



Bulletin

August 2007

Great turnout for BP East Coast Sailing Week - James Allan

DBSC had a great representation at ECSW 2007 over the long weekend of 20 - 23 July. Based over at Granton the new 4 day format for the event attracted an entry of 76 boats from the Tay, Forth and Sunderland of which 9 were our own DBSC boats.



A poor forecast brought a breezy start to the Friday with a fresh easterly giving choppy conditions to the two races round the cans. Things only got worse for Saturday as the rain set in and the wind died during the passage races leaving crews fanning their damp gear in front of the marquee heaters for the evening. Sunday was a great improvement. Although winds remained light, the sun made the odd appearance and crews broke out the sunscreen in celebration. Racing was very tactical with those working the tides and hollows in the wind gaining most ground for the longer passage race. With many of the overall results hinging on Monday's race, it was a nerve wracking 3 hour wait in the sun for race officer Tom Wilson, while the sea breeze kicked in over a glassy Forth. In the end Monday gave classic conditions with a steady breeze and crystal blue skies for the final race.



So and Blue Tack on the start.
Photo - Fiona Brown

Leading the DBSC challenge and hot tip for a good place was Neil McLure and the crew of So. In a compelling tit for tat exchange of line honours with Blue Tack of Sunderland, everything came down to the last gybe of the last race in which a sticky halyard saw So losing out on the overall title.

With Raz, Zero Proof and Miss Elaine Us filling places 4,5 and 6, the Sonata Class was a great result for DBSC.

Class 6 was also well represented with the GKs Brief 'n' Counter, New Wave and Smuggler giving some consistent results and placing 4,6 and 7 respectively. Out in front though was the younger crew of NFI who sailed well in the light winds to bring home third.

By no means any less competitive, the restricted sail class had the tightest finish of all the results with only one point separating the first three boats and the win being calculated on count back. Struggling with the chop on Friday, Les Beez Neez found form in the light winds from Saturday onwards and managed straight bullets across three days. But for the one abandoned race (which we were leading by miles!) LBN would have taken the overall win. Satisfied with a moral victory and a third overall, LBN completed the score card for a successful weekend for DBSC.



New Wave on the start
Photo - Fiona Brown

Our thanks and congratulations to the organising Committee for an excellent event.

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Orient Express Night

The next 'Franks & Booth' extravaganza will take place on the evening of

20 October 2007

Boarding passes available from Aileen Denholm
ad@lyndean.com

100 Club Winners

July draw

Colin George £25
Fiona MacLachlan £12
Gavin Homer £5

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Keelboats end of season

Please remember to contact Andy Marshall (RC Shore) when you plan to come out the water for the winter.
andy@kymak.co.uk

2007 4 Inches FIG Div 2

- 1 Highlander
J. Mitchell (PEYC)
- 2 Brief 'n' Counter
D. Williams (DBSC)
- 3 New Wave
J. Spruce (DBSC)

2007 Fife Regatta Class 2

- 1 Miss Elaine Us
K. Allan (DBSC)
- 2 Brief 'n' Counter
D. Williams (DBSC)
- 3 Les Beez Neez
S. Birrell (DBSC)
- 4 Razmataz
S. Shearer (DBSC)
- 5 New Wave
J. Spruce (DBSC)
- 6 Smuggler
D. Adrian (DBSC)

DBSC success at 2007 Velocitek Musto Skiff Worlds

Some of the more regular sailors would have noticed the quiet absence of Ian Renilson towards the end of June from the Club. Unknown to most he had snuck off to Lake Garda to take part in the first official Musto Skiff world championships.



Ian in action on Lake Garda

With an entry of 86 boats from 13 nations it was a true test of the best in the world in this exciting class. In conditions from 10 to 20 knots of wind and steep chop, competitors stormed round the course at speeds of up to 19.8 knots.

After four days of demanding racing Ian finished fourth overall and first in the Masters - our own World Masters Champion.

You can see Ian in action in his MPS on his youtube site:

Cruising: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNcDnUbt7_s

Gybing: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfrbyNJ8hbQ>

Wire-to-Wire Tacking <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSm2-ytrorQ>

BAD Cup champions - Ken Allan

Was the BAD Cup 2007 going to be a success or was it going to die a death? This event has had many guises in the past, but it is basically a competition between the keelboats of neighbouring Fife clubs Aberdour, Burntisland and Dalgety Bay. The scene, if you can imagine it - blue skies, bright sunshine, 12 knots of wind from the West and yachts converging on Aberdour Boat Club. One could not have wished for a better day.

