



Bulletin

April 2007

New Feva arrives

A busy weekend at the Club saw the first big dusting down of most boats for the summer season with one main exception, our new Feva had the bubble wrap removed and emerged distinctly new looking and dust free.

Having had the training team put the bits together for a photo shoot, the Feva was promptly launched into the first Sunday race and put through its paces by Pete Marshall and crew. Despite the heavy crew, the boat demonstrated a real turn of speed and will undoubtedly provide an exciting introduction to performance dinghies for our junior members.



Evolving Main Sheet - James Allan (Editor)

The first of our electronic newsletters has been well received by the membership. Many thanks to everyone who offered their comments and suggestions for future inclusions and to those who noticed the deliberate technical errors. We hope to have ironed out the internal glitches and having had a few requests, have produced a second pdf format which is printable. The printable version will be sent to those who request it and is available either as a pdf or as hard copy. Please contact Karen Dalrymple on 01383 820485 to arrange this if you wish.

As ever, contributions and especially photos are always welcome. We could really use a regular contribution from the dinghy sailors on the Club racing scene and it would be good to get some roving reports from more distant events that Club members take part in. Contact me at TeamLBN@freeuk.com

Family fun weekend 25 - 27 May

A totally different event for members to come and make the most of all our facilities over the course of a whole weekend.

Come down on Friday night, pitch a tent if you like and join in the social at the bar. Special kids corner in the bar area.

Kick off Saturday with hot rolls from the galley and hit the water to try out some of the newest boats available (including the new Feva and even a keelboat!) Kids get to enter the Honda Rib Challenge and take part in a packed programme of activities on land and water. Round off the day at our evening BBQ and quiz and get some rest before doing it all again on Sunday.

Full details on registration. Register on the 24 April at 7.00pm at the Club or see a member of the Training Team.

John Slater

It was with regret that news of the recent death of John Slater was received. John Slater was a prominent member of the sailing Club in its early days. He was an individual who tried everything, he drove safety boats, learned to sail (in his forties) and became an enthusiastic GP14 sailor. He revelled in his position as social-cum-bar convener, a job he held very successfully for some years until he retired from his 'real' job and went to run the catering side of a notable golf club. John organised the Children's Christmas parties and was the first DBSC Santa Claus to tour the Bay on Christmas Eve dispensing sweets to the local children from the trailer borne safety boat of the time.

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Brass Monkey

Congratulations to Dave Harcourt who took honours in his Finn

100 Club Winners

February draw
Sandy McPhail £25
Stephen Etheridge £12
Aileen Denholm £5

March draw
Hugh Miller £25
Ian Hill £12
James Gunn £5

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New season - Kirsty Brunton (Commodore)

I hope you have all had a good winter but now it is time to dig out the sailing gear again and check your boats over for the new season. The Club has been busy over the winter with various training events from oppy and skiff training to rescue boat courses. Thank you to everyone who helped out at these events.



We have already had the Brass Monkey race followed by the Commodore's Supper in the evening which was well attended. The food was wonderful and we all had a good evening playing bingo.

It was great to see a hive of activity at the Club over the Easter weekend with people working on their yachts plus a couple being launched, Club safety boats being cleaned and checked, training boats being fitted out and also children enjoying the Easter egg hunt.

We are also delighted that the Club will be running 3 taster events as part of the RYA National Schools Sailing Day on the 8th June. Although restricted to participants from local schools it's a real feather in the cap for us to be involved.

Now the season is here we have various events coming up where we would like help from all of you to make them possible. If you are not involved already and would be able to help us out doing anything from working on the safety boats or various jobs ashore to working in the galley or doing some home baking, please contact me on 0131 539 9184

Hope you all have fun on the water.

Training - Cheryl Stobbart (RC Training)

Tuesday evening training will get under way this season with the registration evening at 7.00pm on the 24 April and the first evening session on the 1 May. Sessions are for beginners upwards from age 7 if from a sailing family and age 8 if not.

Anyone wanting to help with training please contact Cheryl 01383 825698 or cheryl@wavelets.co.uk, there are opportunities during Youth week, Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Sunday morning race training is already under way. Dates are April 15, 22, 29. May 6. June 3, 24. July 8, 22, 29. August 5, 19, 26. Junior members must hold a stage 3 or above. Adult members must have achieved their basic skills certificate or above. Starts at 9.00am. Please just come along.



Club kit for sale

The Club has the following for sale:

2 Picos £900 each, including launching trolley, top cover;
1 Stratos £3000, 1 set of sails, launching trolley, top cover, foils;
For more information contact Cheryl Tel: 01383 825698

2007 Dutyman roster

The 2007 sailing calendar is now loaded on the website and the duties are on the dutyman website - this can be accessed from the link on our website or <http://www.dutyman.biz/dm.aspx?id=D0001320>

Please take the time to check on your allocated OOD or safety cover duties, it is your responsibility to arrange any swaps.

