



Bulletin

October 2007

Murder on the Orient Express

The night of the 20th October witnessed murder most foul when the latest Franks and Booth production steamed into the Club.

Set in the sumptuous environs of the Orient Express as it made its way across Europe to London for the St. Johnstone v's England football match, an evening of fine dining, fine wining and good company was enlivened by the discovery of a killer in the midst.



While dinner guests sought to decipher 'whodunnit' and how, the honourable and renowned Hercule Poirot-Clouseau DBSC. BnC. LLb(ish). Esq. set the little grey cells to work. In a style that could only be described as 'unique' the revelation that Colonel McPhail had coldly taken the life of the victim to protect his own financial interests was laid before the gathered company. Only there was a twist and in the end it was Hercule being cuffed and led away.

Once again a great time was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who undertook a part in the proceedings, particularly those junior members who saw to the serving

and cleaning up and in particular to Messrs. Franks and Booth for yet another wonderfully entertaining evening. Whatever next?

Seaway takes 2nd at Medina Regional Championships

Roger Harvey-Jamieson and Scott Livingston flew the flag for DBSC at the Hunter Medina Regional Championships at North Berwick in August. After a season's competition as the smallest boat in the DBSC keelboat fleet Seaway was well prepared for some tough competition from the East Lothian YC Medina fleet.



Photo: Derek Braid

Facing stiff breezes and varied courses Rodger and Scott sailed consistently with only a short stop to untangle from a creel marker causing a dip in the results.

Lands of Loyal Regatta

Changes to the handicap split for the fast and medium fleets and no slow handicap fleet meant the 2007 Lands of Loyal Regatta was always going to be something different. What the competitors got was a series of wild rides in some of the most blustery conditions seen for this regatta.

With heavy tidal chop and powerful squalls reaching 35 kts, broaches were frequent across the board. Even those in the restricted class took their share of tumbles in the unpredictable downdrafts around the bridges with both Les Beez Neez and Smitheren sharing a keel exposing moment under the road bridge.

DBSC boats featured in all the fleets with Chic Meddley campaigning Hobbes Express in the fast handicap, Donald Adrian helming Smuggler in the medium handicap and Les Beez Neez, Going Koncern and Joker opting for the cruisers.

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Dates for your diary

17 November
Champion of Champions Prize Giving Dinner Dance

22 November
Keelboat meeting

29 November
Club AGM

7 December
Deadline for Mainsheet

16 December
Christmas Lunch

26 January 2008
Burns Supper and Ceilidh

2/3 February
Powerboat Instructors Course weekend 1

9/10 February
Powerboat Instructors Course weekend 2

Keelboats end of season

Please remember to contact Andy Marshall (RC Shore) when you plan to come out the water for the winter.
andy@kymak.co.uk

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100 Club Winners

August

Dave Burnett £25
Michael Menlowe £12
John Sim £5

September

Peter Taylor £25
Keith Whiting £12
Sandy McPhail £5

October

Corrie McPhail £25
Alex Mackie £12
Richard Higgins £ 5

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

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

Contact Gill Wright
wright2gill@hotmail.com
or 07760 262914

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The Sonata class was dominated by DBSC boats, where four of the five entries were from DBSC. Neil McLure and the crew of So led the field followed by Zero Proof, Razamataz and Miss Elaineys.

Once again the prizes were exceptional with the Lands of Loyal Hotel (Alyth) supplying weekends away and cases of wine for the winners and a one off 40 inch plasma TV being presented in the winners lucky draw.

Training

What is normally a quieter time on the training side turned out to be quite busy this year.

During September we held a Dinghy Instructor course and now have a bunch of new instructors. Well done to Craig, Emma, Lesley, Louise, Rachael and Siobhan. Also, good luck to Brian and Margaret who have their assessment in October.

We also were the venue for a Senior Instructor course. After a very long weekend we now have a new SI, congratulations to Leigh.

There has to be a senior instructor in charge when we're running any training and at the moment we only have a small number so having Leigh join the ranks helps immensely.

It's now the time of year when we pack things up, reflect on the past season and start thinking about next year. If you have any feedback, comments or ideas on the training side of things we'd be very grateful for your input. Please let us know by emailing Gill: wright2gill@hotmail.com

Regional Race Officer Seminar

There will be a Regional Race Officer Seminar taking place at RYA Scotland, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh on 24 and 25 November 2007.

