



### Bulletin

December 2007

#### **RYA Scotland Champion of Champions Regatta** - Ian Renilson

40 of the top competitors from Scottish sailing events gathered at Dalgety Bay Sailing Club from as far afield as Shetland and Oxford for the 2007 RYAS Champion of Champions Regatta.

In association with Scottish Sailing and Bosuns Locker the event treated competitors to both extremes of conditions.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny with a moderate SW wind. Conditions looked ideal for the planned four handicap races to be held in a range of different course configurations, but as the first start approached the wind increased to F5 building to F6. There were thrills and spills for most competitors with Ben Holden's Contender from Halifax handling the conditions best to emerge victorious with a good lead from Peter Irwin and David Kohler's 420 from Linlithgow. Robbie Burns and Vicky Simpson, sailed their RS200 extremely well to be the first boat with a spinnaker and take third place around the tight course.



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The second race started in around 27 knots of breeze, but it continued to build and when it exceeded 30 knots for a prolonged period racing was abandoned. The wind continued to rise so that by the time everyone was ashore the race committee was being thrashed around in nearly 40 knots and an uncomfortable chop.



With no sign of the breeze abating, racing was soon cancelled for the day and the competitors were treated to complimentary and well needed nutritional boost of 'Pasta & a Pint' courtesy of Scottish Sailing, whilst swapping tall stories of extreme sailing - and reviewing the real thing on video.

The morning after the evening ceilidh produced the other extreme of conditions, with the water flat as a millpond. After several

postponements awaiting wind racing was abandoned leaving Ben Holden the clear winner of the 'Scottish Field' Trophy. Prizes were provided by RYA Scotland and Bosuns Locker.

1st	Ben Holden	Contender	Halifax SC
2nd & 1st Youth	Peter Irwin & David Kohler	420	Linlithgow Loch SC
3rd	Robbie Burns & Vicky Simpson	RS200	Largs SC
4th & 1st Veteran	Ian Baillie	RS300	Dalgety Bay SC
1st female helm	Jude Baird	Laser 2	Loch Ryan SC
Furthest travelled	Maggie Adamson & James Irvine	Mirror	Lerwick BC

For more details & full results, please visit [www.ScottishSailing.com](http://www.ScottishSailing.com)

RYA Scotland wish to thank to Dalgety Bay Sailing Club for organising an excellent event; making the most of the conditions; and keeping the competitors safe in difficult conditions, and the sponsors, Scottish Sailing and Bosuns Locker for supporting this prestigious event.

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#### 100 Club Winners

**November**  
**Bob Eadie £25**  
**Corrie McPhail £12**  
**Gordon Marshall £5**

**Annual Grand Draw**  
**1st Ian Baillie £100**  
**2nd John Gilbert £25**  
**3rd Kirsty Holmes £12**

Details on how to join in the 100 Club in the next issue

#### Dates for your diary

**Christmas Eve 6.30pm**  
Carols and Santa at the Club

**26 January 2008**  
Burns Supper and Ceilidh

**2/3 February**  
Powerboat Instructors Course weekend 1

**9/10 February**  
Powerboat Instructors Course weekend 2

**21 February 8.00pm**  
Keelboat Spring meeting

## Commodore's Christmas Wishes

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2007 has been an active year and I would like to thank the Committee who have supported the Club and I over the last year and also the members who have volunteered to take on roles in the sub-committees.

We have again run a full programme of races in the Club dinghy series and the keelboat Friday series. We ran three dinghy regattas this year, our main May regatta which also included the RYA Scottish Single Hander Championship, the Scottish Optimist Championship and Topper Travellers and the Champion of Champions. Club members have taken part in traveller series, national championships and world championships.

Keelboat members have also had successful events with the 4 Inches, Gavin Adamson & Fife regatta. They have also done well in events away from the Club winning the Sonata Class at the Bell Lawrie Scottish Series, the BAD Cup and posting some good results at East Coast Sailing Week at Granton.

The training team have had a busy year with successful adult and junior RYA courses. Tuesday evening training was fully taken up by members. There was a new event this year, the family fun weekend, which was a great success for all who came to enjoy it.

There have been a number of social events this year each very well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by members. The team of galley people have fed us very well. At the regatta events we have also found it successful to close the galley in the afternoon and have the bar selling food and drink. We have also brought in an external chef for some social events which has allowed volunteers to enjoy the events as well.

