

# Mainsheet



July 2010

A quick apology:

This issue of the mainsheet has ended up being very rushed. Just as the final copy was being pulled together the editors PC gave up the ghost. Everything was lost including the publishing software and in the end it's been put together using preset templates and a less than ideal package over a working lunch. Apologies if this issue isn't up to our usual standards.

## From the Commodore

I must say I am really pleased to see the Club is being used by lots and lots of members. In this edition of our Mainsheet there are some really good reports on the highlights of the sailing which we have seen both at the Club and away at other events.

The Optimist and Topper Regatta was enjoyed by just over 100 boats, with at least one parent per child the Club was super busy and I wish to thank everyone who helped make this event a success.



On the social side of the Club I am really pleased to report that the latest BBQ on the 2 July was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Chris Jeffries a fond farewell from Dalgety Bay Sailing Club. Chris is re-locating to south of the border and will be missed by many. He was the winner of many a prize from last year, including the Paddle which is for the most outings on the water. Good luck with your future sailing Chris from all of us at DBSC.

I enclose a message that Chris wishes to share with us all.

"I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone at the club for the warm and friendly welcome I received whilst a member and in particular all of the sailing committee for all of the work done to provide excellent racing and training facilities. I wish the club continuing success in the future and hope that I'll be able to find a similar atmosphere at whichever sailing club I end up at next."

## Forthcoming Must Do Events:

[http://www.dalgetybaysc.org/2010\\_sailing\\_calendar.htm](http://www.dalgetybaysc.org/2010_sailing_calendar.htm)

24 / 25 July – Fife Regatta

14 August - The next 'Special Saturday' which will be in August is going to have a treasure hunt! I hope to see many of you at this event for fun both on and off the water.

15 August – Four Inches Race

29 August – Round the Rocks Race – Combined Yachts and Dinghies

## 100 Club results

### May Winners

1st	£25.00	No. 68	Steve Barbour
2nd	£12.00	No. 102	Fraser Harrison
3rd	£5.00	No. 92	Paul Davies

### June Winners

1st	£25.00	No. 18	Walter Thorburn
2nd	£12.00	No. 84	Alastair Adam
3rd	£5.00	No. 36	Bryan Denholm



## Special Saturday – 12<sup>th</sup> June – Fun Sailing Day

We are still experimenting with the monthly 'Special Saturdays', and on 12<sup>th</sup> June there was a Fun Sailing Day, for which there were 11 boats.

It was interesting to see the different cross-section of members that turned-out for this event.

There were some 'regular racers', and for them they could practice with the safety of having ribs on the water. Some were also able to get some coaching tips on the water, and the video was also used to enable a review afterwards.



There were also some novices, and people trying new boats. The club boats were available and this enabled some regular sailors the opportunity to give their friends and family more experience of sailing.

All in all it was a great opportunity to try to engage sailors in a different way to club racing, and fun was had by all – which is always good J.

Ian Renilson  
Rear Commodore Sail

## Dalgety Bay Sailing Club - Open Meeting for Lasers/ Radials/ Toppers & Optimists

What a fantastic weekend of sailing – sunshine – blue skies and some lovely wind (unfortunately not all the time)!

An amazingly strong fleet of 103 boats visited DBSC for the Open Meeting for Lasers/ Radials/ Toppers/ & Optimists, for which two courses were in operation. The 'serious' racing was on the main off-shore course, with competitors spread across 4 classes, with 32 toppers, 19 Optimists, 15 Radials, and 13 Lasers. The second course was a 'Development' Fleet sailed close to the shore to provide a gentle introduction to racing for 24 novice youngsters in a mixture of Toppers, Optimists, and Picos. Competitors ranged in age from under 8 to over 70 years.



On Saturday the visitors were treated to sailing on the Firth of Forth at it's best, with good breeze, blue skies, and sun giving us the hottest day of the year so far. The wind built through the first race to reach a good Force 3 for the second race, before dropping back down to force 1-2 for the last race of the day.

