



FORTH CRUISING CLUB

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MEMBERSHIPS

This newsletter is the last being sent out to all those on the mailing list for the 2002/3 club year. Future issues will only go to those who have renewed their membership.

As the cut-off date for membership renewals is past, all who have not renewed have, in accordance with the rules, been deemed to have resigned. If you have not paid but wish to continue, please contact the secretary about reinstating your membership.

COMMITTEE POSTS

Two committee members have announced they wish to step down at the AGM. We are therefore looking for nominees for Vice-Commodore, who attends mainly to racing matters, and for Rear-Commodore (Club Boats), which does not require great mechanical knowledge as assistance is available. Nominations for any other posts are also welcomed, indeed encouraged!

FIRST AID COURSE

If somebody on your boat was injured or had been in the water would you know what to do?

Further to the item in the last newsletter the committee has found that we can put on an RYA first-aid course as part of our winter activities. This is obviously boating-oriented and leads to an RYA certificate. It could be either an all-day or three-evening course. A notice will go on the board to gauge interest and see which time is preferred. The cost would be around £20 depending on numbers (which is a big discount to what Port Edgar normally charges).

Roger Richards Tel. 01383 872492



Forthcoming Events

Crane Out	9.00am, 25 & 26th October
AGM	7.30pm, 30th October
Dinner Dance	7.00pm, 15th November
Mulled Wine Night	6th December

AGM

The Agenda for the 2003 AGM and the minutes from the Spring General meeting are enclosed with this newsletter.

DINNER DANCE

Just a quick reminder that the Dinner Dance and prize-giving is planned for 15th November at the Queensferry Lodge Hotel from 1900hrs onwards.

Entertainment will be provided by 'Rooster' - 60s & 70s Rock & Roll with guest appearances from Martin McQueenie and Joe Rafferty.

There is plenty of room if you wish to bring guests. Tickets are priced at £22 and Austen requires your booking by 3 Nov.

Contact Austen on 0131 335 3923.

CRANE OUT

The end of the sailing season is upon us and that means crane out !

After advice from the crane company on safety requirements and our usually very long and tiring crane-out day, the committee has decided to trial a two day event this year.

This is scheduled for the weekend of 25 and 26 October.

The crane company has requested specific lifting-out crews equipped with hard hats and visibly dressed banks-men. The Club will supply the gear. The crane operators have specified that they do not want anyone either on or under the boats whilst slewing. To accommodate this we will have to keep all non-essential people well clear of the crane operating area, including the public audience which seem to gather. No boat washing/emptying is to take place anywhere in the crane's reach.

Unfortunately the two day crane-out will increase the cost of individual lifts but the Committee are reviewing this in order to minimise the impact. It is essential that fees are paid prior to crane out.

Prior to contacting individual boat owners, the following is a guide to this years crane out;

Saturday: crane out of:

- club pontoons
- fin keel boats (to be placed SW between the main slipway and the pier wall)
- all boats LESS than 23 feet (to be placed in the dinghy park / up the roadside / or trailed away).
- plus any masts.

Sunday: crane out of:

- all boats OVER 23 feet, excluding fin keels (to be placed down the side of the pier facing SW or on / adjacent to the tank area.
- club boat
- plus any masts

If possible boats can be brought alongside the day before to help the flow whilst waiting for the tide but please don't get in the way if you're not scheduled.

Please contact me if anyone is not sure of anything but not to change the plan! Swapping days is not on. If anyone cannot manage, as in previous years, ask somebody to help out. I will contact fin keel owners on cradle positions etc. There will be no rush this year. We've scheduled both days to start at 0900.

Volunteers are required to make up the slinging 'teams' so please offer if you can.

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