and tactics.

Most of our results were actually much better than our final position of 17th but we got a black flag DSQ in the last race and had to count our 22nd. In the end there were only 3 boats that we didn't beat in at least 1 race, which I think says a lot for the standard of competition.

Many thanks also to Jock Blair of the Bosun's Locker for letting us sail their Xenon the weekend before, which helped us get familiar with the boat and me with a crew and genniker.

Ian Bailey

Inter Club Quiz

On Thursday 10th November the DBSC team of Willie Allan, Lionel Booth, Alastair Burnside, Clive Franks, Alan Searle retained the Inter Club Quiz Trophy. The format this year was the more familiar multiple choice question. They defeated teams from Aberdour, Burntisland, and Kinghorn in a closely fought match. The event was hosted by Burntisland. Thanks to them and Aileen and Beattie for the light supper which was enjoyed by all.

Tuesday Mornings

The Tuesday Morning Group has been going strongly this year—even to the extent of proposing one or two new titles for itself. Current suggestions are at best unflattering and at worst actionable. Come along any Tuesday (Coffee at 10.30) and you can make your suggestion. Most of the members are of a certain age, but we do have one or two younger members turn up during holidays (or even days off in the case of the working majority).

Most of the tasks are in support of the bosun—and most of these are to do with the safety boats. We depend heavily on comments from the Safety Boat drivers. If you take a boat out—please make sure you make an entry in the log when you return the keys to the bottom boathouse. Other major and also lengthy seasonal jobs are tidying up—the litter, the grounds, the boathouse and maintaining the grounds as well as other tasks which turn up.

Alastair Burnside, Bosun

From the Sailing Secretary

The dinghy racing season at DBSC has now ended with the final pursuit race at the end of October, but there will be some hardy (and dry-suited) souls sailing during the winter. We have a skiff training weekend on 26/27 November which is being organised by Gav Homer – details are available on the Scottish Skiff Racing website (www.scottishskiffacing.com) in the discussion forum.

Others will be sailing during the winter on an occasional basis, so let's use the Club Yahoo group to organise this.

We have also had a round-up session to discuss what we can do differently next year, and some of the plans are as follows (I will let you have more details in a future newsletter once these have developed).

Committee boat starts using Nova, at least for some series, so that we can get true beats and squarer start lines. OODs will need to be a bit more organised, but the racing should be much better as a result.

A one-day club regatta, either in September or in the summer on the Saturday before the Inchcolm picnic, with a barbeque after racing.

A DBSC winter series on Saturdays (so it doesn't clash with Port Edgar), this would have a break from December until February rather than running all the way through. Hot showers and soup will be available!

Team racing. We need to work out some details e.g. what boats to use, but likely to be a 1 day event.

Novice racing on Friday nights in June.

We are also looking at having an outside coach coming to give a lecture during the winter. Last time we had Steve Cockerill, we could invite him again or go for someone else such as Harvey Hillary or Mark Littlejohn. Let me know who you would like to have, and we'll ask whoever gets the most votes.

For those of you who have won prizes but who are not coming to the prize giving, please email me or give me a call on 0131 225 4455 (Work) / 0131 228 6498 (Home) and I will make arrangements for collection or delivery once the engraving has been done.

Finally I would like to say thank you to everyone who has done their share of rescue and OOD duties this year – we can't race unless people turn up for duties – and especially to those of you who have filled in when we have had no-shows (John, Jonathan, Eric and Calum to name a few, but there are others too many to list...).

Nial Tosh, Sailing Secretary

Racing Results 2005

Series	1st	2nd	3rd
Earlybird Series Fast Asymmetric	Ian Renilson	Gavin Homer	Andy Hutchinson
Earlybird Series Slow Asymmetric	Dave Burnett	Dave Tulloch	Ronnie Millar
Earlybird Series Handicap	Scott Hyslop	Peter Taylor	Chic Medley
Warm Up Series Fast Asymmetric	Ian Renilson	Stuart Urquhart	Ross McKerrchar
Warm Up Series Slow Asymmetric	Dave Burnett	Sarah Robertson	Liz Jamie
Warm Up Series Handicap	Dave Harcourt	Scott Hyslop	Chic Medley
Summer Series Fast Asymmetric	Peter Anderson	Nial Tosh	JP McCaldin
Summer Series Slow Asymmetric	Dave Tulloch	Dave Burnett	Liz Jamie
Summer Series Handicap	Cheryl Stobbart	Rhodri Thomas	Nicky Hay
Autumn Series Fast Asymmetric	Peter Anderson	Nial Tosh	JP McCaldin
Autumn Series Slow Asymmetric	Dave Burnett	Dave Tulloch	Liz Jamie
Autumn Series Handicap	Dave Harcourt	Rhodri Thomas	Chris Farrell
Wednesday First Series Fast Asymmetric	Gavin Homer	JP McCaldin	Iain MacIntyre
Wednesday First Series Slow Asymmetric	Bess Homer	Sarah Robertson	Victoria Mucklow

Wednesday First Series Handicap	Peter Taylor	Scott Hyslop	Cheryl Stobbart
Wednesday Second Series Fast Asymmetric	Ian Renilson	JP McCaldin	Gavin Homer
Wednesday Second Series Slow Asymmetric	Dave Tulloch	Bess Homer	John Mucklow
Wednesday Second Series Handicap	Dave Harcourt	Peter Taylor	Scott Hyslop
Pursuit Series	Ian Baillie	Richard Higgins	Ian Renilson
Round Inchcolm Race	Dave Harcourt	Ian Baillie	Dave Burnett
Round the Rocks Race	Peter Anderson	Razamataz	Fraser Harrison
Round St. David's Pole Race	Abandoned	Abandoned	Abandoned
2 Bridges Race	Peter Anderson	Andy Hutchinson	Sarah Robertson
Brass Monkey	Ian Renilson	Ian Baillie	Sandy McPhail
Keelboat 1st	Razamataz	Brief N Counter	Plonker
Keelboat 2nd	So	New Wave	Zero Proof
4 Inches	Blue Ark (PEYC)	Suspicion (PEYC)	Summer Thyme (RFYC)
Gavin Adamson	Suspicion (PEYC)	Flint (PEYC)	Brief N'Counter (DBSC)
Most races Sailed	Nicky Hay		