



FORTH CRUISING CLUB

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Club Secretary's notes...

Art Exhibition

There is an exhibition of original art in South Queensferry at the moment, with 10% of the proceeds going to the Queensferry Lifeboat. All the art has a maritime theme (the title of the exhibition is "SPLASH"). It is open Mon-Fri 0900-1700 (1900 Tuesdays) until 30 July. The show is in the old health centre, now a dentists' surgery, at Ferryburn House, Rosebery Avenue, South Queensferry.

Raft Race

The annual Raft Race which is part of the Village Gala is to take place on 14th August at Limekilns Pier. So if some of you would like to participate please let one of the Committee know – after all we should be more at home on (in?) the water than anyone else in the village.

Hello.....

Welcome to the new members who have joined since the last newsletter went out:
-Ken Porteous who bought *Samspar* from Bill Carty and, with assistance from dog Brodie, is putting great effort into refurbishing her;
-John and Celia Harrison who have bought *Sarah* from Duncan Wilson;
-John Bowie who has a *Contessa 32* on the Clyde which will be coming here later in the year;
-returning previous members Douglas and Margaret Brown who have a *Vancouver 32* on the west coast

.....and goodbye

Longstanding stalwart of the club, and life member, Jimmy Longley is leaving Limekilns after nearly 60 years residence. We wish him all the best in his new home, and he will keep up to date with club activities through the newsletter.

Saturday nights

Appreciation must be noted for Austen who has been investing a great deal of time and energy into giving us the Saturday night bar. There have been some most enjoyable impromptu get-togethers, often made up of people who just popped in for a quick one when they came off the boat, or others who were just walking past with no real intention of coming in.....and then it was

11.00 before you knew it! What's more Austen had conjured up plates of delicious food to keep you going – and for free.

Roger Richards, tel: 01383 872492

Dates for your Diary—2004

Aberdour Cruise	31 July
Masson Trophy Race	7 August
Special General Meeting	7 August
Limekilns Raft Race	14 August
Scottish Boat Show	13 -15 August
Anstruther Cruise/Muster	20 August
FCC Regatta	28 & 29 August
Cramond Cruise	11 September
Tancred Race no.2	12 September
Port Edgar Overnight	18 September
Bo'ness Cruise	3 October
Scottish Boat Jumble, Irvine	3 October
Blackness Cruise	10 October
Crane-out	23 & 24 October
Annual General Meeting	27 October
Dinner Dance / Prize-giving	13 November
Mulled Wine Night	4 December
London Boat Show	6 -16 January 2005

2004 Scottish Boat Show will take place between Friday 13 and Sunday 15 August at the Falkirk Wheel. Check out www.thescottishboatshow.co.uk



Commodore's Column

Hope you are all having a good sailing season.

As you will now be aware we have taken delivery of the new club boat. At the moment it doesn't have a name so I thought that we would have a wee competition to come up with a name for it. If you have a suggestion for a name (any will do, but only sensible ones will be seriously considered!) then please can you get it to me by 30 July and I will announce the winner at the Commodores party, date to be advised. I will put up a prize of a bottle of malt whisky for the winner!

A couple of other little snippets while I am here. I gather the cruise down to Lindisfarne was a great success, good winds, all in the right direction and good company. If you feel disappointed that you missed out on this one then you will have to make sure you put it in your diary for next year or maybe you can persuade Willie to arrange one for later in the year.

As part of the Limekilns Gala there will be a raft race on Sat 14th August at 5pm. If you would like to enter a team or want to know more about it contact Pete Cummins on 01383 872692. I am told the competitors get free beer and pies! How about a team from the Forth Cruising Club?

And definitely lastly this time. I will be resigning from the committee in October. If anyone would like to stand for the position of Commodore or in fact any other position on the committee then please let me or a member of the committee know. Enjoy the rest of the season.

Helen Crossley, Commodore



"Comma"

Rear Commodore Piers & Moorings

What's going on with regards to the pier etc? Well not much during the summer months. I've a little 'to do' list for these hot balmy days and am progressing slowly but surely with a little help from others. To name but some;

- ? Clubhouse front step - nearing completion
- ? Patio - 2 slabs still to cut to fit
- ? Harbour depth boards - currently painting, then to fit
- ? Coping stones and some pier repairs - still thinking about it
- ? Harbour rocks to clear down far side - volunteers needed
- ? Pole replacement off entrance (green/white) - scaffolding pole required
- ? Marker buoy at Main pier to show western end of outer rocks



A recent storm

The moorings themselves seem to be behaving this year, with still one or two to be taken up (remember of course these can be reallocated now we've passed mid June). Also the pontoons are now more accessible since we set up some ground rules - with one or two minor (allowed) infringements for those who are counting days!

The depth boards are by request (by those who seem to run aground trying to reach their mooring on falling tides), one being placed on the outer end of the pier facing east and the other just up from the south pontoons for visitors - and us if required. The idea is that we see when we just float and note the depth on the outer board for coming in.

On a less appealing subject, boats requiring craned out this year will be asked to apply sometime around subscription time. This will give me a better idea of masts to be removed as well as numbers for spaces and maybe an improved layout!!-- plus any special reasonable requests (the 'Who on what day will be fixed like last year though.')

Remember to give me a call if anyone needs assistance or has any good ideas, don't save it up to the AGM. Good sailing for the rest of the season.

Phil Whetton Tel. 01383 872691

Cruising Convener

Armagnac sailing out of Pittenweem



FCC Cruising Programme April to June 2004

Sunday 18th April - Shake Out to Bo'ness: John Johnston phoned me "What time's the off", the weather being drizzle in Alva. Arrived Brucehaven at a dead calm, smoke at Grangemouth BP going straight up. COMMA and LOUISE ventured out and managed Blackness joined by YVANA, SKYDANCER and later SOLITAIRE. Comma entertained us with man overboard drills, thankfully using a fender and not David.

