



### Bulletin

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#### Dates for your diary

**22 November**  
Prize giving dinner dance

**29 November**  
AGM - 2pm after sailing

### BAD Cup

Once again, this competition between the keelboats of neighbouring Fife clubs Aberdour, Burntisland and Dalgety Bay was blessed with champagne sailing. Blue skies and perfect breezes saw over twenty yachts undertake what must be the most gentlemanly 'race' of the sailing season on the Forth.

With all competitors sailing white sail and results being decided on an average score for each Club and not on individual performance, there are some interesting approaches to the rules with calls of "starboard!" being replaced with "after you" and "you go through - I'll dip."



With such great sailing and the warm welcome in the form of a BBQ and a beer from the hosts, Aberdour Boat Club, the results were barely a concern.

Well no. DBSC had a cup to defend and there was some serious arm twisting on the go on the Friday evening to ensure a good turnout for the team. In the end the BAD Cup has returned to DBSC for another year with the team finishing seven points clear and taking the first three places overall. Congratulations to everyone who took part and our thanks again to Aberdour for hosting this most enjoyable event.

### Keelboat news

Despite the reluctance of summer to deliver on the weather front the keelboat fraternity has managed to stay active with a healthy Club racing scene and some notable success further afield.

By his own admission, Seeaway surprised Rodger Harvey-Jamieson (and almost everyone else) by winning the white sail class at the RFYC Festival Series on 5-7 August. He wonders if it was because some of the opposition chose not to sail on the Wednesday night in pouring rain, high seas and strong wind but a win's a win in our book - well done Rodger.

On the FIG Division 2 front, DBSC boats are holding their own well. Gordon Marshall took Going Concern to a fine victory in the Gavin Adamson having chosen the right side of the river to catch the wind. Dave Williams and Clive Franks of Brief 'n' Counter braved out the appalling conditions during the Costello for a win, stubbornly holding off New Wave all through the second round when every other boat retired. (Results pending redress at time of printing). Finally, Sarah Birrell helming Les Beez Neez romped home a clear 30 minutes ahead of the fleet for a win in the Four Inches, or more accurately Inch and a half due to lack of wind, cementing Team LBN's position as 'ultimate drifters.'



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**If you can spare a bit of time to write a short piece for the Main Sheet or have some photos that could be used I would be delighted to hear from you. Contact me at [TeamLBN@freeuk.com](mailto:TeamLBN@freeuk.com)**

**The next issue of the Main Sheet will be distributed in late October. The closing date for copy is 8 October.**

**James Allan (Editor)**

Cruising has been quietly getting on with it but once again the highest mileage title goes to Glenn Scott who returned to Iceland this summer and became something of ... well we don't know what as the report from the website is in Icelandic but it's great to see DBSC members making the local media abroad. [http://www.sksiglo.is//news/ovaent\\_heimsokn](http://www.sksiglo.is//news/ovaent_heimsokn)



## Training

As I write we only have one more Tuesday training session left. It has been a mixed season with respect to the weather but this has not discouraged over 50 people taking part in training at the Club.

Youth Week was well attended this year with 49 participants, achieving certificates in stage 1 through to Day Sailing, well done to those who attended. The weather was another mixed bag that week, the start of the week was kind with light winds even if we couldn't see further than Inchcolm Island. There was a flurry of wind on Thursday, which was exciting for the day sailors returning from Blackness. The sun even made an appearance for fun and games on the water on Friday afternoon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with training this season, this includes all sailing instructors, powerboat instructors, the training admin. team, our helpful Tuesday group that maintain our kit, the team who keep the safety boats working and last but by no means least the galley staff; we could not have as successful a training unit without everyone's contribution. On that note, training needs a new rear-commodore training for the 2009 season, if anyone is interested can you please contact me to discuss the work that is involved.

The Club training boats will still be available for use by members when a rescue boat is on duty until mid October; permission for use needs to be given by the OOD.

Volunteers are required for the winter de-rig of the training boats, the date is still to be set but will be late October.

Cheryl Taylor (01383 825698, 07981 417536, [cheryl@wavelets.co.uk](mailto:cheryl@wavelets.co.uk))

## Skiff and catamaran championships - 11/12 October

DBSC are hosting the Scottish skiff and catamaran championships this October and need people to help. It would be great if people who have sailed in the Club regattas so far this year could volunteer, as all too often it's the same faces that end up in the same jobs.

