

So far this season we've had a successful RS 200 training weekend and a Solo training weekend; our returning improvers have had time on the water and our first block of new sail trainees have finished. Fun Fridays are in full swing and this year we are getting some decent weather on Friday nights!!! If you weren't actually in North Berwick on the Saturday of the freak hail storm you will probably have read about it in the press. The experience of the day serves to reinforce our commitment to all aspects of training i.e. in sailing, rescue, OOD duties and as a result nobody was injured. We do need to reassert the need for all members to be aware that they should comply with the request of the rescue teams and leave their boats if asked for the safety of all on the water. Hopefully this is not an experience to be repeated in a hurry!!! Well done everyone involved.

ELYC REGATTA

When this edition was in its embryonic stages this was about to happen. It is of course well passed now and instead of asking for volunteers, those who worked so hard to make the whole weekend a success are being thanked! THANK YOU ALL. The weather was kind to the sailors if not the Race Officers who had to totally change courses at the whim of the wind! Unfortunately the BBQ planned for the evening was a wash out but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves in the clubhouse instead.

We had around ninety boats competing with class starts for Lasers (full rig, radial and 4000s), Skiffs, 420s and RS400. Most of these classes used the Regatta as an event on their travellers' series and the RS400s were holding their Scottish Championship – won by our own Jim Sinclair. Other local wins were Ted Hill in the handicap fleet and Fynn Sterritt and Matthew Day in the 420s. The cruiser racing was won by Will Howarth.

There was a surprisingly low turn out of Solos considering we will be hosting the National Championship starting on 29th July – help will be greatly appreciated – please commit early!

Welcome to Victoria and Lillian

By now you will all have met our two Club Assistants- Victoria and her mum Lillian. In fact if you haven't tasted their rolls and baking you really are missing out! Please help them out until they become familiar with our little quirks. If we ever seem short of rolls on a Saturday please ask as Victoria hides the extra in the fridge.

Victoria would also like to try more than just rolls on a **SATURDAY** lunch time and we are hoping to offer a limited menu e.g. pannini and salad from early July. If you would be interested please let her know. Rolls, teas, coffee, drinks etc are also available in the sail loft from about 11.30

Also please note that as of the beginning of June home baking will cost 50p - a long overdue price revision you'll agree.

The only people to come on Sunday lunch times have been involved with sail training and as this has now stopped, a rethink is in order. The Club will only open on Sundays when the next adult sail training starts at the end of August.

Vicky would also be keen to start suppers on a Friday night and will be prepared to do so from Friday 15th July with a limited menu to gauge interest. Hopefully this could be carried over to midweeks as well if it proves popular.

Social Events

Since March we have had a wine tasting with wines supplied by Lockett Bros in the town; a pot luck supper quiz and a Country and Western night as well as a Friday night talk on the history of ELYC by our very own Ian Hutchison. A lot of effort is put into these nights by Cecilia our social convener and everyone who has been at them will agree they are great fun. Please come along and support them and get to know other members. You don't have to join in the line dancing!!!!

Social Events Contd.

Ian's talk was fascinating with super pictures and slides and definitely something for all members. He explained away a number of our little quirks with history. The Thai Banquet on the 18th of June promises to be a great evening- change of tense again! It WAS a great evening. With only one boat drifting off on the Bell Rock Race, 40 of us settled down to a sumptuous banquet topped only by the fact we could sit out on the decking until late. It was so warm! This is a definite repeat for next year!!! Well done Cecilia.

Communication

A number of you have complained that you haven't known about meetings or date changes. Most communication is now done by e-mail as it is quicker and cheaper. However we do appreciate that not everyone uses e-mail and so Derek has offered to print off any notices and put them in a file on the downstairs notice board so that any member can check the state of play at any time. Members who do have access to email are asked to check that the membership secretary has their current address so they don't miss out.

Yachts

Has anyone logged any journeys, points with Derek for the Quaich? Remember your cup of coffee at Fidra will earn you points. And what do points make...? Eh...Cups? Prizes? ...QUAICHES! If this is all double dutch and you're cruising, then you've missed an important communication and need to speak to Derek Braid.

Due to strong winds the Elie Stern Chase planned for 8 May was postponed and will now be sailed on Sunday 24 July. HW is about 1800hrs and the start time from Elie has not been finalised but you may wish to sail over during the day and spend some time in Elie before a late afternoon start to the race.

The Yacht Muster on 22 May was a great success with a good turnout of 9 yachts and favourable weather. The results were: Winning Boat - 'Silent Wings', Oldest Helm - Ian Beattie 'Thena', Youngest crew - Beth Smith, Wild card (for being such a close second) - 'Tiger Rag'. Another Yacht Muster is planned for Sunday 18 Sept.

The Bell Rock Race had only one entrant and the intrepid Jim Sandison and crew set off in glorious, but almost windless weather on 18 June. The wind never picked up and some miles past the North Carr, in the early hours of the morning, they decided to call it a day. With little interest from other clubs, the viability of this race is now in serious doubt. I hope the yacht owners are remembering about Cruising Log Competition announced in March. As Jim cruised back from the North Carr, that's 4 points on his Cruising Log.

The meeting on 10 June, about the possible formation of a Harbour Trust and potential pontoon development was well attended. Although there were some concerns to be addressed, the meeting was generally supportive of the initiatives and hopefully progress will be made at the Harbour Committee.

Dates to Remember (excluding Saturday and Evening Points Racing):

Sun 3 July Pints Race (to Elie)

Sun 21 Aug Seacliff Cruise

Sun 24 July Elie Stern Chase

Sat 10 Sept Elie Passage Race

Sun 14 Aug Bass/Belhaven Race

Sun 18 Sept Yacht Muster

Sat 1 Oct Lift Out

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Derek Braid (Email: racing2@elyc.org.uk or Tel: 01620 890780)

COMMODORE'S WIFE'S COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 18th June was certainly a busy day! My thanks to everyone who helped in whatever way especially those who spent such a beautiful morning indoors helping me and the cadets who melted on the decking with their treasure hunt!! The winning square by the way was N17 the one containing our oldest member's (George Lowe's) house. Didn't know you were our treasure did you George? We raised on the day £482 a sterling effort I'm sure you'll agree. The Club needs a dishwasher that doesn't take 2hours to wash the Saturday tea dishes! We also would like little things like a knife sharpener, some good knives and a cling film dispenser for all these rolls. The aim had been to raise the cash for the dishwasher and we are now looking into this.

Once again my thanks to everyone.

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