Sunday 2nd May - Opening Cruise to Blackness: A fine time was had by FYNE TYME, MAVERICK, SULIE and ARMAGNAC. Little detail is known of the voyage but I suspect there may have been the odd bottle of house wine.

The poor weather even managed to quell the enthusiasm for Port Edgar and the eating-houses scheduled for the 8th

Saturday 22nd May – Aberdour: "When?", "Wot this weekend!". Boats attending—FYNE TYME, SULIE, and LOUISE. A fairly tame and sunny motor sail out through the bridges with the wind picking up in Mortimer's Deep so made off, broad reach, to Oxcars and back under full sail with 6.5knots over the ground – brilliant. Aberdour had the usual welcome "that will be four pound please" wot no key ? Stories documented as "Lady Nan kept waiting for her dinner", "Drunk man cons eating house out of wine" and "Love boat sleeps in till 11 o'clock" are with the publishers but I suspect will not appear in print till the dust dies down. But yes, there was another Aberdour club key story. The "key" mysteriously vanishing with the custodian, a visiting boat, who slipped very early Sunday morning leaving our fleet *incomudicasio*. Consequently this nomadic boat chanced to visit Brucehaven as we returned. Thoughts of keelhauling were suppressed as the sheepish look on his face told all. However he got no look numbers from me!

Early June – Holy Island. Boats attending YVANA, ARMAGNAC and LOUISE.

Friday 4 June we set sail at 1415hrs and got our first good omen in the form of two dolphins along side the boat as we passed Oxcars. Six knots saw us at Pittenweem at 2000hrs. Saturday fired up the donk 1015hrs on a bright sunny morning with a good breeze. Slipped out with just over a metre tide leaving YVANA behind – they



Lindisfarn in the background



Restoration shed — World of Boats

did catch up. Eyemouth made at 1715hrs in quite a strong south going tide. New pontoons here are a delight. What a lovely spot and facilities first class. Mr. Johnston the harbour master could not have been more helpful and truly briefed us about "sweerin Katie" the submerged wreck just outside the harbour. Sunday—after a guided tour round "A WORLD OF BOATS" organized by Gavin we made for Lindisfarn. Arrived 1830 hrs and just caught last orders for food at "The Ship" at 1915hrs. Monday up ay 0400hrs to check anchor then back to bed. Back to Eyemouth in light airs and spent a comfortable night in spite of the curry. Eyemouth to Anstruther on Tuesday was delayed by mist till 1100hrs then a big swell on starboard quarter with rising winds forced us on to foresail only. Arrived Anstruther 1630hrs. Tuesday left Anstruther at 1030hrs and fought against tide for half the inbound sail back home. Considered other overnight options but when the bridges came into view pressed on. Louise moored at Brucehaven after 8 hours of motoring at 1907hrs. Armagnac was still at Anstruther and Yvana made Port Edgar a day earlier.

Future Cruising

Just a note about future cruising - feedback on a WEST COAST CRUISE doesn't sound favourable and it's more than likely that an extended cruise of the EAST COAST is on the cards. Please contact me if you're interested.

Another cruise for your diary is the ANSTRUTHER MUSTER on 20, 21, 22 August - see notice board for details or contact me.

Willie McAlpine Tel. 01259 760934



Pittenweem

Rear Commodore—Club Boats

Hello again fellow wanderers. You will once again have noticed a few changes to the workshop layout, which thanks to some suggestions from members, are a huge improvement to mk1 layout. However, I would emphasise the importance of keeping it tidy when you have work to do. There is still painting to do, so your help would be appreciated in completing it if you have the time.

Ladders If you need a ladder for work on your boat during the low tides, please use the club ladder. This means that there is no need for everyone's ladders to be stored in the workshop, as this space is required.

Please take your ladder home until crane-out.

Safety Boat This has proven to be everything that was expected of it. There are a few mods required for safety requirements, and these are handrails, a grab rail on the consul, and back rest for the seat. As a result the **Clockwork Orange** is available for disposal. We have received one firm offer for it and we are awaiting developments.

Sea Cadets. As you will be aware, the Rosyth and District SCC Unit have been inducted as Corporate Members. It is felt by most members that it is important to encourage the next generation. As one member said to me, "The current membership is getting older, the generation gap widening, and at this rate, eventually, the current membership will all have passed on". I have strived to encourage Youth Development in the Club, and I would ask that the Membership consider creating a position on the Committee to assume the duties and responsibilities of youth development within the club. However, there is still no sign of the Cadets at the club, and I am disappointed that they have not taken every opportunity to spend every daylight hour down on the water. Any suggestions?

Alan Browne Tel: 01383 880385

Vice Commodore

The racing programme for the year has seen a disappointing level of support, apart from the Driftwood Trophy when the number of bilge keel boats entering was very encouraging. So far, we have had the Rae Trophy, the Driftwood and the Everett Trophy. Our next event is then the Masson Trophy, a full day longer distance race to be held on 7th August. Following that we will be looking for lots of support for the Club Regatta on 28/29 August.

Jim Simpson Tel. 01383 872758



The joint Forth Regatta

Editor's note:

I am keen to get newsletter contributions from everyone. Please contact me if you would like to input to the next edition. I also require photographs. Thanks again to Ken Bellini for the pictures in this newsletter.

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Stainless Steel outboard bracket. Suitable for up to 10hp outboard motor. Brand new - never used – cost £49.99. £15.00. Contact Tony Spence on 01383 881 542 or f.a.spence@btopenworld.com.

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