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Newsletter

SCOTLAND'S PREMIER EAST COAST SAILING CLUB

<p>Congratulations to Liz Jamie for winning the Cameron Trophy</p> <p>How did Ian Baillie get on in the Endeavour event?</p> <p>Turn to page 6.</p>	<p>Did you win a Trophy last year?</p> <p>Please return it to the clubhouse so that they can be engraved in plenty of time for the Prizegiving.</p> <p>There will be a Christmas Lunch in December. Full details in November Newsletter.</p>	<p>AGM Thursday 24th November 8pm in the Clubhouse</p> <p>It is important that as many of you come along as possible.</p> <p>The Agenda, Voting forms and 2004 Minutes are with this newsletter.</p> <p>The AGM will be followed by an Open Forum</p> <p>50+ Voting members are needed for a quorum</p>
<p>Have you left any clothes etc. in the changing rooms?</p> <p>Any gear left after 30th October will be disposed of.</p>	<p>Inter Club Quiz</p> <p>Thursday 10th November 8pm in the Clubhouse</p> <p>Come and support DBSC Team</p>	<p>Prizegiving Dinner Dance is a sell out.</p> <p>Aileen now has the menu so contact her to make your choice.</p> <p>Dance the night away to All That Jazz</p>

This Newsletter is yours!

- I can only edit the information I receive.
- Do let me know what you want to read about.
- Items for the November issue** should be with Beattie Burnside 4 Hopeward Mews, Dalgety Bay, Fife KY11 9TB, Tel:- 01383 822309, by the **15th November 2005**. Material may be submitted in writing, Microsoft Word 97 Format or by e-mail to me at burnside.mansion@tesco.net

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FROM THE BRIDGE

The sailing season at Dalgety Bay may be starting to tail off now, with chilly weather, but for some the lure of a place on one of the many DBSC yachts that migrate to Port Edgar for a spot of Winter racing might keep the sailing bug satisfied until Christmas!

Things are not all finished at DBSC however; the dinghy racing doesn't end until the clocks go back! After that we have a training event line up. Check Kirsty McLelland's report for details. It's marketed as a Ladies' Training Event, and the coaching will be directed at the Ladies, but if you happen to have a male helm or crew, they can come along too. They just won't get as much attention as the Ladies!

Nial Tosh has arranged a Dinghy debrief on Tuesday 1st November. This is your chance to have a say about how this year went and influence what we plan for next year. Your views are really important and we'd love to see a big turnout!

The AGM is looming on the 24th November. The management committee will present what it has been up to all year and show you plans for next year. It's really important we get a good turnout as we have struggled to get a quorum in previous years!

As usual, once the formal part of the AGM is out of the way, we will have an "open floor" session. The management committee will be available to answer questions etc. It's your club. Please make your views count and attend the AGM! Thanks!

Other things to watch out for are the Inter Club Quiz on the 10th November, and for anyone who hasn't got a ticket for the Prizegiving..... too late! It's sold out!

Congrats to Ian Baillie and Kevan Gibb for a creditable result in the Endeavour Trophy. As an invitation only event with being a National Champion as prerequisite for selection, this is a tough fleet! Well done Ian and Kevan!

Finally, with most of the yachts ashore for the winter, can you remember to **silence your rigging** if the mast is staying up? Dinghies too! The whistling in the rigging and banging halyards drives the neighbours mad and it can be heard halfway up the Wynd on a windy night!!

Enjoy your sailing,

Kind regards,

David Burnett, Commodore

100 Club

September

1st	Glen Bramley	£25	2nd	Mike Innes	£12
3rd	Colin Campbell	£6			

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Have Your Say !!

We will be having a feedback session at 8pm on Tuesday 1st November in the clubhouse to get some information on what worked this year, what didn't, and what people would like to see next year. This is mainly aimed at dinghy sailors as the yachts have had a separate session already, but all are welcome.

