

2011 SEASON WELL UNDER WAY: GET INVOLVED!

DBSC

MAY 2011

Mainsheet

DALGETY BAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

YOUTH WEEK

places still
available for
July 2011

SAIL TRAINING

- even more ways
- to sharpen your
- skills this season

FIFE REGATTA

Sunday, May 8th
- Full details
inside

Get out
on the
WATER!



CLASS REGATTA
MAY 21-22

DETAILS
WITHIN



Commodore's Note

Folks

With the sailing season beginning to get into full swing its time to do what we do best, get our feet wet and start sailing and getting involved.

Lots of things on the go....

We have installed Wi Fi in the clubhouse and at last have internet access. This is not purely for surfing the net but longer term we are hoping to be able to download race results as and when they happen, show on the web site club house bookings, update the club calendar "real time" and maybe even take it a stage further and have a web cam keeping an eye on the keelboat mornings and dinghies in the dinghy park. Definitely not to be used for quiz night so lets make sure we keep it fair (aye right!!) or Lionel/Rob/Charlie will be handing out penalty points for cheating

Charlie, our Assistant Treasurer, has stood down on health grounds; can I say it has been an absolute pleasure working with him and he will be sorely missed. I am sure he can now, at last, enjoy a little more time to himself without my inane bumbling efforts trying to "assist" with the financial side. A big collective "thanks" Charlie and we all really appreciate your efforts over the last few years.

The Royal Yachting Association held its AGM in the club house last month; this was a real success for the club and many thanks to all those who made huge efforts to show our club in its true shining colours. With the club being affiliated to the RYA its important that we not only help them in meeting their, and our, aims but also influence them to make sure they meet our needs and those of our membership.

Our Rear Commodore (Social), Sharon Moss, has stood down and we should pass on our thanks for the contribution she has made to the clubs social events over the last year. With her unique "management" style I am sure she will

sorely missed along with her own brand of humour.....God only knows...the expression "it'll be fine.....it runs itself..." is etched in my sub conscious for eternity and a day.

Shore Works: many thanks to all those involved in keeping our grounds and equipment in working order. As all keel boaters will be aware the raft is now in the water with all thanks to the painting party and Tuesday folks who pulled this together in jig time to allow moorings to be maintained. This allows keelboats to be launched in time for the first Forth Inshore Group Keelboat race....well done folks..... an immense and sterling effort and much appreciated

As agreed at the AGM we have applied for a variation to our club house license and are currently half way into the three week "notice of intent" period. Should we be successful in this application for variation then this will allow our members up to 16 years old to remain in the club house until 10pm, supervised by an adult, and those over 16 to stay during the normal bar hours. This amendment will mean that our younger members can use the changing rooms without the fear of breaking the license conditions.

Congratulations to Ines and Fraser for production of Mark 1 Harrison; well done to both of you and I am sure the household is turned suitably upside down.....apparently the living room resembles a keelboat after a broach and a "knockdown" albeit I suspect its easier to tidy up the boat and its less likely to happen day after day after day.....

Regattas are beginning to bear down upon us: please read Ian's article on this and make sure you get involved. Its the regattas that are the highlight of the sailing season and definitely a great way of bringing our club members together be it on the water or by being involved in the race control, safety boats, shore control or social side.....please get involved....its a real hoot and even if you can only do a few hours it would be a big contribution to our club.

Any issues or things we are missing then give me a shout..... I am more than happy to have a chat... if you want to get involved in the committee, sub committees, sailing, training.... give me a bell: it's not too onerous and can be fun....honest!!

Donald Adrain, Commodore
commodore@dalgetybaysc.org



Regatta

2011

Fife

**Division
1, 2 & Cruiser
Classes**

**£15
Entry Fee**

**New
one-day format:
4 short races**
*- ideal for getting
race sharp!*



Dalgety Bay Sailing Club & Port Edgar Yacht Club
present **Fife Regatta 2011 - Sunday 8th May**

Entry forms and N.O.R. available at www.dalgetybaysc.org





Racing

Club Racing 2011: 'Mid-Week Racing starts next week!'

Club racing has started very well, with some good changes – the Brass Monkey was a series of 3 races in place of the normal single race, and it was followed by an excellent BBQ in place of the normal more formal Commodores Supper. Both events were particularly well attended and this bodes well for the season ahead.

The Earlybird Sunday Series has completed 6 races so far, and already involves 37 boats – 20 Handicap and 17 Asymmetric. Stewart Moss is edging ahead in the Handicap class despite missing the first weekend, closely followed by a gaggle of boats including John Hilton; Richard Haydock; & Richard Higgins. It's good to see John Hilton back after a long lay-off, but he must find it difficult in a club Pico, when the last boat I saw him sailing was an International 14.