All the fleets were very restrained on their first start, with the ebb tide setting them



away from the start line. This changed in the 2nd and 3rd races as the racers found their feet, and in both races both the Topper and Optimist classes were recalled. Judicious use of the Black Flag kept the competitors in control at the start line.

On Sunday the early fog cleared to give a hot day, but the good winds of the previous day wind did not return, and there was only enough wind to hold one race before the reducing

wind and increasing tide resulted in an early finish.

Racing was very close in several classes, particularly the Optimist, where the first two boats were tied on points.

The regatta course completed 3 races on Saturday with no hiccups, and like the main fleet they added another one on Sunday. All the competitors in the Development fleet received on-the-water coaching and a video debrief after sailing on Sunday, all provided by the Class Associations. This format resulted in an excellent combination of race practice with improved performance and encouragement.

Many competitors and their families camped overnight in the club grounds, resulting in a friendly evening for all concerned mixing with DBSC members.

All the competitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and at the prize giving the organisers complimented the fleet on their good-natured and sportsmanlike behavior.

Some excellent photographs from Saturday by Liz Tulloch will be available imminently at: <http://www.clikpic.com/lizpics>

Prize winners:

Laser (13 boats):

- 1 – Peter Malcolm, Aberdeen & Stonehaven YC (4 points)
  - 2 – David Woakes, Port Edgar YC (7 points)
  - 3 – Duncan Nicholls, St Marys Loch SC (11 points)
- Spot prize: Stewart Moss, Dalgety Bay SC

Laser Radial (15 boats):

- 1 – Andrew McGowan, Helensburgh SC (3 points)
  - 2 – Angus Gray-Stephens, Tarbert Loch Fyne YC (5 points)
  - 3 – Ross Carmichael, Annandale SC (10 points)
- Spot prize: Scott Johnston, Strathclyde Loch SC

Topper (32 boats):

- 1 – Jessica Campbell, Annandale SC (5 points)
- 2 – Jordan Black, Loch Earn SC (8 points)
- 3 – Alex Still, Royal Gourock SC (9 points)
- 4 – Calum Tait, Loch Earn SC (16 points)
- 5 – Jennifer Abraham, Helensburgh SC (16 points)

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6 – Rory Kilgore, Cove SC & Helensburgh SC (18 points)

Spot prizes: Andrew Mitchell, Helensburgh SC, Aaron Murray, Loch Earn SC,  
Neil Herron, Dalgety Bay SC

Optimist (19 boats):

- 1 – Callum Airlie, East Lothian YC (4 points)
- 2 – Jamie Calder, Loch Tummel SC (4 points)
- 3 – Jack Gillespie, Largs SC (10 points)
- 4 – Alasdair Logan, Largs SC (14 points)
- 5 – Alasdair Ireland, Toward SC (16 points)

Spot prize: Rory Rose, Aberdeen & Stonehaven YC, Rebecca Bryant, Annandale YC

Topper Development (11 Boats):

- 1 – Mara Lyon, Craignish BC (5 points)
  - 2 – Rory Wilson, Loch Venacher SC (5 points)
  - 3 – Dugal Wilson, Loch Venacher SC (9 points)
  - 4 – Jenna Deacon, Loch Lomond SC (11 points)
- Spot prize: Finn Aitken, Helensburgh SC

Optimist Development

- 1 – Fiona Mackay, Toward SC (4 points)
  - 2 – Finn Mitchell, Annandale SC (4 points)
  - 3 – Cara Wilson, Helensburgh SC (8 points)
  - 4 – Robbie Fowler, Loch Lomond SC (11 points)
- Spot prize: Rebecca Coles, Annandale SC

Special Prizes:

Special Endeavour Award – Charlie Stewart, Dalgety Bay SC (Topper)

Special Effort Prize – Peter Smith, Royal Forth YC (Optimist Development)