The following issues have arisen so far, and I will use this as a rough agenda. If there is anything else which you would like to raise in advance, please email me on nialtosh@hotmail.com

- 1 - Reinstate the pole so the start line is a transit, but have various pole positions to adjust line bias.
- 2 - Winter dinghy racing, probably on Saturdays.
- 3 - Winter training, with club coaches
- 4 - Session with Steve Cockerill / Mark Littlejohn
- 5 - Fewer pursuit races (or do we like the mini-series, which has had good turnouts)
- 6 - 1-off races such as the 2 bridges, round Inchcolm, etc - do we want these on Sundays, or weekday evenings??
- 7 - Novice / junior class start??
- 8 - Should we keep the fast / slow asymmetric classes, or just have one asymmetric class (the split was so that we could vary courses, but in practice no-one ever does this, and also to give people a chance to win against similar / same class boats)
- 9 - DBSC mini-regatta - say 3/4 races on one day, not an open regatta.
- 10 - Challenge race against Port Edgar / Cramond / others
- 11 - Team racing in club boats (Picos, as we don't have enough Stratosses???)
- 12 - Duties / rotas - how can we fit in with what people can do, spread the load evenly, make sure people do more sailing than duties, no-shows, etc.

Any other ideas are welcome, the agenda is flexible.

Nial Tosh, Sailing Secretary

Ladies Race Coaching Weekend at DBSC

12/13 November 2005

We have been given a great opportunity to run a Ladies' Race Coaching Weekend at the sailing club for members.

Ladies sailing any type of boats are welcome and the training will be pitched at all levels of racing ability.

The weekend will focus on Ladies but if you have a male helm or crew he is welcome to attend. The coach will be focusing on the Ladies' role, be it helm or crew.

The day will run from 0930 – Briefing, 1000 – on the water & finishing at 1630 each day.

Please bring your own lunch each day but HOT soup and drinks will be available at lunch and at the end of the day.

Places are limited, so please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to attend the weekend.

Kirsty McLelland, kirstymclelland@hotmail.com 0131 539 9184

Two Stroke Owners!

As our rescue boat engines have been renewed we are using less two stroke oil and have been left with excess stocks.

See the Bosun before you buy any elsewhere—phone 01383 822309.

WINTER POWERBOAT TRAINING



SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

THE DAY WILL COMPRISE OF ADVANCED BOAT HANDLING
AND FOUL WEATHER TECHNIQUES
YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO BE ASSESSED
AS A COMPETENT HELM FOR TORNADO 2!

OPEN TO HOLDERS OF LEVEL 2 POWERBOAT OR HIGHER ONLY.

TO REGISTER OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE RESCUE OFFICER.

DON'T HAVE A LEVEL 2 POWERBOAT CERTIFICATE?

DON'T WORRY!!

MORE FAMILIARISATION DAYS ARE PLANNED FOR THE NEW YEAR
ALONG WITH A JUNIOR POWERBOAT TRAINING DAY, LEVEL 2 AND
SAFETY BOAT COURSES!!

STEVE MILLER
RESCUE OFFICER DBSC
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Keelboat News

A swift thank you to everyone who made the effort to come to the Keelboat Meeting on the 27th September. The turnout was great and I hope you all found the discussion informative.

The notes from the meeting will be available soon but as a quick digest of the main topics for those who couldn't be there we discussed the following:

Racing – Much more from Clive below

Moorings – we now have 42 boats on moorings in total and are set to continue to grow in numbers which brings about the need to consider how we manage the capacity we have for more. There was also a suggestion that the £35 deepwater mooring fee be incorporated into the Direct Debit scheme.

The Club Development Plan – was outlined by Dave Burnett and includes the issue of Tender storage, winter storage ashore for keelboats and future development of facilities ashore.

Training – we will be looking at providing a number of opportunities to 'gen up' on Weather, navigation and possibly arranging for RNLi Sea Safety Checks for those who would like a constructively critical assessment of your boat and her safety equipment.

We are also looking into the possibility of arranging a 'Dead Flare Amnesty' whereby those of us who have out of date flares can deposit them with the Coast Guard for safe disposal.

More details will appear in the Newsletter and on the website as they are available.

In the meantime, good luck to those racing in the Autumn / Winter series at Port Edgar and if you haven't yet recovered your boat from the water please remember to contact Andy Marshall as soon as you do. There is a plan for locating yachts ashore this winter to maximise the use of the space we have.

Keelboat Racing Notes

At the Keelboat meeting on 27th September, Clive reported on the Keelboat racing scene, and the following are the edited highlights.