In the Asymmetric class Ian Renilson has taken an early lead closely followed by Gavin & Finlay MacKinnon.

The Earlybird series will conclude this weekend, to be followed by the 'Warm-up' series starting on Sunday 1st May. Also note that Wednesday sailing starts on 27th April – that's just next Wednesday!

For Keelboats the Friday night racing starts on 29th April – again that's just next week. So things are getting into full swing.

I hope to see you on the water soon – whether you like to race, or prefer to potter – come down at club race times and there will be safety cover, so you can use club boats.

Race Training/ Improver Coaching: 'Improve YOUR sailing'

We're planning to arrange some training for sailors who would like to improve their sailing, and we hope to come up with a formal proposal soon. If this sounds like it is for you, please drop me a note with any comments on what you would like to see us organise.

I have a vision of developing a system for coaching within the club, which will involve training some of our experienced sailors to coach, combined with focusing on building a small range of strong classes that each the other with training.

In the meantime we propose to hold a few 'ad hoc' training sessions before dinghy racing on Sundays. These will be arranged at times when the weather looks good and suitable people are available to deliver help. So look out for information in the weekly e-mails.

During the first club training events I'll be out on a rib from around 11 am to help anyone who comes along. Note that this means that safety cover will be available, so club boats can be used – whether or not you want to get involved in the training. Club boats can be booked with Stewart Moss stewart.moss@carclo-plc.com 07740 205887

I hope this will encourage more people onto the water, and eventually to participate more in club events, principally our race programme ☺

Happy sailing,
Ian R.

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Race Officer Training: 'all will be explained'

- Do you worry about running club races?
- Would you be prepared to help run races if only you knew how?
- Are you concerned about the safety responsibilities?
- Or do you just not know how things should be done at DBSC?
- And what about the new formats that we have introduced this year?

Well, it's quite straight-forward, and help is at hand. On Wednesday 11th May, straight after sailing, Ronnie Millar is going to explain all about how to run club races at DBSC.

This will probably start around 9 pm, but the actual time will depend on when we get off the water. So make sure to come sailing that day, then come along to the Race Officer Training. Please let us know if you are likely to attend – to help with planning.

Ronnie

Ronnie Millar, Sailing Secretary, DBSC
sailingsec@dalgetybaysc.org

Special Saturdays: 'Pirate Theme for 28th May'

The first of this season's Special Saturdays is taking place on the 28th May and will be a selection of novel races, with at least one of them guaranteed to get you wet.

I'm still working on the details but included in the fun will be a relay race, duck race a circle race and anything else I can think up and just to set the tone for the day I think we should have a pirate theme, so look out hats, cutlasses, flags, treasure and see if you can fit a cannon to your foredeck.

We will also be introducing the "Stig Challenge", which is a time trial round a set course and will be run through the season. There are few rules but it will be run in a standard rigged Pico, although we may have an unofficial "Open" for a laugh.

Dates of Special Saturdays for 2011:

- 28th May
- 18th June
- 23rd July
- 20th August

Sailing will start around 2 pm each day – come early to prepare your boats.



These are great opportunities to bring along friends & newcomers to sailing, and club boats can be used – book ahead to avoid disappointment by contacting Stewart Moss stewart.moss@carclo-plc.com 07740 205887.

We also hope to arrange a BBQ straight after sailing – look out for more information later.

Ian B

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Musto Skiff training for Scottish boats was organized by Gavin Homer for the weekend of 16/17th April. This presented a good opportunity to get some serious practice in prior to the first open of the year.

Five Mustos and one RS800 took to the water on Saturday morning after a brief brief from Gav. The conditions were excellent with reasonably flat water and plenty of wind, even Bob was flat wiring...

The fleet appeared to be directionally challenged to start with taking to all corners of the Forth, eventually we got the hang of turning round and spent the remainder of the first session on a windward leeward course.

After lunch the fleet sailed upwind towards North Queensferry, concentrating on upwind speed and tacking. Sailing as a group and tacking on a whistle proved useful and highlighted areas with room for improvement, using Mr Renilson as the benchmark. The day finished with a downwind blast home, smiles all round.

Sunday the fleet was down to four Mustos, allowing more one on one coaching time. There was less breeze than Saturday but enough to be wiring most of the time. The sun was out and it was a beautiful day on the Firth of Forth. The focus for the first session of the day was to be upwind speed, and tacking. Again we tacked on the whistle and sailed as a group putting into practice the points discussed the previous day.