Please remember this Club is run by volunteers and we need your help to keep the Club going. We currently have vacancies for Rear Commodore Social and Sailing Secretary, if you are interested in either of these roles or helping on any of the sub-committees please contact me.

Lastly we do have committee members standing down this year. I would like to thank Sandy McPhail, Andrew Marshall, Peter Taylor and Fraser Harrison for the time they have given to the club over the years. Your help and support has been much appreciated.

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## Club branded clothing

We now have a new supplier for clothing with the club logo. The catalogue can be viewed on-line at [www.logoxpres.co.uk](http://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](mailto:wright2gill@hotmail.com)  
or 07760 262914

## Burns Supper and Ceilidh - 26 January 2008

Please note this event has sold out.

Those with reserved tickets are requested to forward payment as soon as possible.

Please contact Sarah Birrell on 01383 824201 or email

[teamlbn@freeuk.com](mailto:teamlbn@freeuk.com)



## Club bar hours

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25 Dec	CLOSED
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## Christmas Raffle

Donations are being sought for items to be included in the Club Christmas Raffle. If anyone has an item they wish to donate please hand it to the staff behind the Bar.

## Christmas Eve Preparations - 23 Dec 3.00pm

Kirsty and Aileen are looking for some help at the Club to get ready for the Christmas Eve Carols. Tables and chairs need shifted so if you can spare a bit of muscle at 3.00pm on Sunday 23 Dec your help would be gratefully received.

## Function Dates for 2008

Apart from the odd exceptional event, the Clubhouse is always open to members. However some folk have indicated it would be useful to be aware of other events or functions taking place. For those who enjoy a regular visit to the Clubhouse these are the diary commitments we already have for 2008:

19 January	Couples Night	Gala Committee
26 January	Burns Supper	DBSC
23 February	Private Function	
9 February	Private Function	
1 March	Quiz Night	Gala Committee
22 March	Ladies Night	Gala Committee
April (Date TBC)	Commodore's Supper	DBSC
5 April	Wedding all day	
10 May	Casino Night	Gala Committee TBC
21 June	Daytime function	

## DBSC AGM November 2007 - Mike Dalrymple

The Club AGM took place in the Clubhouse on Thursday 29th November. After a struggle to achieve the required 15% of voting members as a quorum, the AGM finally kicked off around 8.20pm. The Commodore gave a summary of activities through the year followed by the Treasurer's report; the latter being well received by the floor.



The Treasurer proposed a 2.5% increase in membership fees for the forthcoming year. This was passed but not before a short and energetic discussion about the competitiveness of the DBSC subs. The key point made by several members was the 'all inclusive' nature of the Club's fees, other clubs frequently charging for a variety of add-ons including boat storage. Membership fees for 2008 will be:

Family Sailing	£188.50
Sailing & Partner (21+)	£168.00
Sailing & Partner (18-20)	£84.00
Sailing (21+)	£127.00
Sailing (18-20)	£63.50
Junior Sailing	£28.50
Social & Partner	£55.50
Social	£29.00
Outport	£17.50

Of special note should be the 'retirement' of Sandy McPhail from the committee after more than 15 years of continuous service. We wish Sandy a well earned rest but hope that he feels able to return in some capacity in the not too distant future.

A number of key posts are still unfilled including Rear Commodore Social and Sailing Secretary. The Committee are eager to fill these positions as soon as possible and interested candidates should contact Kirsty Brunton in the first instance.

Finally, a rant! There are 333 members at DBSC (2007 figs) and yet we only just scraped 46 voting members at the AGM and came very close to being inquorate. This is a very poor show. As well as being bad democracy, the Club came perilously close to being unable to conclude the year's business including the setting of budgets for 2008. We implore all members in these categories, if you attend nothing else in the year PLEASE come to the AGM - no one will press-gang you into service!

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## Next issue

Again many thanks to all the contributors to this issue. It really makes a huge difference having some varied perspectives of Club activity.

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](mailto:TeamLBN@freeuk.com)

The next issue of The Main Sheet will be distributed in February. The closing date for copy is 8 February.