Generally: it has been a good year, with some good travellers activity, notably at West Highland week, and the Sonata Squadron performing very creditably. DBSC boats have turned out well for the FIG, and the Gavin Adamson and the Four Inches, both hosted by the Club, had also gone off well, notwithstanding adverse winds in the latter event.

Fife Regatta & Muster: The event was abandoned in 2005. The very springish tide that weekend meant that the tidal fall in the east dock at Burntisland would be very high. Forth Ports Authority had reservations about approving the use of the east dock, given potential safety issues in the long climb from boat deck to dock surface levels.

As regards to running the event in 2006, further difficulties have been encountered in that the bottom seems to have fallen out of Yacht racing at both Burntisland and Aberdeen. Whilst final feedback was awaited with regard to Aberdeen, it was advised that the Fife Regatta & Muster Association had put a three pronged proposal to the Management Committee at DBSC: -

A. To discontinue the event.

B For DBSC to go it alone (which might be rendered all the more viable if visitor moorings are laid, with there being the added possibility that non-participating boats might make their moorings available, much as the commercial fleet at Anstruther do at the time of the Anstruther Muster). It was felt that other than the provision of a safe water haven, DBSC possessed all the other required resources - sound race management capability, adequate supply of RIBS to ferry crews ashore: good clubhouse and galley facilities, bar and enthusiastic and experienced human resources.

C Seek a new partner, such as PEYC.

Clive's recommendation is for (C)

FYCA Fixtures Meeting: Clive reported that the Commodore, and James Allan (Keelboat Rep) and he had attended. The FYCA recommendation that three of the FIG races be dropped, and be replaced by patch racing, had been roundly objected. It was decided to improve the existing FIG races, in particular retaining the Anstruther Muster and attendant races there: dropping the Driftwood, which had no FIG attendances this year: and shortening the Over One Tide race, so that it is not so physically onerous. The Bass Rock and return events will become two legs of the same race.

It was felt that patch racing (turning up to a given location, and racing three to five races, back-to-back, round the cans) should not be dropped, but incorporated into the Regatta series (rather than the FIG series), so that competitors who felt unable to commit to a two day event, such as a Regatta, could turn up for the patch racing series - which, as it were, would become a "series within a series".

DBSC Club Races: It was felt that the existing format is sound. However, to encourage the smaller vessels, and the slower boats we will try to incorporate, during 2006, a slow handicap series, with courses being designed to reach across wind, rather than to beat to windward followed by a downwind leg. This will add to the OOD's task, leading probably to a staggered start for each of the two classes, with either the slow fleet sailing on different water, or - probably more likely - the slow class sailing a course within that being used by the fast fleet (so that two fleets do not intermix or collide). Work on finessing the new slow class will be carried out over the winter months. If you have a smaller or slower Yacht, and would like to try competitive racing, please watch this space!

The **meeting favoured retaining FYCA handicaps**, rather than any form of rolling handicap.

With regard to "OOD points", **crews favoured the OOD points being awarded as being an average of race results that would count** (i.e. ignoring discards).

East Coast Sailing Week 2006: This will be held from the 23rd to 28th July on the Tay. It is hoped that DBSC will produce an enhanced number of boats and crews at this event, which is always a most enjoyable one.

James Allan. (Keelboat Rep)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL SQUAD MEMBERS

CONSENT FORM

SAFETY

At Port Edgar we are very conscious of our responsibility towards the safety of squad members, and have carefully considered operational procedures designed to maintain standards. However there is a small element of risk in all watersports, which all participants must agree to accept. As far as is possible we aim to eliminate any risks while retaining the essential of excitement and adventure. To help us achieve these aims we ask all squad members to accept these rules:-

- All squad members must be able to swim at least 25 metres wearing a buoyancy aid. Buoyancy aids **MUST** be worn at all times afloat.
- Applicants must inform Port Edgar if they suffer from epilepsy, angina, asthma, dizzy spells etc., or are taking any ongoing medication.

Squad members are required to obey immediately instructions from coaches regarding safety or sailing areas, etc.

Please give details of any relevant medical conditions

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Signature of Applicant: _____

I consent to my son/daughter taking part in training with RYA Scotland squads.

Name:	Signature:	Date:
Contact Numbers:		
(Day)	(Eve)	(Mob)

The Endeavour Trophy

The endeavour Trophy, UK dinghy sailing's most historic event was held over the weekend of 8-9 October at the royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Burnham, Essex.