The lighter winds allowed for more refinement of gybing technique. The main points were; take all the slack out of the lazy sheet and pull from the block on a gybe, sheet the main in more than you think, mark the main sheet position for speed and gybing to allow quick adjustment. After lunch the fleet joined in the club racing to put our new skills into practice, well in theory!!

Thanks to Gavin for organizing the weekend and to Dalgety Bay Sailing Club for the use of their facilities.



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Photos: Andrew Greer*



Social

2011 is already panning out to be a busy year on the water and you can expect even more off the water too. The following list - extended since the last Mainsheet issue - comprises all the key event dates set so far. There will be more, as we plan and develop our events itinerary across the year, and if you have an idea for a social event or see something that you think Dalgety Bay Sailing Club us really missing then please speak to a committee member and help us set the wheels in motion. As always the success of our social events at the club is down to you - our members, and your guests in coming along and getting involved. And of course we need your help to pull these events together and make them something to remember.

With the recent departure of Sharon Moss as Rear-Commodore - Social, the club is looking for volunteers to replace Sharon in coming up with, and organising, social events from the ideas stage to the washing the dishes at the end. We are really keen to try and bring our members together both on and off the water and this could consist of promoting and carrying out events, just like the very successful and well attended "Brass Monkey/Season opener" barbecue, or whatever you think..... as long as it's well organised and thought through then our existing marketing officer can promote it to make sure the members and their guests turn up in good numbers.

This does not have to be one person, though - we will need someone to come on to the committee to represent the social side of the club; it could be a group of people so don't be intimidated.... you won't be left to do it all yourself and as long as we co-ordinate it well then I am sure this small social sub-committee could contribute massively to both the "feel" of the club as well as the facilities and events that are as critical a part of the club as is the sailing.

So if you are the best burger flipper in town, salad saucier extraordinaire, or a wannabe to

world record holder in stacking away chairs or sweeping up empty plates then now's the time stand up and be counted!

Club BBQ

Saturday, May 28th 2011

Early evening gathering in the early evening sun (we hope!) to coincide with the first fun Saturday of the season - Pirate Theme

Youth Week

July 25th - 29th 2011

A week dedicated to the development of the next generation of sailing talent, with numerous accompanying social events.

Club BBQ

Thursday, July 28th 2011

Evening gathering to watch the climax of the final day's racing in our Sprint Series and to celebrate the finale of Youth Week.

Club Regatta

August 27th & 28th 2011

Our Annual Dinghy Regatta, with racing on both days; fun and festivities on shore both days; evening event on Saturday night; and camping in front of the club for those who need to stay over.

Celebration Evening

Saturday, 19th November 2011 (TBC)

Evening Black Tie event to celebrate the best efforts on and off the water at the club in 2011.

Christmas Eve Carols

Saturday, December 24th 2011

Our annual Christmas Eve singalong, with mulled wine and mince pies, and hopefully a visit from the big fella' in red?

Hogmanay Gathering

Saturday, december 31st 2011

Celebrate the passing of another year with your sailing club and watch the Edinburgh fireworks display from the comfort of the Clubhouse Deck.

For Private bookings, please contact Aileen Denholm.

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Youth Week - reserve your place now!

The dates for youth week are 25th – 29th July 2011. To register interest please contact Glenn Halstead on either glenn@glennh.com or 01383 825 156.

Information required at this stage is: Name, age, previous experience or qualifications, desired course if at the stage of choosing between Seamanship Skills,

Start Racing, Sailing with Spinnakers and Day Sailing (we will offer 2 or 3 of these depending upon demand).

If you own your own boat please provide details. We also require membership number as all participants of Youth week have to be members of the club.



100 Club: First winners of 2011

The winners for this month are as follows:

1st	£25.00	Stewart Shearer
2nd	£ 12.00	Craig Welsh
3rd	£5.00	Jim Prescott



Mainsheet

Mainsheet is YOUR club newsletter and your ideas and contributions to Mainsheet are most welcome. If you have any articles, notes, photos or news to share then please contact Rob McLeod (marketing@dalgetybaysc.org).

Deadline for submissions for the next issue of Mainsheet is Saturday, April 21st 2011.



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For all the latest club news, check out our website:

Key Dates for the 2011 Season:

Friday Night Series starts on 29th April:

We have two series of six round the cans races, plus a new series called the Fruit Cake Series (can you guess what the prize will be), which is taking last years idea of differing formats into a single series of four races spread across the season - white sail, two handed, wrong way round race and a night finish.

Fife Regatta - based on feedback from last years poorly attended event, we have looked at the format and changed this to be a one day regatta and early on in the season to capitalize on early enthusiasm. The date to note is 8th May.