Veteran – John Sadler (70 years young!) – Topper (9<sup>th</sup> overall)

Ian Renilson (mobile: 0780 225 8481)



Rear Commodore Sail

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## Handicap Racing 2010

We are now almost half way through the racing calendar with the same faces racing as previous years but with some new comers adding a bit of colour to the proceedings (especially with Robert Taylor's full rig Laser sail). For the most part the season has been dominated with light winds and sunshine with the occasional howler prompting some of our more craven sailors to opt for a club Pico rather than hurt their new shiny pocket rocket dinghies (you know who you are).



We started the year with a rare sighting of a couple of Finn's sailed by Rhodri Thomas and Dave Harcourt in the Brass Monkey, the Laser gang must have worried them sufficiently to scare them off as we have not seen a Finn racing on the water since.

The main antagonist's in the Laser Full Rig fleet (in no particular order) have been Gordon Bissett with his 20+ years of experience appearing to have an alternative method of propulsion as he accelerates away from the rest of the fleet. Craig Welsh the only man to capsize in a force 2, his excuse was he slipped probably due to the excessive amounts of sun lotion used to protect his body. Brian Greer who needs a sail somewhere between a Radial and Full rig, or eat more steak pies. Richard Haydock in his distinctive colour coordinated hull and spray jacket and your author and main contender for the Paddle, who believes its quantity not quality that wins prizes.

The Laser Radial fleet has also produced a great turnout this year with Nicky Hay, Lesley Henderson and Fiona Greer competing well against the full rigs and recently braving some very blowy conditions. Robert Taylor who normally sails a Radial Rig recently shocked us with his multi-coloured 70's style Full Rig sail. The sail was so vivid that he came comfortably first with Gordon Bissett and Richard Higgins squabbling behind him doing more penalty turns between them than an Olympic skater, no excuse to use the Radial now Robert.

The two Club Lasers have been well utilised by Ben Geyer in the Radial getting closer to the main fleet every week and Scott Hyslop shaming us all coming effortlessly first in an old style rigged boat with a old baggy sail.

Outside of the Laser fleet we have also seen some great performances by Alistair Higgins in his Optimist coming a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Round St David's Pole race, beating eight other boats including Lasers, Laser 2000, Supernova's and Europe's. Andy Stenhouse has been valiantly exercising his wooden Streaker but now believes he needs more sail power to propel his manly figure, maybe we will see another 8.1 Laser Rig on the water in the future.

Although we have seen a few Juniors racing with the likes of Laura Spacey and Lewis Phillips in the club Feva and Neil Herron and Ruaridh Stevenson fiercely competing in their Toppers it would be great to see the club boats used more regularly. If you fancy competing in a club boat just phone, email or SMS me and I will let you know the availability.

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## Asymmetric racing

The Earlybird Asymmetric series was incredibly tight with the most 3 regular attendees being the only ones with enough results to challenge for the win. The highest turnout was 7 boats but turnouts were unusually low. With only 2 points (which is one race place in the scoring system) splitting the 3 at the end. First place was tied on points with a last race position the decider. Gavin and Finlay MacKinnon started well winning the first 2 races but choosing to do the RS200 training and holing the boat and missing the last weeks proved their undoing leaving them 3rd. Pete and Cheryl Taylor also shot their selves in the foot the same weekend by only doing one race where with hindsight a second race result would have given them the overall win. Winning the series on equal points with the Taylors was Keith Cuthbert in his new RS100 who had consistently good results.



The Wednesday first series was much better attended with 10 or 11 starters being more common and 20 different starters. Most of the races were sailed in light breeze with place changing between the MPS's and RS200's giving them great racing and challenging the in between boats to maintain the gaps they needed on handicap. Ian Renilson was a worthy winner bringing his MPS home in the top 3 almost every week usually in conditions that favored the slower boats on handicap. He didn't always have it any easy time as various other MPS's were able to get in front of him but his ability to get back in front for the finish was the defining feature of the series.

