

Happy New Sailing Year to all, let's look forward to another exciting season.

News

Work Party

The plan is to hold a series of work party days beginning on Sunday 18th February and every following Sunday. Please try to come along and help from 12.30 onwards.

Bean Geese (SSSI)

As we are all aware Scottish Natural Heritage are trying to make the Slamannan Plateau a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in relation to the area being a winter ground for the rare Bean Geese. As a result it was passed at the AGM that we accept the following two restrictions for use of the loch, please ensure they are adhered to:

- 1 - No maintenance to be carried out on the existing jetty between sunset and sunrise in winter (1st October to 15th March)
- 2 - Non powered water sports (sailing, wind-surfing, canoeing) during winter - no activity to take place between sunset and sunrise (1st October to 15th March). Half an hour before sunset craft should return to shore. Powered rescue boat may be used to bring craft ashore in the event of them becoming stranded on the water after sunset.

Mid Week Class Racing

As requested it is proposed to try a small series of class races for Toppers and Lasers. Both classes would race on the same evening with the dates being 16th May, 13th June, 15th August and 19th September, proposed start time would be approx. 6.30/6.45 but details/format will issued nearer the time.

Security

The security code on the main gate padlock at the Club will be changed again this year - on 22nd April the new number will be given to members on receipt of fees. Do not divulge the number to non-members. A new lock will soon be fitted to the outside of the club house door, this will be a combination style lock similar to the gate and will ensure the door is always securely closed. Due to theft please ensure that no loose items are left in your boat and that they are stored in the secure areas provided.

Members are also reminded that it is their own responsibility to secure/tie down their boat. Boats should also be checked regularly over the winter especially before and after high winds. Could each member attach a label to their boat with a contact number to allow contact to be made in case of emergency/damage. Finally, always check that you lock up if you are the last one around. Any problems with the gate contact a committee member.

Dates for Your 2007 Diary

Opening regatta - 22nd April

May regatta - 6th May

June regatta - 3rd June

July regatta -- 1st July

August regatta-5th August

Whisky regatta-- 19th August

September regatta-- 2nd Sept.

October regatta - 7th October

Closing regatta - 21st October

These dates are all Sundays with two races on each regatta day and the starting times will be 1.30pm and 3.00pm prompt

Each helm's best nine results over the season are counted, the winner being the boat with the fewest points.

Taking part in even a few races will give you a place in the running. Midweek sailing will be on Wednesday evenings, with addition of the class races. The Whisky Regatta, 19th August this year, is now a regular fixture.

Club Boat

Please remember the club boat, a Topper Taz, is available for general use by club members and we would like to see it used more this year. The hull is stored on the Topper racking and the rig is in the spar shed. Its great fun for all ages especially the brave on a very windy day.

Weekend Trips

Holiday weekends this year will follow the usual format. Interested parties will arrange camping, or a caravan hire on the west coast. Last year's venues were Tayvallich and Loch Creran New venue ideas always welcome.

Dates this year will be the May weekend, Glasgow lair weekend and Glasgow September weekend, watch the notice board or contact a committee member details.

Windsurfers

Again this year there will be a windsurfer of the year. Details of how to win the trophy from Andy MacLean will be put on the windsurf notice board or contact Chris Campbell. Andy McLean was granted permission to claim ownership of a deemed abandoned sailboard.

To try and attract new windsurfer members it is proposed to have windsurfer open day Sunday 13th May from 12.30 onwards, if you have any ideas please contact a member of the committee. Guests could bring their own board or try one of the clubs, after all it is a good inshore windsurfing loch especially in the winter when the water is high and the winds are strong.

Committee

Members of the committee this year

Michael Kay (Chair)

Joe Swierczek (Vice-Chair)

Stuart Scott (Secretary/Treasurer)

Colin Scott

Jim Toye

Mark McGuigan

Malcolm Matheson

Subscriptions

Fees remain unchanged and a single berth fee is included in the annual subscription.

Family Sub. £70

Single Sub £65

Students £50

Entry Fee for new members £20.

N.B.New members will have to provide ID in the form of utility bill and photographic ie copy of driving licence/passport.

Additional berths, at the discretion of the committee, will cost a further £10 per annum. Please return the attached form with your remittance no later than 13th April.

Insurance

It is a membership requirement to have insurance with 3 d Party Liability Insurance required as a minimum.

Internet

The website for the club is at <http://www.lochside.org>

E-mails can be sent to ffc@blueyonder.co.uk If you have an e-mail address please forward it to the foregoing for our records

Thank you for reading this newsletter and we look forward to seeing you on the water soon.

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