BAD Cup - the annual ever so friendly event with Burntisland and Aberdour Sailing Clubs, will this year in will be on 15th May, again capitalizing on everyone's early season enthusiasm, and to stay away from BBQ season.

11th June is the **Gavin Adamson Forth In-shore Group (FIG) race** that we host every year and is in honour of one of our former members and one we like to try and get a good DBSC turn out and hopefully winner.

26th June is the **Four Inches race FIG**, again hosted by ourselves. Some lessons learned here from last year and down wind starts will be considered if it gives us a tide advantage to get round all four Inches

July we have kept clear on purpose, as it is of course peak holiday season in Scotland August we plan a couple of cruises, including the Anstruther Muster on weekend of 6th 7th August

We also have a couple of Friday evenings in June and July where there will be no race due to tide concerns and the plan is to take a sail to Port Edgar or Granton for an evening ashore at some local hostelry.

26th August is when we finish our Friday evening races, with this one being the final Fruit Cake series race where we will finish in the dark (sunset is at 8:23pm, so it will not be too late)

We also plan to revive the end of season bash, so open to suggestions.

So lots arranged for the coming season, that will hopefully entice you out of hibernation and get your boat back in the water early in the season.

Date	Destination
30 July	Cruise to Aberdour Take in Aberdour Festival, one of the best small festivals and the Aberdour Regatta in one day – right on your doorstep.
6/7 August	Anstruther Muster Enjoy the festivities and an overnight stay in this lovely fishing village, sail back the next day.
20 August	Cruise to Granton Have fun cruising over to Edinburgh, take a bus into town and enjoy some of the festival. Option to stay overnight or sail back the same day.





Racing

This year we are again hosting a major Open Event for these classes on 21/22 May, and we expect over 100 boats!!! These are mostly youth classes, and sailors will be coming from all over Scotland. This is a very prestigious show-case event for these classes, and it is also a great opportunity for us to develop our own youth sailors and promote Dalgety Bay Sailing Club.

Firstly, I hope that all our Laser/ Topper/ & Optimist sailors will compete in the main fleet – it's a great chance to get involved with a fantastic event on your home water.

Secondly, there is an opportunity for Novices to compete in a 'Regatta Fleet', which will be sailed nearer the shore to give a more light-hearted introduction to competitive sailing. This is open to all novices sailing in any class.

We plan to provide some coaching at this event, particularly in the Novice Fleet.

Thirdly, HELP!!!!

This event should be a lot of fun for the organisers as well as the competitors, but we always have a major headache to get enough people to volunteer. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't wait to be asked. We have a good depth of capability in our club, but far too many people are shy to offer their help, and we are ALWAYS groveling around begging for help – it should not be like that. These events are for the benefit of our club members – and that means other club members have to come forward to help. This event is restricted to specific classes, so there is no excuse for not getting plenty of volunteers from other classes – and from other

interested club members.

Laser/ Topper/ Optimist & Novice Open Event – 'Show-Case Event – Volunteer NOW'

DON'T leave it to the last minute to see if your help is REALLY needed – it is a nightmare worrying if there will be enough volunteers.

We need to focus on organising a top-class event, rather than groveling for help.

A wide range of help is needed – just about anything you can imagine, and generally experience is not required – such as:

- Safety Boat Drivers (Power Boat Level 2 minimum)
- Safety Boat Assistants (no qualification required – sailors preferred)
- Time-keepers – for 2 committee boats
- Catering
- Entry taking
- Results service
- Car-Park Control
- Shore-control
- Beach Master
- Trolley-assistants
- Protest committee (!)
- Coaches for Novice Fleet (no formal qualification necessary)
- Grounds preparation including slipway

We also need extra safety craft, so if you have a suitable power boat that can be used – better still if you can drive it – and ideally if it is a RIB, then it would be appreciated if you could come forward.

This is largely a youth event and so there will be lots of parents & siblings around. It would be good if there could also be activities on-shore for these people. Any suggestions or offers to organise this?

Please send your contact details with a note of any experience and indicate how you could best help. We really hope to hear from you soon. Please don't wait to be contacted – we

DO need YOUR help.

Happy sailing, **Ian R.**



Need a boat to race?

The sailing season is now well under way and more members than ever are looking for ways to get out on the water.

With that in mind we're keen to remind the membership of the fantastic resources DBSC has available to its members in the form of its dinghy training fleet. These boats are available to be used by members during Club Races or Special Saturdays (see 'Procedures for the use of club boats' below or on the website).

If you wish to use one of the club dinghies and you believe you conform to the above criteria please text Stewart Moss with your request (which boat type and which race) at least 24 hours before the race and he will let you know if you are eligible and the availability. Mbl: 07740205887.