The MacKinnon's led the RS200 challenge by regular attendance and good results and second place was between them and Keith Cuthbert in the RS100. Keith's decision to wimp out and not sail the one windy race when the MacKinnon's went out and blasted round without swimming dropped him to third overall.

Gavin MacKinnon.

## Gavin Adamson Memorial Trophy

The FIG race to commemorate one of our Club's past pivotal members took place on June 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the race and we were hoping for a great turnout. Unfortunately the weather forecast was poor and one or two regular competitors were unable to compete. The turnout was good from Dalgety Bay as is usual for the race, but the event did not attract so many from other clubs. Eleven yachts turned out and enjoyed what was a challenging, but rewarding race!

The race is unique for the FIG series as it works on a star shaped course to include most of our neighboring clubs' local sailing grounds. To joust for the Trophy, the Division One and Division Two boats compete against each other. The winning boat is the one which performs best overall. This year that boat was from Port Edgar Yacht Club – Drew.

FIG series place winning points go to Suspicion for Div 1 and Drew in Div 2.



YACHT NAME	PLACE
SUSPICION	1
HENCEFORTH	2
HARDSLOG	3
ROXANNE	4

YACHT NAME	PLACE
DREW	1
BRIEF'N'COUNTER	2
NEW WAVE	3
LES BEEZ NEEZ	4
SMUGGLER	5
GOING KONCERN	6
WHITE HEATHER	7

## BAD CUP 2010

The Big Day came round again. Weather was bit 'fresh'.

Aberdour Boat Club had organised a great spread for their neighbours' annual visit to compete for the inter club BAD Cup. Who was going to win this year?

Burntisland had got their turnout up to rewrite the record books. Twelve boats left BSC determined to retain the Trophy they had rested from Dalgety Bay, the previous year.

When the race unfolded, the BSC boats came home in first place, second place.....looked like a landslide.

However Jay Gee corrected to third place with a whirlwind race. New Wave(5), Hobbes (6) and Smuggler(7) romped home and Toucan(10) rounded off a great team effort! Unfortunately LBN had to retire, but the team from DBSC had still done enough to bring the cup back to Dalgety Bay.

Well done the stout hearted.

Our man on the shore, Stewart Shearer did a good job supporting Principal Race Officer Andy Linton in the race organisation and supplying the arithmetic to place the boats on corrected time. There was great deal of focus on the rules for the race and it seemed as if the club with the greatest turnout, although winning premier places suffered because so many yachts although unfamiliar with racing made the effort to come along.

The target of the event is that we encourage as big a turnout as possible and so there may be changes made to our rules to further reward an increase in the turn out.

Any ideas? Send them to [Kennyallan@aol.com](mailto:Kennyallan@aol.com)

Thanks to all who helped achieve success in the event as competitors and supporting helpers. Well done to these boats who tried to get to the start single handed in the difficult conditions but were unable to compete.

Apologies to the folks in ABC who put out a lot of time and effort to produce a marvellous spread to have the weather produce so few visitors to the clubhouse.

Bring on next years defence!

Ken Allan.

BSC	Tystie	1	BSC	Madrigal	12
BSC	Bounty Hunter	2	ABC	Ommadawn	13
DBSC	JayGee	3	BSC	Frith	14
BSC	Rubia	4	BSC	Lucky Heather	15
DBSC	New Wave	5	BSC	Zeret Bird	16
DBSC	Hobbes	6	ABC	Sian 2	17
DBSC	Smuggler	7	DBSC	LBN	Rtd
ABC	Aquarius 1	8	BSC	Devorgilla	Rtd
BSC	GeeKay	8	ABC	Aquarius 2	Rtd
DBSC	Toucan	10	BSC	Mudskipper	DNS
BSC	Naiad	11	BSC	Allouette	DNS

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