Nine yachts from Burntisland turned out - a tribute to founder and current member of the triad of organisers, Andy Linton's ability to twist arms and call in favours. Six yachts came from Aberdour - John Henderson's work was not in vain. It, said one of the many locals who were mesmerized by the scene, reminded him of the 70's.

Finally seven yachts managed from Dalgety Bay including Chic and Nicky who sailed Hobbes Express the distance from Port Edgar to support their 'home club'. Stewart on 'Raz' returning home prematurely, having made the effort to come down single handed.

A great turnout considering so many others were not able to come because of commitments elsewhere.

The ABC Clubhouse was crowded following the event and all competitors were extended great hospitality by their ABC Hosts with Commodore Richard Lloyd and assistant Race Secretary Annie Welch rolling up their sleeves to look after their guests. All the competitors spoke of their enjoyment, following this average lap, white sail race - a race with a difference - it was all good fun!

To round the report off, the winning club was Dalgety Bay, but I think the real winners were the participants who produced an exciting, close encounter with an abundance of humour and a measure of competitiveness, watered down with a large lump of common sense!

The Results were

Dalgety Bay	1st	9 points,
Burntisland	2nd	10.75 points
Aberdour	3rd	15.66 points

Thanks to all who put effort in to making the event a success.

We'd appreciate feedback from any who were involved this year, with a view to improving the event for next year. Principally it would be great to know if the event should be run next year in a similar format and if there are any volunteers to take on the duties!

All comments to Kennyallan@aol.com

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Club branded clothing

We now have a new supplier for clothing with the club logo. The catalogue can be viewed online at www.logoxpres.co.uk

As well as the DBSC logo, items can be personalised with boat names, sail numbers etc.

Contact Gill Wright wright2gill@hotmail.com or 07760 262914

Club opening hours

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Racing scene - Fraser Harrison

The last Wednesday second series race is on the 22nd August and the Friday evening keelboat race finished on the 17th August.



We are discussing holding a few informal keelboat races on Sundays until the beginning of October so everyone can still make use of their boats on the moorings prior to coming out of the water or moving up to Port Edgar for the Autumn and Winter Series.

The Sunday afternoon dinghy racing continues with the Autumn Series running from the 9th September until the 21st October. We will then have the Winter Series on Saturday's from the 27th October to the 8th December. Please note that the Winter Series races will start at 13:00.

In the meantime we still have:

- 26th August Two Bridges Race for dinghies and keelboats
- 2nd September Team Racing

We are still looking for a Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer and safety boat crew for both these events. Please get in touch if you would be available to help.

So far this season we have also held:

- Our annual Dinghy Regatta which included the Scottish Singlehander Championship.
- Optimist Grand Prix Scottish Championship and the Topper Scottish Championship. We were fortunate to receive sponsorship for this event from Artemis Investment Management Ltd.
- One Day Club Regatta

And for yachts we held the:

- Gavin Adamson FIG
- Fife Regatta
- Four Inches FIG

Thanks for everyone who competed in these events and to all the people who gave up their time to help organise and run these events.

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Club Regatta - Ian Renilson

This years Club Regatta didn't have the greatest attendance and suffered badly with a big squall coming through just on the start.

With only one race in and even that being shortened due to bad conditions, some 'special' sailing instructions were implemented and a 'fun regatta' created with a novelty prize (an old trophy) for the survivors.

Results were:

1. John de Leeuw Finn GBR 13
2. Rhodri Thomas Finn IRL 10
3. Gordon Bissett Laser 180951
4. Chic Medley Laser Radial 144920

Retired:

Dave & Isabelle Burnett & crew RS K6

DNS:

Neil Herron Topper 28858

Alasdair Burnett Topper (red sail)

Peter Marshall Musto Skiff GBR 128

We should definitely do it again, but with better preparation and publicity and with a bit of luck some better weather.

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Getting the results right - Neil McLure

The computerised results system works by taking the paper results sheet and putting it in to the website. This would be an extremely onerous task but fortunately those useful chaps at Raynet (including Phil Walter) have given us a spreadsheet that saves a lot of typing and also calculates the results and formats the input to the website.