Make the most of your membership!

We look forward to seeing you on the water this season.

The boats available are:

9 Optimist Dinghies



Don't be put off by the picture, it doesn't take 6 kids to move them, they are in fact great boats for small beginners to learn and hone their sailing skills in a very robust and stable platform. They are not lacking in excitement either and can be great fun if competing in a fleet.

Procedures for the use of club boats

The club dinghies are primarily for training purposes, however they can be used by members with the permission of a member of the training team. Juniors who regularly attend Tuesday night training need to have gained a stage 3 certificate or better to use club boats at race times.

Juniors are not permitted to take club boats out other than on Tuesday & Sunday training sessions, club racing, and under the authority of the training team during occasional events such as the Open Day.

Club boats may only be afloat if there is adequate rescue cover to deal with all those on the water.

CREWFINDER.BOATFINDER.CREWFINDER

Announcing a new addition to the club website: Are you a boat in need of crew, or a sailor looking for a sail? Well, at DBSC we're committed to getting you on the water. All you need to do is send an email to crew@dalgetybayasc.org with the following details and you'll be added to the list below: No guarantees, but we'll do our best! (sailing members only)*

6 Toppers



These boats are ideal for the slightly older and more experienced child and can easily be sailed with two to give a bit more stability and a great shared experience.



2 Lasers



These boats are ideal for the slightly older and more experienced child and can easily be sailed with two to give a bit more stability and a great shared experience.

1 Laser Bahia



This is one of the club's bigger boats used on Tuesday nights for teaching adult beginners basic principles of sailing. It is a stable yet fast boat but not overpowered and its construction makes it easier to right if capsized. It can be sailed by two or a whole family for some extra excitement.

1 Laser Stratos



The Stratos is a great boat to join in the racing with a gang of people in a stable and fast environment. This particular boat was raced at the club for many years and was often amongst the leaders.

6 Picos



These boats are very versatile and can be sailed by children or adults, single-handed or doubled up with a small jib for extra speed. They are very robust and are often used by the experienced racers in a fleet race when there is too much wind for their normal speed machines.

1 RS Feva



This 2-person dinghy is fast, exciting and has an optional gennaker to give even more thrills. It is very popular with the older children but can easily be sailed with an adult and child. These boats were designed to set new standards for recreational sailors, families, clubs, schools and holiday companies. The boats are easy to handle, fun to sail, versatile and highly durable. In fact, the RS Feva was the outright world's best selling two-person sailboat in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Cruising on by....

The following is the program for cruise ships to anchor off Hound Point this year.

The highlights will be the Queen Elizabeth on 4th September & Queen Mary 2 on 18th September, the departures of which should be good to promote to watch from the club (with bar open of course).

Why not look on whilst enjoying a drink or two from the comfort of the DBSC clubhouse?



Date 2011	Vessel	Length Overall (Metres)	Embarks Pilot at Fairway Buoy	Anchors at Hound Point	Departs Anchorage
31 st May	CROWN PRINCESS	289	0545	0700	1900
5 th June	CROWN PRINCESS	289	0545	0700	1900
13 th June	EURODAM	286	0645	0800	2359
15 th June	COSTA MAGICA	272	0645	0800	2000
18 th June	CROWN PRINCESS	289	0545	0700	1900
25 th June	COSTA MAGICA	272	0645	0800	2000
5 th July	COSTA MAGICA	272	0645	0800	2000
15 th July	COSTA MAGICA	272	0645	0800	2000
17 th July	MARINA	238	0630	0745	1800
19 th July	CROWN PRINCESS	289	0545	0700	1900
25 th July	CRYSTAL SERENITY	250	0445	0600	2200
4 th Aug	COSTA MAGICA	272	0645	0800	2000
6 th Aug	MAASDAM	219	0645	0800	2359
8 th Aug	EURODAM	286	0645	0800	0100 / 9 th
12 th Aug	CROWN PRINCESS	289	0545	0700	0100 / 13 th
21 st Aug	ARCADIA	285	0545	0700	1900
24 th Aug	COSTA MAGICA	272	0645	0800	2000
25 th Aug	CROWN PRINCESS	289	0545	0700	1900
3 rd Sept	COSTA MAGICA	272	0645	0800	2000
4 th Sept	QUEEN ELIZABETH	294	0645	0800	1800
12 th Sept	MEIN SCHIFF	264	0545	0700	1900
18 th Sept	QUEEN MARY 2	345	0645	0800	1800
19 th Sept	ARTANIA	231	0745	0900	2000