James Allan (Editor)

## Training - Cheryl Taylor

Tuesday night training: In 2008 we are changing Tuesday night training to put more focus on the RYA syllabus and we are reducing the group sizes to a more manageable number for both the instructors and the participants benefit. We are no longer going to provide safety cover for those who wish only to practice and already have their RYA certificates or are of an equivalent level, as this is not a beneficial use of our resources (boats and staff). In order to put this change into practice registration for Tuesday night training will be changing in 2008. Please check out the next issue of the newsletter for more information. Should you wish to discuss this or any other thoughts or ideas on training within DBSC then please contact myself or another member of the training team at [training@dalgetybaysc.org](mailto:training@dalgetybaysc.org)

## November Keelboat Meeting - James Allan

The autumn keelboat meeting was a little thinner in numbers than previously but still saw 20 members attending. As the meeting falls at a time when any activity is limited to the racing at Port Edgar, it's usually one of the few dark nights that the keelboat fraternity gathers.

Formality was kept to a minimum with the agenda lasting just under 50 minutes (a bit longer than usual) and the rest of the evening given over to catching up and general sailing chat.

A few points from the meeting merit mention here to keep everyone up to date - full minutes will follow in due course by email.

### 1. Tender Store.

The 2008 Club budget contains an allocation of £500 towards the construction of additional tender storage. Pressure for tender storage has increased recently with a number of new keelboat owners joining and looking for a slot. The additional storage should allow for 5 or 6 slots and we hope to reconfigure the internal store to allow for more engine storage. The meeting did agree that we should continue to reallocate slots that are not being actively used as this approach has proven successful over the last year.

### 2. Major Events

As part of a comprehensive report on the racing scene, Clive Franks called for members to come forward and take ownership of some of the main events in the DBSC calendar in an effort to share the load. The example of the BAD Cup organised by Ken Allan in conjunction with others from Aberdour and Burntisland, has shown that this leads to a successful well planned event and reduces the burden on the system as a whole. The events in the calendar for 2008 are the BAD Cup, Fife Regatta, 4 Inches and Gavin Adamson.

### 3. Moorings

A complete set of new mooring tags will be issued to DBSC members with deep water moorings in 2008. As a number have been lost over the last few seasons it has been agreed this is the most practicable means of ensuring we are up to date with allocated numbers. Can we remind everyone that your mooring tag needs to be visible at all times.

Lionel has requested that those who pay for a deep water mooring submit this on a separate cheque with their membership for 2008.

### 4. Hendersons Order

Those requiring replacement parts for mooring systems and wishing to make the most of the considerable discount from Hendersons are requested to pass details to Dave Burnett. There is a list of items available in the Club Shop. In order to ensure this can be arranged in time for the start of the next season, the closing date for this order will be the Spring Keelboat meeting.

5. The Spring Keelboat meeting will take place on Thursday 21 February 2008 at 8.00pm. All Club members are welcome.



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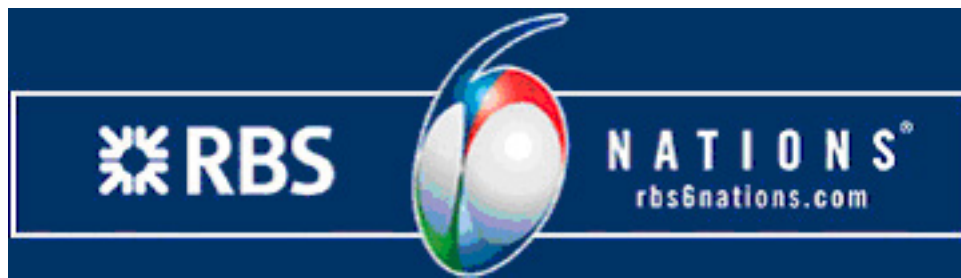
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# LIVE AT DBSC



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time KO</b>	<b>Match</b>
2 Feb	1400	Ireland v Italy
2 Feb	1630	England v Wales
3 Feb	1500	Scotland v France
9 Feb	1400	Wales v Scotland
9 Feb	1600	France v Ireland
10 Feb	1430	Italy v England
23 Feb	1500	Wales v Italy
23 Feb	1700	Ireland v Scotland
23 Feb	2000	France v England
8 Mar	1315	Ireland v Wales
8 Mar	1515	Scotland v England
9 Mar	1500	France v Italy
15 Mar	1300	Italy v Scotland
15 Mar	1500	England v Ireland
15 Mar	1700	Wales v France

**Food available at the bar for all games**

**Guests are very welcome when accompanied by a Club member  
(Please just sign them in at the bar)**