Your Club needs you - Fraser Harrison (Sailing Secretary)

We held the first Sailing Sub-Committee meeting in February where we discussed the 2007 sailing calendar and the vacancies on the sub committee.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

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Tuesday training

Registration at the Club
24 April 7.00pm

Start sailing / Basic skills

2/3 and 23/24 June
Start Sailing and Basic Skills course.
Cost is £120 for the course. To register email
training@dalgetybaysc.org

- Dinghy Results - taking the OOD race sheets and loading the results onto the website. This could be either one person for all the results or split into the Wednesday and Sunday series.
- Fuel Officer - ensuring we have sufficient supplies of fuel for the safety boats and refilling the fuel cans when supplies get low.
- Duty Co-ordinator - ensuring that the people with duties allocated have either confirmed on the Dutyman website or separately acknowledged they are still able to do their duty or have arranged a swap.
- Chandlery Manager - looking after the Club shop. Ensuring we have someone available to open the shop when required and the stock levels and takings are in order.

If anyone is able to help us out please contact either jpmccaldin@hotmail.com or fraserharrison@hotmail.com

Regattas

We have three large regattas this year:

12 & 13 May DBSC Dinghy Regatta
 23 & 24 June Fife Regatta
 30 June & 1 July Scottish Optimists Championships and Topper Traveller

For all these events we need your help with the following tasks:

car park marshalling
 catering
 committee boat
 recorders
 registration
 safety boat drivers and crew
 shore staff

If you can spare us the time for any of these events please contact either jpmccaldin@hotmail.com or fraserharrison@hotmail.com

Keelboats - James Allan (Keelboat Rep)

Well - what a change a wee bit of sunshine at Easter makes! The boat park has rarely been so busy with yachts in various stages of scraping, painting or polishing although progress was somewhat hindered by a good deal of chatter and coffee stops on the go.

Raft

After an eventful launch, Glenda is once again on the water and ready for action sporting some very robust looking new guard rails. Many thanks to the Tuesday Group and to Donald Adrian for all their work keeping this great resource functioning for us all.

Please book your slot on the sheet in the Clubhouse and remember that you must always wear suitable buoyancy and carry a VHF or mobile phone when using the raft.

Tender store

Could we ask everyone who stores an engine in the Tender store to either keep their petrol can in their tender slot or take it home with them. There are a number of fuel cans wedged at the foot of the engine racks that now present a very serious fire hazard. Any fuel cans that remain at the end of April will be removed.

Racing

The first Friday evening series will start on the 4 May. The first racing event in the FYCA calendar is the PEYC Springboard Series over the weekend of 5/6 May with 10 races over two days to get crews back into shape for the season. More details on the PEYC website www.peyc.org.uk



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BAD Cup

**Aberdour Boat Club
 Sunday 12 August
 2007**

**Start Time 13:00hrs
 HW 15:20hrs
 For all club members,
 whether you race or
 not, come to Aberdour
 Boat Club to compete
 or cruise in company.**

**This is a friendly
 competition between
 Fife Sailing Clubs ~
 ABC, BSC and DBSC.
 Every yacht which
 finishes will count
 towards their club
 score.**

**One Class; Two Starts;
 Average Lap Course;
 White Sail**

**After the racing
 socialise with the
 opposition in the ABC
 Clubhouse**

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Abandoned tenders

Do either of these tenders belong to you? They have been becoming part of the undergrowth over the last two years and are at the point of being beyond repair. The blue tender is all wooden and has several patches which have rotted through while the white tender is serviceable with a good clean, neither has any identification and they both currently host a number of mice and snails. A request has been received to make use of the white tender and this has been tentatively agreed under the terms of the Club ground rules unless it is claimed by the end of April.



If either of these craft belong to you please contact James Allan on 01383 824201 or email TeamLBN@freeuk.com

Safety Boats

Those who have been down at the Club recently can't have failed to notice the excellent condition of the Club safety boats. A small and dedicated crew of younger members under the watchful eye of Calum Key, have taken on the task of cleaning and maintaining the boats each weekend and you will find them all there from 8.30 (and sometimes earlier) preparing the boats.



The slick operation for preparing the boats proved its value when the Raft lost power and was drifting after the launch. Young Gordon had T1 ready in minutes and demonstrated some top driving skills to recover, tow and drop Glenda right on top of her mooring.

Can we also remind safety boat drivers that coming alongside the jetty is vastly preferable to bumping the bow. Please avoid damaging the boats and always try to come alongside - if you need to see how this is done then take some time to watch young Louis Clark who recently gained his Level 2 certificate and has a real finesse for this essential skill.

And finally - the next Main Sheet is due out in June

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