The competition is unique in the UK's sailing calendar being open only to invited helms and crews who have won their respective class national championship during the season. The event is commonly referred to as the Champion of Champions and is renowned for its extremely high standard of sailing and the tough challenge it poses competitors.

Five races were sailed on Saturday and a further three completed on the Sunday.

Topped International donated a fleet of Topper Xenons for the racing.

26 teams took part, including our own Ian Baillie and crew Kevan Gibb. They finished a very creditable 17th. The event was won by Nick Craig and James Stewart who had won the Trophy before the start of the last race..

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RYA SCOTLAND AREA RACE TRAINING
EAST OF SCOTLAND AREA SQUAD – WINTER 2005/06
PORT EDGAR SAILING SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

RYA Scotland has a comprehensive programme of dinghy race training at Scottish and Area levels. The East Area Squad draws young sailors from Lothian & Borders, Stirlingshire, Fife, Perthshire and Angus, and Central Scotland (to the East of Glasgow)

The aim of the Area Squads is to encourage participation by young sailors in racing at club, regatta and Scottish level. It is expected that many squad members will get the opportunity in future years to join the Scottish squads and compete at National Championship level.

THE SQUADS

Singlehanders:- Training takes place in Toppers for lighter/younger sailors (under 16yrs) and Laser Radials for heavier/older (under 18yrs). Applicants without their own Toppers may hire Port Edgar boats, but Laser sailors must provide their own craft.

Doublehanders:- Due to a change in national race-training policy RYA Scotland abandoned its programme of training in 420 dinghies at Area Squad level. For this season it has been proposed that training in two man boats should be available, and therefore on a trial basis we are running training in Laser 2000's. Port Edgar has a number of boats for hire, and participants are welcome to bring their own (or very similar types of asymmetric dinghy)

Applicants should fill in the enclosed application form and return it to Port Edgar as soon as possible. Further copies may be downloaded from: www.ryascotland.org.uk

TOPPER SQUAD

DATES: 29 / 30 OCTOBER 26 / 27 NOVEMBER
12 / 13 FEBRUARY 11 / 12 MARCH
25 / 26 MARCH

TIMES: 09.30 – 17.00 DAILY

COST PER WEEKEND: OWN BOAT £28.00 PORT EDGAR BOAT £42.00

Port Edgar Sailing School has a number of Toppers in reasonable condition – make a note on the form if you want to hire one.

LASER RADIAL AND LASER 2000 SQUADS

DATES: 12 / 13 NOVEMBER 10 / 11 DECEMBER
25 / 26 FEBRUARY 25 / 26 MARCH

TIMES: 09.30 – 17.00 DAILY

COST PER WEEKEND: OWN BOAT LASER RADIAL:- £28.00

(Note: Port Edgar does not have Radials for hire)

LASER 2000:- £28.00

PORT EDGAR LASER2000:- £42.00

(Note - Laser 2000 prices are per head not per boat)

Any queries: Please phone Oliver Ludlow on 0131 319 1681, or e-mail OliverLudlow@edinburghleisure.co.uk

Yours sincerely
Oliver Ludlow, SAILING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

RNLI
Race Night
Saturday 12th November
1st Race 19.30
Tickets £5 from Anne Marshall 01383 822479

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EAST OF SCOTLAND SAILING SQUAD

APPLICATION FORM

For new applicants only: You do not need to fill in this form if you have already applied to a Scottish Squad

RYA Membership Number:

Return Form To: East of Scotland Sailing Squad, Oliver Ludlow, Port Edgar, South Queensferry,
EH30 9LX Tel: 0131 331 3330 Fax 0131 331 4878

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TRAINING REQUIRED

Applicant's Name

(1) Topper (Own Boat) Please Tick

Address

(2) Topper (Port Edgar Boat) Please Tick

Post Code

(3) Laser Radial Please Tick

Tel

Mobile

(4) Laser 2000 (Port Edgar Boat) Please tick

Email

(5) Laser 2000 (Own boat) Please tick

Date of Birth

Age

Height
(cm)

Weight
(kg)

Why would you want to take part in winter race training?

Give a brief description of previous experience below. Include training and racing.

Event / Course	Venue	Position if racing	Number in Fleet	Comments

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