The course lasts 2 days, costs £50 and covers everything that is required to become a competent Race Officer at the regional level.

CLICK HERE for the RYA Race Officials Leaflet that includes the full qualification requirements to become a Regional Race Officer.

The application form for the RRO Seminar can be obtained **HERE**

Please return the form as soon as possible as there are a limited number of places available.

If you would like more information contact David JW Kent:

Davidssi@btconnect.com

Scottish Sailing Institute

Tel: 01475 670011

RYA First Aid at Sea Course.

The above course is being run at Dalgety Bay Sailing Club on Sunday 11 November 2007. There are still a few places left if anyone is interested. The course is 1 day and costs members £24.

If anyone is interested could they please email Fiona Greer as soon as possible to enable the instructor to send and receive documentation. **fgreer7@blueyonder.co.uk**

RYA Scotland Champion of Champions Regatta

This major event will take place at DBSC on 17 and 18 November. It is an invitation only event with 30-40 boats expected to compete. The competitors are the class winners of each fleet in Scotland so we should see some exciting sailing from the best in Scotland.

The Club needs volunteers for a number of roles from safety boat drivers and crew, recorders on the committee boat, shore control, results processing, galley staff to trolley service.

Please email **fraserharrison@hotmail.com** if you can help out.

Please note: the Winter series race scheduled in the sailing calendar for the 17th November has been cancelled as all our safety boats will be required for the regatta.

Prize Giving Dinner Dance - 17 November

A night not to be missed! Book now!

Tickets £25 available from Sandy McPhail on 07768 368488 or email

mcpfail.oceanwheels@btinternet.com

Keelboat Meeting - 22 November

8.00pm at the Club. Please pass any agenda items to James Allan.

teamlbn@freeuk.com

Christmas Lunch - 16 December

£10 for adults £5 for children. Reserve your place now to avoid disappointment.

Contact Aileen Denholm on 01383 820967 or email ad@lyndean.com

Burns Supper and Ceilidh - 26 January 2008

Haggis, neaps and tatties as only the Bard would have it (vegetarian option available). Followed by a full hooley.

Formal evening dress with a touch of tartan. Book now to secure your place!

Tickets £18 from Sarah Birrell on 01383 824201 or email

teamlbn@freeuk.com

Dinghy Winter Series

The winter series from will run on Saturdays with a 1pm start from 27 October to the 8 December. The intention is to split the duties among the series competitors, or any other volunteers. Could everyone intending to compete in this series please e-mail me fraserharrison@hotmail.com and also advise which dates you would be available to do a Race Officer or Safety Boat duty. We would also be delighted to hear from any non-competitors who could spare some time to help out.

Danish Oil

A friend of John Spruce has donated a 25 Kg drum of Danish oil for the use of the Club and members. A small bottle will go along way so there is probably enough to last a lifetime.

Anyone wishing any please help themselves - The drum is in the upper boatshed.

If instructions are required there is a data sheet available on the website

<http://www.rustins.co.uk/product.htm?chprod=DANO>

Anstruther Muster 2007 - Mark Maylin

Once again the Tridents flew the proverbial flag for DBSC and cruised down the Forth on Friday 17 August to enjoy the banter and atmosphere that is unique to the Muster.

The wind was for the most part, a westerly force 4 and at 0900hrs both Maragay and Harmony hoisted full sail and ran goose-winged down the Forth with the last couple of hours of the ebb. The sun was shining and it turned out to be one of the most enjoyable sails of the season so far.

We rounded Kinghorn point in no time and headed into the enormous Largo Bay. At this point both Tridents were little more than two hundred yards apart, Mick aboard Maragay hoisted his spinnaker briefly before deciding it was a little too windy. Heloise made bacon rolls and repeatedly boiled the kettle for tea (of course)!

At about 1500hrs we entered the confines of the harbour. Both Tridents were then top & tailed and proudly displayed our new DBSC pennants and within minutes we were all enjoying a beer. The sun continued to shine as boats from other clubs arrived. However, the weather on Saturday was dreadful. This dampened our clothes, boats and bodies but not our spirits nor the racing fleet whom we applauded from the end of the pier as they arrived.

The atmosphere of the event is first class and the camaraderie and cooperation of all the DBSC sailors is such that this event has become an annual pilgrimage for both Maragay and Harmony. It is definitely something I would recommend and any other DBSC boat is welcome to join us, we normally try to sail in company and with the kettle on!



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Many thanks to all the contributors to this issue.