The main areas we need help with at this stage are:

- Safety boat crew - this can be quite exciting if there is decent wind for the cats.
- Committee boat helpers - always a busy station and a great learning experience.
- Entries - an important and relatively short lived commitment.
- Results - suitable for anyone with basic IT skills and
- Shore control - important for communications and safety (and usually stays dry)

If you are prepared to help in any other area please let me know. We can always use help for trolleys, in the Galley, preparing marks and many other tasks.

Drop me an email on [jpmccaldin@hotmail.com](mailto:jpmccaldin@hotmail.com)

## Important dates for your diary

### Prize Giving Dinner Dance – Saturday 22nd November 2008

Join the fun in the Clubhouse for eating, drinking, dancing with music from Crowded Croft Ceilidh Band (of Burns night fame) and the odd prize for sailing thrown in. Reserve this date in your diary. Tickets will be limited. More information to follow.

### AGM – Saturday 29th November 2008 (after dinghy racing)

A change to the usual evening format to allow more people to attend. Please note racing will start at 12 noon with the AGM at 2pm.

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### Club branded clothing

We now have a new supplier for clothing with the club logo. The catalogue can be viewed on-line at [www.logoxpres.co.uk](http://www.logoxpres.co.uk)

As well as the DBSC logo, items can be personalised with boat names, sail numbers etc.

Contact Gill Wright  
[wright2gill@hotmail.com](mailto:wright2gill@hotmail.com)  
 or 07760 262914

## Youth Week 2008 - Ruaridh

Stevenson

Youth Week this year was great fun. Everyone who took part in the wide range of courses enjoyed themselves. We all learnt loads. The ages of the children ranged from 7yrs to teenagers. I was in the Racing group with my brother Calum. We both enjoyed all of the racing and activities; we especially enjoyed the games on the last day.



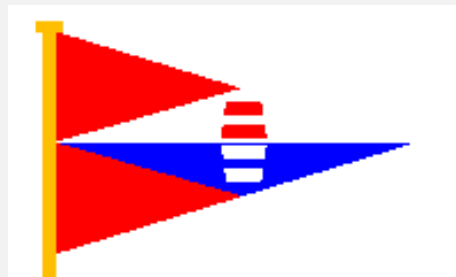
The instructors were fantastic and made learning new skills good fun. My sisters Iona and Eliza who were in Oppy Stage 1 also enjoyed themselves. At lunch we always got hot tasty food provided by the galley staff who worked tremendously hard all week.



I would like to say thank you to all the Club members who helped to make Youth Week such a success. I think Dalgety Bay is a great Club.

## Port Edgar Yacht Club Autumn Regatta - 6/7 September 2008

'Round the Island' rules the waves! Seeing how popular the Round the Island races have been at this year's Scottish Series and at West Highland Week the PEYC regatta committee have decided that for the cruising classes there will be Round the Island races for both days of this year's Autumn Regatta. Cruisers will have the choice of whether to use spinnakers or not but must declare this by 0900 on the day (the standard 4% FYCA spinnaker allowance will be applied if one is used). Rather than having a specific Novice Class we have decided that 'The best performing crew with no extensive racing experience on the Forth' will be chosen and rewarded accordingly.



Get those Pirate outfits ready now as the theme for the evening is 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. Prizes for the best Captain Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth Swan! Music is being provided by the DJ 'Atomik'.

<http://www.peyc.org.uk/yachtregatta2008/entryform2008.doc>

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## RYA Scotland Review

RYA Scotland is undertaking a review of the programmes and services it provides and would welcome your comments on these and potential new approaches. To assist us with the development of sailing in Scotland simply provide your views by answering a few questions through our on-line survey – just click on the link below:

[www.sportstructures.com/Ryas\\_Review](http://www.sportstructures.com/Ryas_Review)



Please note all data will be used solely by RYAS to review its programmes and services and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. If you would like any further information or if you have any trouble accessing the survey on-line please email: [sarah.smith@sportstructures.com](mailto:sarah.smith@sportstructures.com)  
 Please respond by no later than 12 September 2008.

# Junior Members

## Ten Pin Bowling Evening

All Junior members (and parents) are invited to a  
Ten Pin Bowling evening at

# Bowlplex, Dunfermline 25<sup>th</sup> November

6pm onwards for bowling at 6.30pm

A number of lanes have been booked for one game per person  
and need to be confirmed by Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Please confirm by 22<sup>nd</sup> November

by leaving an envelope (marked "Junior Ten Pin bowling Evening")  
behind the bar with total cost and a note of:

Names

How many Juniors - £4.25 per game (Junior is up to 16 or in full time education)

How many Adults - £4.65 per game

Email Address

Telephone Number

Contact Neil for further information

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