The down side is the spreadsheet can be a bit picky if some of the important information is missing and regrettably I'm not psychic. There are a few ways that by being a bit more careful when you fill in the spreadsheet, you can help with the results service.

Sail numbers

The spreadsheet keeps a database of boats information indexed on the sail number. This makes the sail number the most important thing to write on the signing in sheet. The information held on the database is the boat type, handicap and a name (usually the helm/owner). So if you are a regular racer in your regular boat filling in your result is easy as I basically just type the sail number and then the finish time.

New or borrowed boat

When people change boats or borrow another boat this is when we have to retype all the complete details in again - so to help us you need to make sure your details are in the signing in sheet accurately and clearly. Especially the sail number. Sometimes when a boat is borrowed the borrower doesn't know the number and leaves it blank. But that just leaves the problem with the results service volunteers at our computers, at whatever time of the night, a couple of days later. Please find the sail number out and sign in correctly, thanks.

Doing a duty

We credit people for doing OOD or rescue so you should still get points in any series you are competing in but it is difficult for us to place you correctly if we don't know you were the OOD or safety boat driver. To help us and make sure you get credited correctly can you please sign in (rescue crew almost never sign in and so almost never get credited). It would also be really helpful if you could indicate the sail number of the boat you are sailing in the class you wish to be scored for. Sometimes we know you and can work it out but this can take time and can turn a 10 minute job into a drudge. In one case I looked up which boat to score the OOD to but he had used 3 boats in the same series in 2 different classes - which boat gets the OOD points?

So to summarise

1. Sign in.
2. Write in your sail number.
3. If you are doing a duty, and want the points, please sign in and let us know your sail number.

Youth Week 2007 - Gill Wright

Youth week 2007 was another great success for the Club. There were 46 youngsters taking part, split into 6 groups covering different stages of the RYA training scheme from complete beginners to learning to sail with spinnakers.

After a grey and windy start to the week the sun came out and the DBSC campsite came alive. The new Feva was put to good use and we discovered that one of our racing coaches is an accomplished gymnast on a Topper! With enthusiasm running high we hope to see the Club boats being put to good use in the racing soon.



The food was fantastic with hot meals during the week and even ice cream on Friday. A big thanks to Joyce and her team in the Galley and all the instructors

NOTICES

Changing Facilities

The Management Committee has recently received a complaint from one of our neighbours to the effect that a male individual (it is not clear whether he was a member of the Club or not, but he probably was), whilst changing clothes on the Clubs grounds, adjacent to our neighbours property, exposed himself in the process.

This sort of behaviour is, quite simply, unacceptable. The Club has more than adequate – even attractive – changing facilities situated right in the middle of the Clubs grounds, hardly any distance at all from any point in the Clubs grounds.

If any member of the Club requires to change clothes, particularly if this involves the removal of undergarments, they are most clearly expected and required to either use the changing facilities or to remove themselves from the Clubs grounds altogether for that purpose. Any member found to be exposing themselves in this way, outwith the changing facilities, may be subject to disciplinary action and may be reported to the Police who, in their turn, many take a dim view. It is not out of the question that any individual caught so acting may be charged with indecent exposure or some similar offence.

Besides anything else the Club has always striven to maintain a good relationship with all of our neighbours, and behaviour of this type runs completely contrary to common sense and basic good taste.

Proposed Revised Rule 10: Grounds Rules

At the Management Committee Meeting of 6th August 2007, the following replacement Rule 10 was adopted to stand in place of Rule 10 of the Grounds Rules. The replacement Rule 10 takes force with immediate effect.

10. No person shall carry out work for personal or commercial gain on Club grounds without prior written approval of the Management Committee. If (a) any member intends to do any work on the grounds that could conceivably have Health & Safety issues, or (b) if any member intends to make use of any Club resource in such a way as could reasonably be interpreted as being "abnormal", the member shall complete an "Authorisation to do work on the Clubs Ground" Form (such Form as being available in the Clubhouse), and shall submit same to the Rear Commodore (Shore), failing whom the Vice Commodore, failing whom the Commodore. In the event that potential Health & Safety issues are involved, the Club may require an Assessment be carried out, and the member doing the work will require at all times to be able to show that the terms of the Assessment have been complied with, and the member may also need to prove that adequate insurance is in place by providing a photocopy of the relevant insurance policy. In the event of the member intending to make "abnormal" use of the Clubs resources (in terms of (b) above) then an Assessment of the extent of such resources shall be carried out and the member may be required to pay for such resources in advance. It should be noted that the "Authorisation to do work on the Clubs Ground" Form contains an expiry date, and if the members intended activity over shoots the expiry date, then the member will be required to re-apply for authorisation by submitting a fresh Form, and Assessments may require to be repeated.