Having a number of different people reporting on Club activity makes the information more interesting and the editing a lot easier.

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

The next issue of The Main Sheet will be distributed in December. The closing date for copy is 7 December.

James Allan (Editor)

2007 RESULTS

Congratulations to all the 2007 winners.

The paddle for most races sailed will be finalised on the 21st November.

Prizes will be awarded at the Prize Giving Dinner Dance on 17 November.

Thanks to all the competitors and volunteers who helped to make 2007 another successful year at DBSC.

In preparation for the prize giving we would appreciate if everyone who received a trophy in 2006 can return it to the Club in plenty of time to be engraved and presented this year.

Series	1st	2nd	3rd
Earlybird Series Asymmetric	Carolyn Priestly	Sarah Meldrum	Dave Burnett
Earlybird Series Handicap	Chic Medley	Rhodri Thomas	Alan Ramsay
Warm Up Series Asymmetric	Ian Renilson	Ross McKerrchar	Ronnie Millar
Warm Up Series Handicap	Rhodri Thomas	Andrew Scott	John Sadler
Summer Series Asymmetric	Peter Taylor	Sarah Robertson	Liz Jamie
Summer Series Handicap	Dave Harcourt	Chris Farrell	Rhodri Thomas
Autumn Series Asymmetric	Dave Burnett	Ian Renilson	N Johnston
Autumn Series Handicap	Stewart Moss	Rhodri Thomas	Scott Hyslop
Wednesday First Series Asymmetric	Sarah Robertson	Liz Jamie	Carolyn Priestly
Wednesday First Series Handicap	Dave Harcourt	Scott Hyslop	Alan Ramsay
Wednesday Second Series Asymmetric	Carolyn Priestly	Keith Cuthbert	Ian Renilson
Wednesday Second Series Handicap	Chris Morgan	Scott Hyslop	Gavin Homer
Round the Rocks Race	Rhodri Thomas	MissElainey Us	Brief N'Counter
Round St. David's Pole Race	Rhodri Thomas	Scott Hyslop	Brief N'Counter
2 Bridges Race	Ian Renilson	Ed Legget	Dave Burnett
Brass Monkey	Dave Harcourt	Chris Farrell	Scott Hyslop
Keelboat 1st Series	Brief N'Counter	Going Concern	Les Beez Neez
Keelboat 2nd Series	MissElainey Us	New Wave	Brief N'Counter
4 Inches Overall Winner 1st DBSC Boat	Suspicion - D & F Gardiner (PEYC) Brief N'Counter		
Gavin Adamson Overall Winner 1st DBSC Boat	Erin - John Murphy (PEYC) Razamataz		
Fife Regatta - Division 1	MissElainey Us	Brief N'Counter	Les Beez Neez
1st DBSC boat in FIG	Brief N'Counter	New Wave	Razamataz
1st DBSC boat in Forth Regatta Travellers	MissElainey Us	Les Beez Neez	Razamataz

ORIENT EXPRESS NIGHT - THANK YOU!

Given that the famed detective ended up by being carted off in handcuffs, little grey cells and all, there was not the usual opportunity to present thank-yous on the night (particularly as the manic Booth managed to lose the keys to the handcuffs, for a considerable period). Lionel and I would like to thank everyone, as follows:

1. The Juniors, who were present for most of the afternoon from lunchtime onwards, and well into the evening as well, were nothing short of magnificent. We could not have carried this off without all your kind assistance.
2. The Cast - and in particular, Binnie, who (a) came into the picture late on, and (b) had troubled himself to familiarise himself with his character, and the script!
3. Roger, having sorted out the sound effects for us, in a most professional way.
4. John, for also having stepped in late as Narrator: and having been abused (with regard to his snoring - which is truly impressive, by the way) for his pains.
5. Chris and Jill, for stepping in as wine waiters.
6. Mike, for spotlight duties.
7. Not least, my lovely wife, Carol, for putting up with us both (me in particular) and keeping our fevered brows reasonably calmed, and for restoring the galley to a semblance of normality before we lurched off into the night.
8. All of you who turned up and attended - we do hope that you fed well, made something of the mystery (though extracting clues from the cast was like pulling teeth) and, above all, enjoyed yourselves!
9. Anyone else that I might have missed amongst the above.

Lionel Booth/Clive Franks.

21st October 2007

By the way, another Booth-Franks Production/Fiasco **may** follow, in due course, once we have recovered