

ELYC Shockwaves

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Apologies for the late arrival. The original draft contained pleas for help at the RS event which quite literally overtook me!

Some of this reads more like a historical note now but I believe its all worthy of note so sit back and take a stroll down memory lane! Remember we have done other things as well as run Championship events.

The success of our own Regatta was highlighted when the East Lothian Courier refused to print the results because they (the Courier) were a local paper and only reported news of local interest. We obviously had too many people from outside East Lothian!!!! The East Lothian News put them to shame with their reports of the RS event as well. Jane's Fun Fridays have been a success if somewhat sabotaged by the weather– its Friday – it must be windy! There have been 3 training courses of 16 people in each over the summer. There are now 7 Medinas in the water –if we could only all get out at the one time! The Passage Race got blown off and the May Island becalmed at first attempt. We've been to Seacliff – banana boat and all. My lasting memory of the summer is the Commodore alone trying to hold down the marquee in the teeth of the gale at the start of the RS event. You're right Bill it wasn't funny at the time!

Please see the last article on the back page for important DINNER DANCE info. New venue but limited space this year so the early bird WITH cash gets the ticket ie. Bookings only accepted with payment!!!!

CLUB SECURITY ALARMS

We recently had an incident when the Fire Alarm went off at 4am and rang until switched off at 8.15 causing a noise nuisance for our neighbours . The Committee are reviewing our response policy but in the meantime please be aware that we have 2 alarms operating:

1) the Intruder alarm which rings for 20mins and then switches off but leaves the light flashing in the box on the outside wall.

2) the Fire Alarm which rings continuously and sounds from inside the building.

If any Club member hears either of these or sees the light flashing **please** contact a committee member immediately.

BELL ROCK

Congrats to Michael Day and crew who won with sheer doggedness and perseverance! It was a long haul boys, wasn't it? The wind died for about three hours in the early morning and then blew reluctantly for the rest of Sunday! Rum Runner was heard to claim at the Bass that they would be home in an hour. 3 hours later they were still afloat! 3 boats started, 2 finished, 1 had the sense to retire! Our sympathies and thanks to the OOD team of Alistair and Derek. Michael, your prize is in the Club behind the Bar, ask Grace for it.

COFFEE MORNING

This seems so long ago now!

A big Thank You to all who helped in any way with this event. We raised £460. The fruit of our labours can be seen in the kitchen and has been put to good use over the past 2 months. The balance of the monies has gone into Club Funds for the time being.

INAUGURAL POWER BOAT CRUISE

This took place on Sunday 4th July. 7 boats turned up, 6 took part. Sadly one had a flat battery. However the crew jumped ship and joined the fleet going round the Bass to Dunbar for an ice-cream (liquid in some cases!)

The weather could have been kinder but at least we didn't get too wet and everybody had fun!

MEMBERS' UPDATE

Congratulations to **Dan** who was the crew of the winning RS400 in the Scottish Nationals held at Largo Bay 3/4 July. Sadly Dan is going south of the border but what a way to go!!! Come back soon the Training Team need you!!

Matthew and Fynn are going from strength to strength. They came 12th overall in the RYA Youth Championships- a 5 day event held in Wales. From this they were chosen for this year's National Squad. Many of the boats which qualify for this end up in the Olympics in future years! Over 2 other weekends in Largs and Plymouth they qualified for the 420 European Championships and the Junior European Championships. The top 7 boy crews and top 7 girl crews were selected for the European Championships and our boys were 5th boy boat. The Championships were sailed in Croatia at the end of July. The Juniors, were held in Dunlaoghaire in Ireland at the beginning of August and took the top 7 eligible boats and the boys were 4th. So this summer they were sailing in Germany, Belgium, Croatia, Ireland and finally in the UK Nationals in Falmouth.

Brown Cup

This is a Schools competition held yearly on Loch Earn. NBHS has for a number of years put in a team of our cadets which has always performed well and had a great day out. This year they came 2nd to Lochaber in very squally conditions. The team consisted of: in lasers; **Laura Sandison, Lindsay Doig, Alex Buglass**, in Toppers; **Stephanie Lawrence, Lucy Robertson and Paddy Waite**. Well done everyone!

We should also remember the parents who by towing and toppering the boats make this possible.

I 14 Championship 25th –30th July

70 boats took part and didn't North Berwick show off! Unfortunately 2 days of no wind limited the sailing but the weather was so glorious people could enjoy other things. There is a very complimentary letter from the Official Measurer hanging in the club. Please take time to read it.

RS 400 and 200 Championships 8th –13th August

Now this was on a different scale altogether! There were 170 boats that's 340 people plus families! The weather wasn't all that kind but in the end they were only one race short if somewhat bruised and wet.

The boats were stored on the grass along at the putting green and what a sight it was when they launched. The social events were a Civic Reception; Race night; Karaoke; Ceilidh and Prize Giving Dance. ELYC is well known for its ability to run these large events but it does take **all** of us and is a very good way of making new friends within the Club and really becoming part of it. This was a mammoth task and according to the competitors we did it very well so to anyone who found time to help out –Thank You.

DINNER DANCE

At: Whitekirk Golf and Country Club **On:** Saturday 20th Nov 7 for 7.30 **Dress:** Formal
Tickets: Adults £26 Cadets: £13

Tickets to be booked with Cecilia. Payment **must** be made **with** booking as there are a limited number of tickets on a first come first served basis. Cecilia is on holiday now but will be available on Sat 23rd after sailing or can be contacted at home from then. **PLEASE RETURN ALL CUPS FOR ENGRAVING TO THE CLUB BAR NOW**