Also reproduced at the back of this issue is the new Form that will require to be employed in the event of any member wishing to carry out work on the Club's grounds that either (a) have any conceivable Health & Safety issues, and/or (b) may involve any unusual expenditure of the Club's resources - water, electricity and the like. Supplies of this Form will be available in the lower level of the Clubhouse.

Clive R M Franks
The Secretary

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Having work done to your boat or other apparatus (trailers, moorings etc) on the Club's grounds

A complaint has recently been received by the Management Committee where it was alleged that one member sought the assistance of another member to have certain work carried out on a boat trailer, and was subsequently overcharged.

The membership's attention is drawn to Rule 10 of the Grounds Rules – which form part of the Rules of the Club – which is as follows:

"No person shall carry out work for commercial gain on Club grounds or use the Club facilities without the prior approval of a senior officer, who shall notify the Committee at a suitable time."

A number of points arise:

- 1 It is possible to get around this Rule by having fabrication or other work done away from the Club, in which case the Management Committee has no jurisdiction in the event of a subsequent dispute. You are on your own!
- 2 The Management Committee will not normally intervene in commercial transactions between members: that, generally, is their affair, and the Management Committee and the organs of the Club are not designed to be an *ad hoc* court of law. However, the Management Committee may intervene if it appears that a pattern or course of conduct is being followed which is not commensurate with the normal operation and enjoyment of the Club. The Management Committee may intervene if the Club's resources are being used for personal gain, or where there is an inordinate use of the Club's resources.
- 3 If you are seeking the assistance of another member to do work on your boat, trailer, mooring etc, the following suggestions are made.
 - a Find out, at the outset, if it is intended that any charge be made;
 - b If any charge is intended, obtain a written quote and ascertain whether or not VAT will be charged;
 - c Take up references. Enquire if any similar work has been done, the fruits of which can be examined. Pursue enquiries as to cost, quality and satisfaction. (Ensure that the references are representative. If the person doing the work steers you to the point of reference, bear in mind that individual may be the only satisfied "customer", and that other customers might be deeply unhappy at the quality provided, or the eventual cost, or both).
 - d Document everything! It is much harder to resolve a dispute where there is no documentation: the contract "isn't worth the paper it isn't written on"!
 - e Be aware that amateur work is unlikely to carry a valid warranty.
 - f Consider the insurance implications of amateur work, particularly if it subsequently fails.
4. Be aware that work done on the Club's grounds – perhaps particularly hot metal work, welding etc – may have Health & Safety considerations. This may be inevitable, likely, or possible. Should any of these be the case, before any work is actually carried out an application will require to be made to the Rear Commodore (Shore), failing whom the Vice Commodore, failing whom the Commodore, and there may need to be an assessment as to how, where and when the work is to be carried out before any approval can be given. Forms are being introduced to make that application, and it should be noted that once approval has been given, the works will require to be carried out within a specified period, failing which the authorisation will expire.

Many thanks to all the contributors to this issue. Having a number of different people reporting on Club activity makes the information more interesting and the editing a lot easier.

If you can spare a bit of time to write a short piece for the Main Sheet or have some photos that could be used I would be delighted to hear from you. Contact me at TeamLBN@freeuk.com

This issue has been designed to be viewed electronically and to print on A4. Your comments are always welcome. - James Allan. (Editor)

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Dalgety Bay Sailing Club

Authorisation to do work on the Club's Grounds

(a) if Health & Safety issues are involved

(b) if any unusual usage of the Club's resources are involved

Applicant: Name: Boat/Equipment Owner: Name:

Address: Address:

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Contact Phone Nos: Phone Nos:

e-mail: e-mail:

Nature of work to be done (please provide full details as to boat/trailer/mooring/other to be worked on, the full nature of the work and, in particular, proposed steps to be taken in respect of Health and Safety issues)

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Estimate time and duration of works.

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Will you be using any of the Club's resources (e.g. water, electricity?). If so, estimate the usage(s) involved. (You may be charged for this, and if so payment will be required in advance of work commencing. The 2007 tariff is £0.0816 per KWH, and £2.00 per 1000 litres of water).